



“Like living stones, let yourself be built into a spiritual house...” 1 Peter 2:5

Service of Worship

Feb. 8, 2026 • 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

Why Village Matters: Meneilly Visiting Scholar

Introit

"Lift Thine Eyes" from *Elijah*
by Felix Mendelssohn; Village Choir Treble Voices

*Call to Worship (Psalm 16)

Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen

We say to the Lord, "You are our Lord, we have no good apart from you."

The Lord is our chosen portion and our cup; God holds our lives.

We keep the Lord always before us;
because God is at our right hand, we shall not be moved.

Therefore our hearts are glad, and our souls rejoice; our bodies rest secure.

For you do not give us up to death or let your faithful ones perish.

You show us the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your loving care, we sing for joy!

*Hymn 305 (st. 1-3)

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

**long years have come and gone, and still you are our God,
and by your grace, you call us your children.**

You have placed us here to honor and glorify you.

**You have placed us here to proclaim your good news
of love, justice, and righteousness.**

You have placed us here as living stones built into a house that welcomes all.

**Yet we confess that instead of honoring and glorifying you,
we want to honor and glorify ourselves.**

**We confess that instead of proclaiming your good news,
we keep our faith to ourselves, not wanting to take risks and be rejected.**

**We confess that instead of welcoming all,
we choose to only welcome those who are like us.**

Forgive us, loving God.

Build us into a house that shows your love to the whole world. (silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response to Assurance (Hymn 305, st. 4)

**Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Anthem

Prayer and Finale
by Eugene Butler; Village Ringers (9 a.m.)

All Things Bright and Beautiful
by Sondra K. Tucker; Morning Bells (11 a.m.)

Prayer for Illumination

Beth Winetroub (9 a.m.); Bonny Green (11 a.m.)

Scripture

1 Peter 2:4-10 (pg. 1104)

Sermon

Here as Living Stones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn 301 (st. 1, 2, 4)

Let Us Build a House

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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 Offering

Offertory Anthem

The River
arr. Anna Laura Page; Village Ringers (9 a.m.)

Let All Things Now Living
by Anna Laura Page; Morning Bells (11 a.m.)

*Response (Hymn 301, st. 5)

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place!**

*Prayer of Dedication

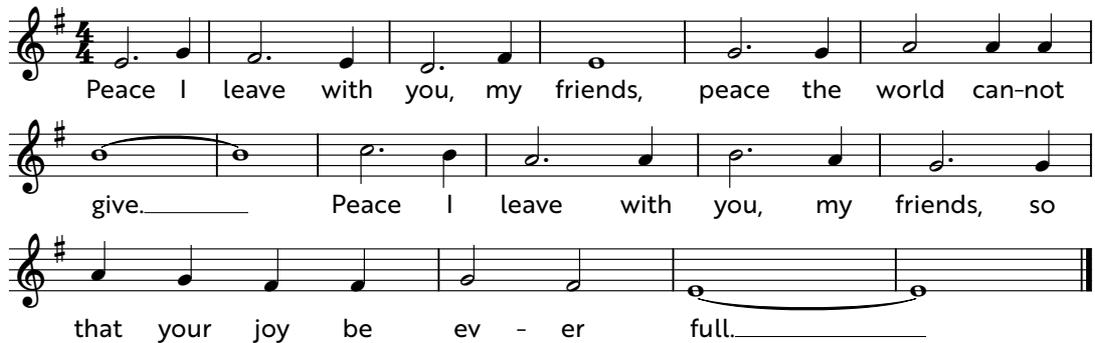
GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 321

The Church's One Foundation

*Benediction

*Benediction Response (please join in singing when invited)



Peace I leave with you, my friends, peace the world can-not
give. Peace I leave with you, my friends, so
that your joy be ev - er full.

*Postlude

And Again I Say, Rejoice!
by Brenda Portman

**All who are able may stand*

TODAY'S MUSIC LEADERS

Conductors: Dr. Elisa Bickers, Helen Hofmeister, and Dr. Josh Maize

Flute: Erika Wheeler

Organ: Dr. Elisa Bickers

Happy 77th Birthday, Village Church! The Heritage Committee invites you to stop by Friendship Hall or the Welcome Center **today** after worship for a sweet treat to celebrate. Village Church was founded on Feb. 13, 1949.

Jan Kraybill Super Bowl Concert – 2 p.m. **today**, Community of Christ Temple, Independence, Missouri. Our beloved organist at Antioch Campus, Jan Kraybill, is offering her 27th annual Super Bowl Sunday organ concert. “Milestones” will celebrate significant dates, including the 250th birthday of our country. Free admission.

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!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Village U: Men's Breakfast & Bible with Rodger Nishioka – 8-9 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 3-March 31, Friendship Hall. Enjoy fellowship, a hot breakfast, and Bible study. Donation suggestion \$8. Register at villagepres.org/village-u.

Village U: Shakespeare and the Drama of Redemption: Reading the Winter's Tale – 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 3-24, Room 230. Dr. Sara Morrison, professor of English at William Jewell College, leads this course exploring Shakespeare's late romance. Register at villagepres.org/village-u.

