



**VILLAGE
CHURCH**

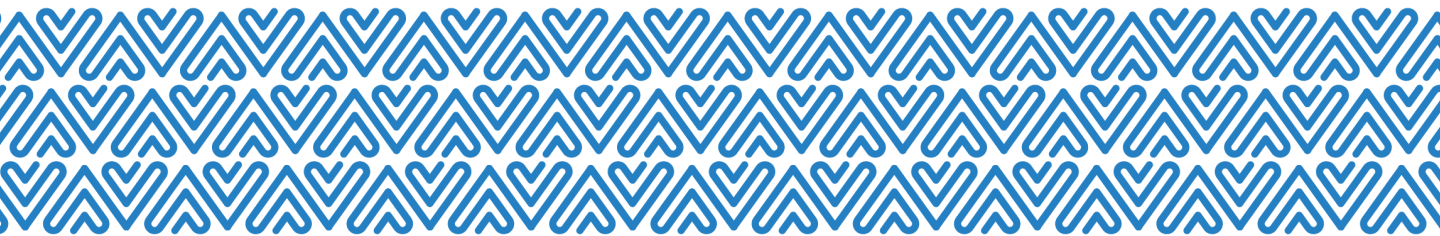
Presbyterian (USA)

Service of Worship

Aug. 24, 2025 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

This summer, we have been growing together by going together, both near and far: from the mountains of North Carolina, to the heart of Chicago, to Missouri's Elk River. Through it all, God has been present, shaping us as we grow together in community. Today, our youth will lead us in worship and share how they have journeyed alongside one another this summer and experienced God's presence along the way.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Helen Hofmeister, organ

Words of Welcome

Angel Patterson

Introit

Be Thou My Vision

arr. James Curnow; Meredith Wacha, euphonium; Jan Cohick, piano

*Call to Worship

Oakley Hughes

You, Lord, have called us to one another.

You call us to grow not only by ourselves, but with each other in our community.

You have gone before us on winding mountain roads, through our city streets,
and down flowing river streams.

**In every place, your Spirit has been present,
moving among us and shaping us as we grow together.**

Together we gather to worship you,
remembering where we have been and trusting where you are leading us.

We open our hearts to your presence and to one another.

Let us worship you, the Lord who calls us, shapes us, and grows us in love.

We come ready to grow together in your presence, Lord.

*Hymn 612

We Praise You, O God

Prayer of Confession

Rachel Davis

Loving God, you call us to be in community with one another. You call us to love each other as you have loved us. You call us to be a community that journeys together. Lord, we at times fall short of this call. Forgive us, O God, and guide us back to the path you have set before us—a path that is filled with serving one another, breaking bread with each other, and growing together. (silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

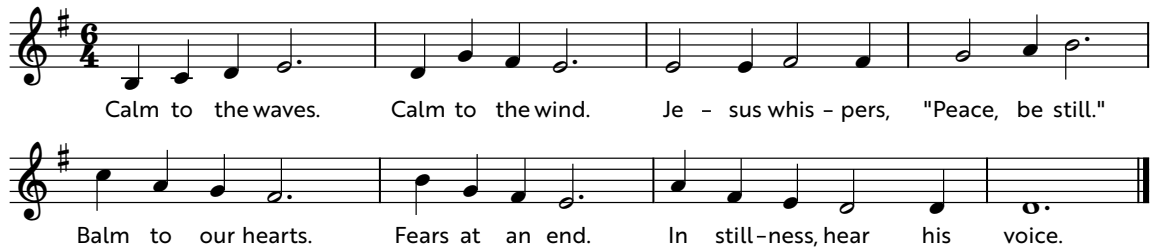
*Response to Assurance



*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call for Illumination



Prayer for Illumination

Ellie and Rosie Cribb

Scripture

Ephesians 4:1-8 (pg. 1066)

Anthem

Jacob's Ladder
arr. Tammy Waldrop; Youth Bells, Rebecca Enslow, director

Sermon

Growing as We Go
Elena Green and Peyton Yowell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn 666

