



*"Peaceable Kingdom" by John August Swanson*

## Service of Worship

Sept. 21, 2025 • 9 and 11 a.m.



**VILLAGE CHURCH**  
Presbyterian (USA)



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit

*Ave Maria*  
by Franz Biebl; arr. Jeremy Yager;  
Village Brass and Dr. Langston Hemenway, conductor

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 27)

Rev. Tim Soule

The Lord is our light and our salvation. Should we fear anyone?

**The Lord is a fortress protecting our lives. Should we be frightened of anything?**

God will shelter us during troubled times; God will hide us in God's own tent;

God will set us up high and keep us safe.

**Come, my heart says, seek God's face.**

Lord, teach us your way; lead us on a good path.

**We have a sure faith that we will see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living!**

Hope in the Lord! Be strong! Let your heart take courage! Hope in the Lord!

\*Hymn 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,**

**you are immortal, invisible God only wise.**

**You are blessed, most glorious the ancient of days.**

**We know you are greater than we can see or understand.**

**Yet out of your grace, you choose to be present with us every moment of our days.**

**It is only our shortsightedness that prevents us from seeing you.**

**Forgive us, O God, for our blindness.**

**Help us to see you caring for us, loving us, calling us, and challenging us**

**so that we would love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength**

**and love others as they want to be loved. (silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response to Assurance

Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en;  
glad of heart your car - ols raise; ran - somed,  
healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, should  
sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9 A.M.)

### The Celebration of Baptism

Daphne Grace Klimes (Mary and Kam Klimes, parents)

#### Promises from the Congregation

Ruling Elder Nancy Dexter-Milling

Do we, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture this child by word and deed, with love and prayers? **We do.**

Will we encourage this child to know and follow Jesus Christ as she grows in faith and love as a member of our family here at Village Church? **We will.**

#### Sung Response

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our King;  
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Beth Winetroub (9 a.m.); Karen Stigers (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-9 (pg. 627)

Sermon

*The Church is Imagistic*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn 452 (join in singing when invited)

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (11 a.m.)    Rev. Maggie Johnson Phillips

**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.**

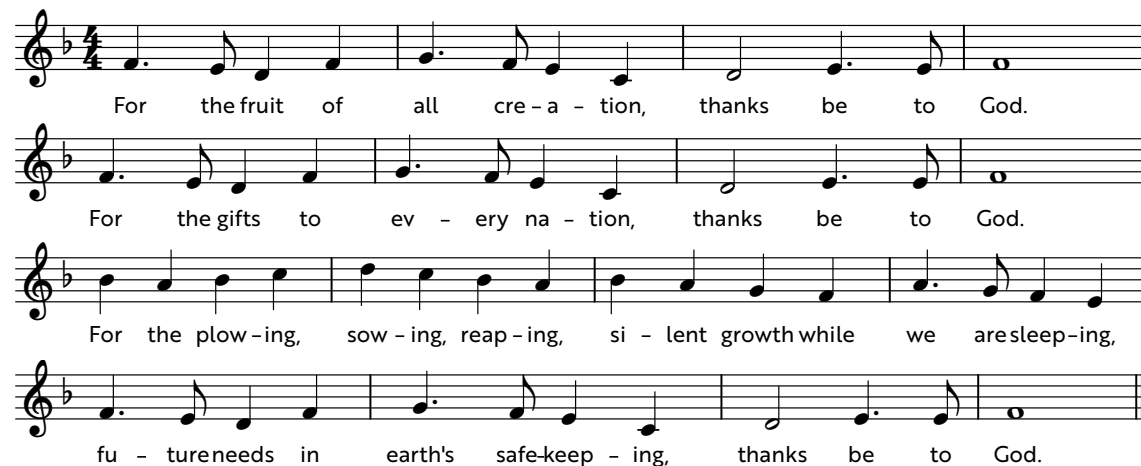
**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

*All Things New*  
by Elaine Hagenberg

\*Response



For the fruit of all cre-a-tion, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev-ery na-tion, thanks be to God.

For the plow-ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, si-lent growth while we are sleep-ing,

fu-ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.

\*Prayer of Dedication

## GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

\*Hymn 546

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response



\*Postlude

*Sacrae Symphoniae*  
by Giovanni Gabrieli, arr. Michael Rondeau

*\*All who are able may stand*

**The Session has called a congregational meeting** following all services next Sunday, Sept. 28 for the purpose of electing officers and approving terms of call for the senior associate 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 109. **Lighthouse (9 a.m.)** – Pre-K and 4-year-olds meet in Room 106 (sign in outside 106). K-6 Grade meet in Room 307 for All-Sing (group worship) at 9 a.m. (sign in outside 307). Lighthouse pickup is on the third floor. Parents, please keep your cell phones on!

**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 God's 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](http://villagepres.org/giving) or scan the QR code to the right.



*If you are interested in honoring a loved one with flowers in the chancel, please contact Karen Reimer at [karen.reimer@villagepres.org](mailto:karen.reimer@villagepres.org).*

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Village U: The Transformational Power of Spiritual Practice** – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 24-Oct. 15, Heritage Dining Room (230). Susan and George Satterlee facilitate discussion of spiritual practices such as prayer, meditation, reading, community building, and worship. Register at [villagepres.org/village-u](http://villagepres.org/village-u).

**Village U: Men's Breakfast Gathering: How Art & Science Combine in Organ Music** – 8-10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, Heritage Dining Room (230). Sugg. donation \$8; pay in person or online. Breakfast and fellowship precede a presentation by Dr. Elisa Bickers in the Sanctuary. Register at [villagepres.org/village-u](http://villagepres.org/village-u).

