



## VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)

### Service of Worship

Nov. 9, 2025 • 9 and 11 a.m.

#### About Today's Service

"This is the wonderful exchange which,  
out of his measureless benevolence, the Son of God has made with us...  
that, by becoming the Son of Man with us,  
Jesus has made us children of God with him;  
that, by his descent to earth, Jesus has prepared an ascent to heaven for us;  
that, by taking on our mortality, Jesus has conferred his immortality upon us;  
that, by accepting our weakness, Jesus has strengthened us by his power;  
that, by receiving our poverty unto himself, Jesus has transferred his wealth to us;  
that, by taking the weight of our sins which oppressed us upon himself,  
Jesus has clothed us with his righteousness."

—John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion* 4.17.2 (1559)



Prelude

Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit

*A Joyous Alleluia*

by Susan Geschke; Morning Bells and Helen Hofmeister, conductor (9 a.m.)

*Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*

arr. Janet Linker and Jane McFadden; Village Ringers; Helen Hofmeister, organ (11 a.m.)

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 9)

Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen

We give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts;

**we tell of all God's wonderful deeds.**

We will be glad and exalt God.

**We will sing praises to God's name.**

For the Lord sits enthroned forever.

**God has established God's throne for judgment.**

God judges the world with righteousness.

**God judges the people with equity.**

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, our stronghold in times of trouble.

**We place our trust in God, who gives us life and breath.**

\*Hymn 53

*O God, Who Gives Us Life*

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God,****you so loved the world that you created the world and called it good.****You so loved the world that you set a rainbow in the sky****as a sign of your covenant.****You so loved the world that you heard the cries of your people****when they were slaves and set them free.****You so loved the world that you brought your people back from exile****to the land you promised.****You so loved the world that you sent your Son to die for us all.****You so loved the world that you gave us your Holy Spirit to be among us.****Yet we turn from you and take your love for granted.****We go through our lives thinking little of your sacrifice for us.****Forgive us, loving God.****Help us to live so that we honor you with our whole lives. (silent prayer)**

## Assurance of God's Grace

### \*Response to Assurance

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his  
voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people re - joice! O  
come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son, and give him the  
glo - ry: great things he has done!

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

### \*Passing the Peace of Christ

Third Grade Bible Presentation (9 a.m.)

Brooke Brundige

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### Call for Illumination

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart; give thanks to the  
Ho - ly One; give thanks be - cause we're gi - ven Je - sus Christ, the  
Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the  
poor say, "We are rich be - cause of what the Lord has done for  
us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

Prayer for Illumination

Barbara Jaekel (9 a.m.); Ella Messner (11 a.m.)

Scripture

John 3:16-17 (pg. 968)

Anthem

*See What Love*  
by Felix Mendelssohn; Village Choir and Dr. Josh Maize, conductor

Sermon

*The Generosity OF God*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn 652

*A Grateful Heart*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (11 a.m.)

**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

*I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*  
by Cathy Moglebust; Morning Bells (9 a.m.)

*Intrada*  
by Michael Helman; Village Ringers (11 a.m.)

\*Response

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;  
use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill,  
to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new,  
that our whole life is of - fered to your will.

\*Prayer of Dedication

## GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

\*Hymn 462

*I Love to Tell the Story*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response



We give our minds to un - der - stand your ways;  
hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great de - sign;  
heart with the flame of your own love a - blaze,  
till for your glo - ry all our powers com - bine.

\*Postlude

*Andante*  
by Felix Mendelssohn

*\*All who are able may stand*

### SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

|        |                     |                  |          |
|--------|---------------------|------------------|----------|
| ADULTS | "Village Forum"     | 9:30-10:30 a.m.  | Room 126 |
|        | "The Faith Journey" | 10:10-10:50 a.m. | Room 124 |
| YOUTH  | Grades 7-12         | 9-10 a.m.        | Room 333 |
| KIDS   | Pre-K and 4-yr-olds | 9-10 a.m.        | Room 106 |
|        | Grades K-6          | 9-10 a.m.        | Room 307 |

**Child care** is available downstairs during both services. Bring infants through 23 mo. to Room 114 and ages 2-3 to Room 109. Parents, please keep your cell phones on!

**The flowers in the chancel today** are given in loving memory of Bob Long by his wife Mazie Long and family.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Village U: Basket Weaving** – 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, Room 127. Register at [villagepres.org/village-u](http://villagepres.org/village-u).

**Dinner Church at the Gathering** next Sunday, Nov. 16! We will begin with worship at 4 p.m. and then end with a meal together. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. The church will provide the main dish.

**Village U: Live a Happier, Longer Life** – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, Room 126/127. Develop an easy, actionable plan to stay mentally sharp. Register at [villagepres.org/village-u](http://villagepres.org/village-u).

