



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Palm Sunday
Service of Worship

March 29, 2026 • 9 and 11 a.m.

Prelude

Sonata
by Archangelo Corelli

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

*Call to Worship (Psalm 118)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and God has given us light.

Bind the procession with branches, as we go up to the altar together.

You are our God and we will give thanks to you!

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

*Processional Hymn 196

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Time with Children

Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen

Anthem

Blessed Is He
by Vivian Hare and Katie Houts; Morning Stars Choir (9 a.m.)*Ye Followers of the Lamb*
by Edwin Earl Ferguson; Alegría Choir (11 a.m.)

*Hymn 263 (st 1 & 4) (9 a.m.)

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!***PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Ruling Elder Elizabeth Zakaryan (9 a.m.)
Ruling Youth Elder Zac Russell (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Luke 19:28-40 (pg. 957)

Sermon

*Of Cloaks and Praises and Shouting Stones***RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

*Hymn 227

Jesus, Remember Me

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.**

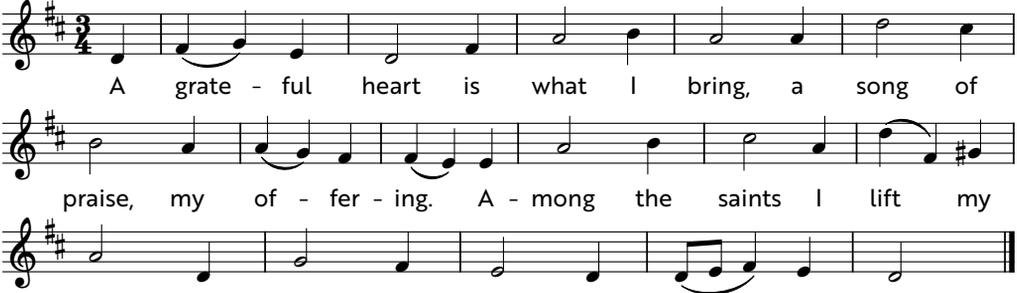
Call for Offering

Rev. Zach Walker

Offertory Anthem

Psalm 96
by Michael Bedford; Village Choirs

*Sung Response (Hymn 652, st. 1)



A grate - ful heart is what I bring, a song of
praise, my of - fer - ing. A - mong the saints I lift my
voice: in you, O God, I will re - joice.

*Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn

Carry Your Cross
by Dr. Ron Witzke

**Time passes slowly when the road is long.
Pain numbs the spirit, mutes the sparrow's song.
Hope finds no portal; darkness fills the day.
Christ knows our burden He has led the way.**

**Knowing the path, He laid aside His will.
Yielding His self, God's promise to fulfill –
Only the leaves of olive trees were heard...
Whisp'ring a faint lament, a plaintive word.**

**Pressed by the crowd and weathered by the sun.
No shade of mercy; mocked by everyone.
Lone Dolorosa, pain the path demands...
Should'ring a world gone mad through human hands.**

**Weighed down by wood; the Lamb bruised by His cross.
Thorns pierce His brow; His lifeblood slowly lost.
Weeping and wond'ring, we repel in fear.
Knowing our world is ruled by sword and spear.**

**Bear then your cross, consider this your call.
Jesus, our Savior, sacrificed His all.
He left His throne; His crown and scepter lay.
Lived, worked and suffered – clothed in garb of clay.**

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

God is Good
by Jonathan McReynolds

May your strug - gles keep you near the cross; may your
trou - bles show that you need God; may your bat - tles end the
way they should; may your bad days prove that
God is good. May your whole life prove that God is good.

*Postlude

Andante
by Oskar Frederik Lindberg

**All who are able may stand*

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Today's service explores two realities: one that celebrates with palm parades and one that looks toward Jesus' death. As such, the start of our worship today is festive: Trumpet! Palms! Processions! As the service progresses, it will begin to look towards the end of this Holy Week, when Christ will be betrayed, abused, and hung on the cross. The mood will therefore shift towards a quieter reverence, even ending with an uncharacteristically somber postlude.

TODAY'S MUSIC LEADERS

Conductors: Jenny Hull (Morning Stars), Dr. Elisa Bickers (Alegría),
and Dr. Josh Maize (Village Choir and Village Voices)

Keyboards: Dr. Elisa Bickers and Helen Hofmeister

Trumpet: Dr. Keith Benjamin

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

MISSION CAMPUS

Maundy Thursday, April 2

Gathering-Style Worship: 7 p.m. in
Friendship Hall

Good Friday, April 3

Churchwide Tenebrae Worship: 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 5

Traditional Worship: 8, 9:30, 11:15 a.m.
The Gathering Worship: 4 p.m.

ANTIOCH CAMPUS

Maundy Thursday, April 2

Traditional Worship: 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 5

Sunrise Service: 7 a.m.
Traditional Worship: 10 a.m.

Find all Holy Week Worship details,
including livestream info and child care,
at villagepres.org/lent.