**Village U: God's Love Transcends Borders: Conversations on Immigration** – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 1-29, Rooms 126/127. Five different presenters explore what it's like to be an immigrant today and how you can advocate for change. Register at [villagepres.org/village-u](http://villagepres.org/village-u).

## ENGAGEMENT

**Village Connect Small Groups** provide Bible study opportunities that deepen your faith and relationships with others. Pastor Rodger's study this year is "Jesus' Beatitudes: Blessings for Our Life Today." To join a group or learn more, stop by the Welcome Center **today** or email [carol.solenberger@villagepres.org](mailto:carol.solenberger@villagepres.org).

**New Member Luncheon** – noon-1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, Rooms 232/233. Interested in joining Village Church? You're invited! RSVP: [carol.solenberger@villagepres.org](mailto:carol.solenberger@villagepres.org).

## MISSION MINISTRY

**Flu Shot Clinic** – 4-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, Rooms 132/133. Flu vaccine, 65+ flu vaccine, and Covid booster are available. Free with insurance card and ID. Sign up at [bit.ly/flu-2025](http://bit.ly/flu-2025); walk-ins also welcome.

**Auction/raffle items needed** for the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership's annual fundraiser (Oct. 11). Examples include gift cards, vacation rentals, airline vouchers, sports/concert tickets, services, artwork, jewelry. To learn more or donate, go to [villagepres.org/cd-2025](http://villagepres.org/cd-2025).

**Food Pantry: September is Peanut Butter Month!** Help us stock our shelves by donating 18 oz. plastic jars. Or, a \$25 donation will purchase a case of peanut butter. In the Clothes Closet, we can use all the extra winter coats you can find.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Te Deum concert** – 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, Sanctuary. Sergei Rachmaninoff's "All-Night Vigil" will be presented in English translation, honoring the work's profound spiritual and musical legacy. Tickets at [te-deum.org](http://te-deum.org).

**KC Wind Symphony concert** – 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, Sanctuary. "Destinations" honors places we've been and places we'd like to go, featuring works by Hector Berlioz, Percy Aldridge Grainger, and Haydn Wood. Free admission.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Recital: La Gioia Wind Quintet** – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, Chapel. Join us for a noontime recital and a short reception afterward in the Welcome Center to meet the artists. Free admission.

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

**Growing Through Grief starts this week** – 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 24-Oct. 22, Room 132. It's not too late to register! Registration is required; register at [villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3097171](http://villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3097171).

**Home Communion** will be offered on Sunday, Oct. 5. If you're interested, or know someone who'd like to receive this sacrament, email [pastoral-care@villagepres.org](mailto:pastoral-care@villagepres.org).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**KC Mural Hike & Coffee** – 9 a.m.-noon, Oct. 4, Green Dirt (1601 Oak St.). Take a guided walking tour around KC to learn about our city's beautiful street murals. \$35/person includes coffee and treats. To register, email [lisa.harrison@villagepres.org](mailto:lisa.harrison@villagepres.org).

**Wednesday Women's Fellowship** – 6:30-8 p.m. Oct. 8, Room 206. Join us to discuss work-life balance, aging parents, raising kids, all things that are on women's minds in today's world. Optional dinner at 6 p.m.; program begins at 6:30. To register, email [carol.solenberger@villagepres.org](mailto:carol.solenberger@villagepres.org).

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Picnic in the Park** – 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, Taliaferro Park. Young adults with kiddos will enjoy an evening with playgrounds, popsicles, and dinner. No cost, but sign up at [bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults](http://bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults).

**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 weekly for dinner, Scripture, and connection.

**Fall Retreat** – Nov. 7-9. We'll spend Friday evening to early Sunday afternoon outside of Excelsior Springs, MO hiking, exploring, resting, and examining our faith. Cost is \$100. Register at [bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults](http://bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Confirmation begins today** – 10:30 a.m.-noon, Rooms 232/233. If you are a student in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or above you are eligible to participate. If you have not registered yet, no worries! Come join today and we will get you registered after class.

**Weekly programs are in full swing** – Village Youth Sunday School (gr. 7-12) 9-10 a.m. Sundays; Village High Youth Group (gr. 9-12) 6:30-8 p.m. Sundays; Village Middle Hangout (gr. 7-8) 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays; Village Middle Youth Group (gr. 7-8) 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays. Hope to see you there!

**Senior Capstone** invites high school seniors to reflect on their faith and prepare thoughtfully for the future. Class begins next Sunday, Sept. 28. Learn more and register at [villagepres.org/youth](http://villagepres.org/youth).

## 40s & 50s

**Date & Dance Night** – 7 p.m. Oct. 11, Cabaret Arts & Social Theater (9050 Metcalf Ave.) We're going out for a fun night with a professional dance instructor. It's the perfect date night activity and you learn something new! Free admission; sign up at [bit.ly/vpc-4050](http://bit.ly/vpc-4050).

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

### Sept. 7-28: The EPIC Church

In his book "Postmodern Pilgrims," Dr. Leonard Sweet offers a vision for the 21<sup>st</sup> 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, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore what Dr. Sweet calls the "EPIC" church: Experiential, Participatory, Imagistic, and Communal.

Sept. 7	The Church is Experiential
Sept. 14	The Church is Participatory
<b>Sept. 21</b>	<b>The Church is Imagistic</b>
Sept. 28	The Church is Communal

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## 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  
Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen, senior associate pastor • 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

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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](http://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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