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Emma Cooper

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

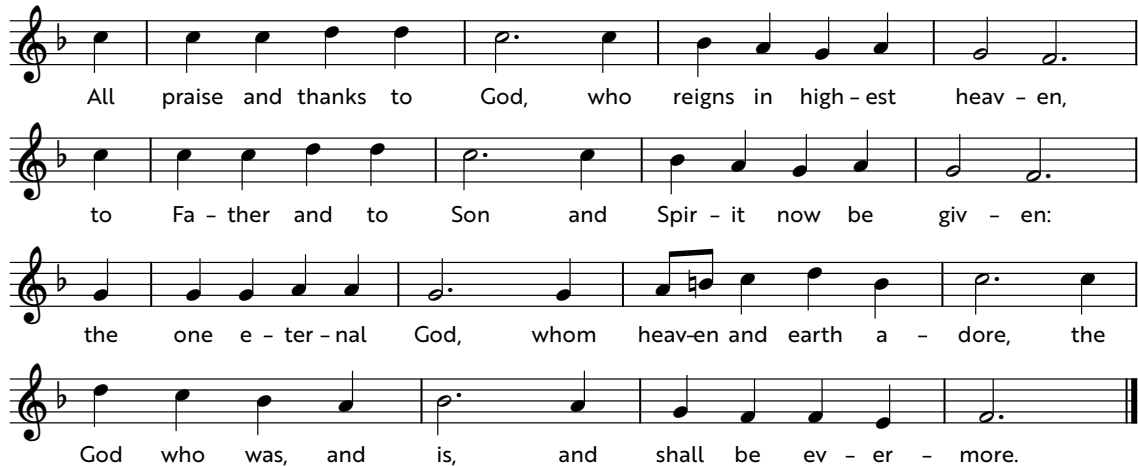
Call for the Offering

Julia Campbell

Offertory Music

Together
by Bethany Main; Village Voices, Dr. Josh Maize, director

*Response



All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,
to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:
the one e - ter - nal God, whom heav-en and earth a - dore, the
God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

*Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 543 (st. 1-3)

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

*Benediction

*Benediction Response (Hymn 543, st. 4)

**Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

Postlude

Eccossaise
by Ludwig von Beethoven; Josie Green, piano

**All who are able may stand*

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

Whether this is your first time at Village, or you come so often you call it "home," we are blessed that you are with us today. No matter where you are in your faith journey or life stage, no matter what questions or burdens you carry, Village takes seriously the call to be welcoming; we are glad you are here. Every Sunday we gather to read the old story, sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world in which we live this minute through sermons and prayer. By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ's life, we discover hope and even joy.

If you are new to us, I invite you to meet one of our pastors at the top of the ramp in the corner of the Welcome Center. We would love to know more about you and to share more about Village Church. Soon, you might also be calling this place "home."



Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Senior Pastor

Child care is available on the first floor during both services. Bring infants through 23 months to Room 114 and kids ages 2-4 to Room 107. **No Lighthouse today:** During the month of August, we welcome kids ages 5 and up to join us in "big church." Lighthouse will start up again on Kickoff Sunday, Sept. 7.

The Gathering – Join us for a modern, imaginative style of worship at Village Church offered at 4 p.m. Sundays in the Sanctuary (while Friendship Hall is being renovated). Child care is available.

Giving – True joy in giving isn't about the size of the gift, but the love behind it. When we give, we reflect God's generous heart and share his grace, provision, and love. Even the smallest act, offered with sincerity, can bless others, inspire kindness, and shine God's light in the world. You may give to Village Church at villagepres.org/giving or scan the QR code to the right.



The flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of Sydney Landon and Matthew Landon by Richard Landon.

If you are interested in honoring a loved one with flowers in the chancel, please contact Karen Reimer at karen.reimer@villagepres.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Village U Registration – The Fall catalog is available and registrations are now open. From Christian Life to Mind and Body, there is something for everyone! Visit villagepres.org/village-u.

Men's Breakfast Gathering – 8 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, Heritage Dining Room. Jim Bolton will discuss the Village Church Energy Audit with us. Join us for breakfast, discussion and fellowship! \$8 donation suggested.

ENGAGEMENT

Kickoff Sunday Social – Join us Sunday, Sept. 7 after all services in the Welcome Center for a treat and great conversation!

Wednesday Family Dinner Kickoff – 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, Welcome Center. Join us for burgers, hot dogs, and brats with all the fixings. Vegetarian option available. To register and/or volunteer, go to bit.ly/WednightDinner-2025.

New Member Luncheon – noon-1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, Rooms 232/233. Interested in joining Village Church? You're invited! Email carol.solenberger@villagepres.org to RSVP and for more information.

MISSION MINISTRY

Blood Drive – Donate between 1 and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26 in Room 132. Sign up at bit.ly/village-blood-drive and enter the group code BT. Walk-ins are also welcome. Thank you for saving lives during a critical blood shortage!

Cross-Lines Volunteer Opportunity – Every other month, Village Church serves a meal to 150-250 people at the Cross-Lines

Kitchen. Join us Friday, Sept. 12 to serve lunch to our neighbors in need. Learn more and sign up at bit.ly/cross-lines-2025.