## ENGAGEMENT

**Senior Adult Game Afternoon** – 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, Welcome Center. Enjoy games and social time with other seniors every second Wednesday.

**VERT (Village Emergency Response Team) Training** – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, Room 232. Contact [carol.solenberger@villagepres.org](mailto:carol.solenberger@villagepres.org) to sign up for training.

## MISSION MINISTRY

**Volunteer at Cross-Lines Kitchen** – Friday, Nov. 14. Serve a meal to 150-250 neighbors in need. Sign up at [bit.ly/cross-lines-2025](http://bit.ly/cross-lines-2025).

**Star Families** – If you adopted a Star Family for Christmas, packet pickup is 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **today** in Friendship Hall.

**Food Pantry** – Gifts of \$50 to sponsor a Thanksgiving Basket for a family of four are still needed. Donate at [bit.ly/fpbaskets](http://bit.ly/fpbaskets).

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Recital** – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, Chapel. Featuring Jessica Koebbe, piano and Can Balcik-Moretti, violin. Free recital with reception to follow.

**Kansas City Wind Symphony presents "Lost and Found"** – 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, Sanctuary. Featuring "Lincolnshire Posey" by Percy Aldridge Grainger and "Canzona" by Peter Mennin. Free admission.

## PASTORAL CARE

**Poinsettias** – When you donate \$15, a homebound member receives a poinsettia and your loved ones' name will be in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Visit [villagepres.org/poinsettias](http://villagepres.org/poinsettias) or designate your \$15 check before Tuesday, Dec. 2. **Help deliver** one or two poinsettias in the metro area on Saturday, Dec. 6. Email [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) or call 913-671-2327.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Wednesday Women's Fellowship** – 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, Room 232. To sign up, email [carol.solenberger@villagepres.org](mailto:carol.solenberger@villagepres.org).

**Advent Celebration: "Advent Through the Generations"** – Tuesday, Dec. 2. Free event; registration requested. Childcare available. Register at [villagepres.org/pw](http://villagepres.org/pw) or stop by the Welcome Center or Friendship Hall after worship today. **Submit photos of women in your family** to [pslentzhoward1@gmail.com](mailto:pslentzhoward1@gmail.com) by Nov. 14 to be displayed on screens and tables during the event. We're honoring our female generational connections!

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Picnic in the Park** – 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, Mission Campus south playground. For young adults with kiddos. Free dinner included; sign up at [bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults](https://bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults). We will move to Young Adult Room in case of poor weather.

**Y.A.M. (Young Adult Ministry) Night** – 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12. This week we'll be at Kanbe's Markets (3119 Terrace St, KCMO) sorting produce.

**Manna Retreat** – Jan. 22-25, 2026, Montreat, North Carolina. Cost \$450 (includes flight, room & board). Sign up by Nov. 15 at [bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults](https://bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**College Care Packages** – If you have a college student who you would like to receive a care package, email their name and address to [youth@villagepres.org](mailto:youth@villagepres.org). **Leftover Halloween candy?** We'll gladly include it in the care packages—just drop off at the south reception desk.

## 40s and 50s MINISTRY

**Progressive Dinner** – 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15. Meet at Wassmer Park (67<sup>th</sup> & Roe) and we will progress from house to house. RSVP at [bit.ly/vpc-4050](https://bit.ly/vpc-4050).

## Help Village **Fill the Heart** to Meet Our 2025 Budget\*



**\$5,711,000**

2025 Funding Goal

**\$3,801,840**

67% Funded

\*Pledge and  
non-pledge gifts

[villagepres.org/giving](https://villagepres.org/giving)



**Year-End Giving From the Heart** – As the year draws to a close, we invite you to consider the many ways your generosity can make a lasting difference. Some members choose to give through Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs), Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), or Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs)—wonderful tools that can also provide tax advantages. However you give, thank you for the faithful and joyful spirit that sustains the ministry we share together.

## UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

### Nov. 9-23: God's Gift of Generosity

Rev. Dr. Karl Travis had been healthy all of his life until he embarked upon a painful seven-year struggle to finally discover a diagnosis of a rare disease. He was given a few months to live. As he was writing his funeral service, he picked up a manuscript he had started years ago titled "God's Gift of Generosity." In his preface, he noted how odd it may seem to write about God's generosity in his condition. But Karl found that as he faced this terminal illness, more than anything, he leaned into the generosity of God. In this sermon series, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore the three facets of generosity that Dr. Travis highlights in his book, published last year.

**Nov. 9**

**Generosity OF God**

Nov. 16

Generosity FOR God

Nov. 23

Generosity WITH God

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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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