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: The Christian Century Magazine Reading Circles – 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays April 15-29, Room 126. Village Church has been invited to participate in an initiative of the Christian Century's Narrative Project called "Community Reading Circles." The hope of these gatherings is to nurture hospitality, deep listening, and faithful imagination in our faith community. Register at villagepres.org/village-u.

Village U: The Gospel of John – 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays April 15-29, Room 132. Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore the Jesus that John portrays and how the gospel both deepens and lifts our faith and faithfulness. Register at villagepres.org/village-u

Village U: Religious Conflicts in Matthew's Community: Confronting Religious Conflicts as Disciples of Jesus – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, April 13-27 & May 4, Room 126. Biagio Mazza, Theologian and Scripture Scholar, will explore the way in which the Matthean community worked through tensions, ultimately producing a gospel that continues to speak to the tensions that any believing community experiences. Register at villagepres.org/village-u

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Come to the New Grief Support Group – Anyone who is grieving, members and non-members alike, are encouraged to attend our newest grief offering. This group meets the first Tuesday of each month to share, listen, and heal alongside others who understand. Join us from 6-7 p.m. in Room 232. A Prairie Sky counselor facilitates this group.

Sally Wright is our Guest Speaker – Noon, Wednesday, April 1. Come hear about "Grief, Sabbath, and the Permission to Pause" at the upcoming Faith and Grief gathering. Sally will speak, and then everyone will participate in small group discussions. Faith and Grief is held at Visitation Catholic Church. Register at www.faithandgrief.org/supportgatherings

ENGAGEMENT

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

New Member Luncheon – noon-1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 12, Room 232/233. Childcare is available. If you're interested in becoming a member of Village Church, you're invited to join us. Contact carol.solenberger@villagepres.org to RSVP and for more information

Village Golf – 8 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, Fred Arbanas Golf Course at Longview Lake. All are welcome to join for a round of golf. Cost is \$43 plus tax. RSVP to bradsteil@everestkc.net by April 10.

MISSION MINISTRY

Be the Church Night, April 19 – This Spring we have the opportunity to serve others at the Mission Campus! Join us at 5:00 p.m. for pizza in Friendship Hall, followed by various service opportunities from 5:30-6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome!

All-Ages International Mission Trip – Please join Dominican Republic Medical Partnership of Village Church (DRMP) 7th annual Givingthanks in the D.R. from Nov. 20-25. Learn more at villagepres.org/givingthanks

MUSIC MINISTRY

2nd Thursday Recital featuring Sora Park Shepard, piano – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Sanctuary. Please join us for a noontime recital with a short reception afterward in the Welcome Center to meet the artist. Free admission.

Bach Aria Soloists and KC Actors Theatre present "Our Favorite Things" – 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11, Sanctuary. Featuring music and scenes from some of their favorite compositions and plays. Tickets at bachariasoloists.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

MOTS (Moms of Teens) – 8:30-10 a.m. Saturday, April 11, Young Adult Room. Do you have a teenager and interested in talking to other moms with teens? Join us for coffee and conversation.

Celebration of Faithful Women – 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, Friendship Hall. Join us as we celebrate the 2026 Faithful Women of Outstanding Service honorees: Judy Frame, Julie O'Connor, and Louise Woodward. Free registration at villagepres.org/pw.

Habitat KC's Women Build – 8:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 13 or Friday, May 14. Join Village women to help other women build strength, stability, and self-reliance through affordable homeownership. No experience necessary. Tools, guidance and lunch provided. Register at villagepres.org/events/pw. Questions? Contact lisa.harrison@villagepres.org.

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!

Monthly Meetup – 4-6 p.m. Friday, April 3. Join members of the Young Adult Leadership Team for a new casual, monthly hangout. This time we'll meet at Beer Kitchen (435 Westport Rd, KCMO).

Picnic in the Park – 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21. Calling all young adult families: bring the whole crew to Porter Park (4601 Tomahawk Rd.) for an evening packed with food, laughter, and fun! No cost: sign up at bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Only a few spots remain for the Montreat Youth Conference for our high school students. This is a meaningful week of worship, connection, and growth that you won't want to miss. Visit villagepres.org/youth/trips to register for this trip or to explore our other summer opportunities.

Weekly Programs – Come be a part of our weekly programs. Village Youth Sunday School (7th-12th) Sundays, 9-10 a.m., Village High Youth Group (9th-12th) Sundays, 6:30-8 p.m., and Village Middle Youth Group (7th-8th) Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. Hope to see you there!

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Holy Week 2026

This week marks the most sacred week in the Christian year. Beginning today on Palm Sunday with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem when crowds welcome Jesus with a spontaneous parade and shouts of "Hosanna!" to Thursday when he shares his last supper and washes the feet of his disciples to his arrest, trial, torture, and crucifixion on Friday to his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday, Christians around the world gather with one another to remember and reflect on God's love given to us through the life and witness of Jesus Christ. Please join us in these Holy Week services.

March 29	Of Cloaks and Praises and Shouting Stones
April 2	Maundy Thursday
April 3	Good Friday
April 5	The Risen Jesus Calls You By Name (Easter Sunday)
April 12	Communion by the Sea

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 • 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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