Village U: Addiction, Substance Abuse, and Now SUDS: All You Wish You Didn't Have to Know About Addiction – 6:15-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 4 & 11, Room 230. Dr. George Heymach leads this two-week course. Register at villagepres.org/village-u.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Next week is Family Worship Sunday – No Lighthouse Sunday School on Feb. 15. Children ages 4 and up are invited to join us in "big church." Child care will be available in the nursery for infants through pre-K.

ENGAGEMENT

Wednesday Family Dinner – 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Friendship Hall. Register at villagepres.org/wfd. To volunteer, email engagement@villagepres.org.

Mahjong Mondays – 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, Heritage Dining Room. We meet second Mondays. Classes are also starting soon. Email carol.solenberger@villagepres.org to RSVP for either opportunity.

February New Members – We welcomed 5 new members last Sunday: Jeff Geheb, Lee Gum, Brynn and Jenny Rucker, and Jessica Walker. Help us in welcoming these new members to Village! Our next New Member Luncheon is April 12.

Calling All Artists – Show your artwork at our 20th Annual Art & Hors d'oeuvres event from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, March 6. Artists of all ages are welcome to participate! Interested? Email carol.solenberger@villagepres.org.

MISSION MINISTRY

Village Serves – 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21. Join folks from Village as we volunteer to make Kansas City a better place! This month we serve at the Newhouse KC domestic violence shelter helping clean their children's center. To learn more and sign up, visit bit.ly/village-serves-2026.

Multi-Generational Service Project – 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Ronald McDonald House. This is a service project for all ages! We'll be preparing and serving lunch for inpatient families at two locations. Space is limited so register soon at villagepres.org/events. Sponsored by Presbyterian Women.

MUSIC MINISTRY

2nd Thursday Recital: Bonny & Trent Green, soprano and tenor – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, Chapel. Join us for a free noontime recital with a short reception following the performance in the Welcome Center.

Isaac S. Cates & Ordained Gospel Choir – 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, Sanctuary. Join us for a concert given by renowned artist and

gospel music powerhouse Isaac S. Cates & Ordained. Presented by the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Free admission.

Youth Chorus of Kansas City presents "Goin' Home" – 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, Sanctuary. Free admission. Donations for Chain of Hope, a local non-profit animal rescue organization, will be taken at the door. Dry cat food, cat litter, dog toys, dog treats, etc. are most needed, along with monetary donations.

PASTORAL CARE

Bear-Witness: Presence Over Platitudes – 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, Heritage Dining Room. Ryan Speed of Prairie Sky Counseling Center will speak about "the act of walking together" with those experiencing grief and hardship. This event is open to all and sponsored by Stephen Ministry. No registration required.

Growing Through Grief – 2-3 p.m. Tuesdays, March 3-31, Room 232. Join others in a caring, confidential and supportive group. This 5-week class is facilitated by Rev. Tim Soule. Register at villagepres.org/village-u.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Motherhood to Matriarch – 9-11 a.m. Feb. 21, Friendship Hall. Ginger Rothhaas from Compassion Fix will lead a conversation about women's journey from nurturing life to shaping a legacy. Event cost is \$10.

Register at villagepres.org/events or stop by the Welcome Center or Friendship Hall after worship today.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Y.A.M. (Young Adult Ministry) Night – All 20s and 30s are invited to join us every Wednesday as we gather, play games, study Scripture and celebrate one another. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Friendship Hall, programming at 6:15 p.m. in the Young Adult Room. Join us!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Super Bowl Party – 5 p.m. **tonight** in the Youth Loft. All youth are invited to come watch the first half of the Super Bowl with us! Enjoy food, games, and plenty of space to hang out with friends.

Weekly programs – Village Youth Sunday School (7th-12th) 9-10 a.m. Sundays, Village High Youth Group (9th-12th) 6:30-8 p.m. Sundays, Village Middle Hangout (7th-8th) 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, and Village Middle Youth Group (7th-8th) 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays. We hope to see you there!

40s & 50s

Bevs & Bible Night – 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28. Join us at the McKees' House (5268 Somerset Dr.) as we socialize and have a Bible study together. No matter the depth of your Bible knowledge, this is for you! Contact zach.walker@villagepres.org.

Learn more about the Here for Good Capital Campaign – visit villagepres.org/here-for-good to learn about the campaign projects, read about the "why" of this campaign, and make your three-year pledge. We hope you will join us as we bear witness in faith and hope that we are *Here for Good*.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Here for Good Capital Campaign: Feb. 8-22

We have a cherished legacy of 77 years of faith at Village Church, and by God's grace, we hope to be here for generations to come. To meet the needs of the present and to prepare for the opportunities of the future, our Session has approved the launch of a capital campaign beginning this month through 2028. The campaign hopes to raise 8 million dollars to expand and strengthen our mission and ministries, improve and make safe our gathering and learning spaces, be better stewards of God's creation, and show to all that they are welcome and belong. In this sermon series, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore the campaign's theme, "Here for Good."

Feb. 8	Here as Living Stones
Feb. 15	For Embodying God's Treasure
Feb. 22	Good Even in the Garden

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

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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