Food Pantry & Clothes Closet – Non-perishable proteins are always needed at the pantry: hearty soups, chili, ravioli, pork and beans, canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.). In the clothes closet, we would love to be able to offer a larger choice of accessories: jewelry (for men and women), belts, purses, wallets, etc.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Organ concert – 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Sanctuary. World-renowned organist Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler will present a free organ recital titled "Organ Music of Eastern Europe and the Americas."

2nd Thursday Recital Series begins – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Sanctuary. Alison Borberg, soprano, and Joe Cartwright, piano present a mix of musical theater and cabaret. Free admission.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Faith & Grief – noon-1 p.m. Wed., Sept. 3, Visitation Catholic Church. Bill Tammeus shares his personal impact of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Lunch is provided: register at lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/pt6uz6a.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle Bible studies begin Tuesday, Sept. 9. This year's study is "Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ" by Rhashell Hunter. Contact Dee Couch at deecouch@kc.rr.com to learn more and find a group with a meeting time that works for you.

Moms of Teens – 8:30-10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, Young Adult Room (8). All moms of teens are invited to join us for coffee, connection, and solidarity.

Mingle & Bingo – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, O'Neill's Restaurant. Women of all ages are invited for a night of fun and games with featured speaker Rev. Maggie. \$15/person (includes appetizers). Bingo cards \$5/each; proceeds benefit Village Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. RSVP to becky.anderson418@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Theology on Tap – 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, City Barrel (120 E. Gregory Blvd., KCMO). Join us for good beer, great conversation, and a theological question to guide our time together.

Y.A.M. (Young Adult Ministry) Night – 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesdays, Young Adult Room (8). All 20s and 30s are invited to join us every Wednesday starting Sept. 10. We'll enjoy dinner followed by games, Scripture and connection. Come as often as you can—we'd love to have you!

Young Adult Connect Groups – Interested in a small group that gathers once a month for a meal and Bible study? Connect Groups are up to 8 people in similar life stages who can grow in faith and life together. Fill out this form to join a group for Fall 2025: bit.ly/yaconnectgroup.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Programs on break - We are getting ready to kick off in less than two weeks! Our programs are currently on break, but we're busy preparing and can't wait to see you all soon. Stay tuned and get excited.

All Youth and Family Kickoff – 6-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, Youth Loft (332/333). All youth (grades 7-12) and their families are invited to join us as we launch into an exciting new program year. We'll share a meal, talk about what's ahead, and explore how families can get involved. Don't forget to bring your calendars as we will go over key dates together. For more info, visit bit.ly/vpcyouthkickoff.

Confirmation registration is open – Classes start in September! Confirmation classes focus on the building blocks of faith and offer students the opportunity to become members of the church. Students who are in 9th grade or older are eligible. Register and find more information at villagepres.org/youth/confirmation.

Labor Day Hymn Sing – In place of the sermon on Sunday, Aug. 31, we will join together in a hymn sing to celebrate the songs of our faith. Be thinking of some of your favorites from our Glory to God hymnal. Yours might be chosen!

UPCOMING SERMONS

Aug. 31

Hymn Sing Sunday

September Sermon Series: The E.P.I.C. Church

In his book "Postmodern Pilgrims," Dr. Leonard Sweet offers a vision for the 21st century church that engages both the church's traditions and its need for innovation. He calls for a faith that is both ancient and future, historical and contemporary. While he reminds us that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8), he wonders how the church, the body of Christ, can give a compelling and imaginative witness to Jesus today. In this sermon series, we will explore what Sweet calls the E.P.I.C. church: Experiential, Participatory, Imagistic, and Communal.

Sept. 7	The Church is Experiential
Sept. 14	The Church is Participatory
Sept. 21	The Church is Imagistic
Sept. 28	The Church is Communal

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior pastor • Dr. Elisa Bickers, co-director of music ministry & principal organist
Brooke Brundige, director of children & family ministry • Lora Garrison, director of international mission
Kathy Lueckert, senior director of business operations
Dr. Joshua Maize, co-director of music ministry • Alan Olson, director of facilities
Rev. Anna Owens, Antioch Campus site pastor • Angel Patterson, director of youth ministry
Rev. Maggie Johnson Phillips, pastor for young adult ministry & worship arts
Robert Rumold, director of information technology • Carol Solenberger, director of engagement
Bob Sperry, director of giving & endowment • Sandra Stephens, director of child care
Rev. Zach Walker, pastor for mission • Rev. Alice Whitson, pastor for communications
Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, founding pastor, 1947-1994

Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher to bring you one.

Streaming video of Sunday services is available at villagepres.org/online.

You may call in to listen to a week-delayed broadcast of our Sanctuary service on our worship service phone line: 913-203-1301. You can opt-in to be called automatically at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.

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