



"John 20:16" by Meredith Wilson

Easter Worship

April 5, 2026 • 8, 9:30, 11:15 a.m.



VILLAGE CHURCH
Presbyterian (USA)

The Resurrection of Our Lord

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

*The Easter Proclamation

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

*Processional Hymn 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

*Unison Morning Prayer

Rev. Alice Whitson

Risen Christ,**we gather together in the morning light of your resurrection.****We celebrate that you have conquered death.****We remember how Mary Magdalene found your tomb empty
and ran to tell others.****We remember how Mary stood at the tomb weeping, confused, and grieving.****And we remember how when you called out her name,
she turned and recognized you.****We rejoice that you call each of us
and every person in every time and place by name.****We give thanks for the new life your resurrection brings to the whole creation.****May we lead faithful lives in response to the good news
of joy and hope and love.****In the name of the one who triumphed even over death, we pray. Amen.**

*Response of Praise

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children

Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen

Anthem

"Antiphon" from *Five Mystical Songs*
by George Herbert and Ralph Vaughan Williams

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Zach Walker

Scripture

John 20:1-18 (pg. 988)

Sermon

The Risen Jesus Calls You by Name

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Hymn 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**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

The Lily of the Valley
by Wendell Whalum

*Sung Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen!**

*Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Hallelujah Chorus" from Messiah
by G. F. Handel

(please join in singing when invited)




King of Kings!

And Lord of Lords!



King of Kings!

And Lord of Lords!




King of Kings! And Lord of Lords,



and Lord of Lords! *choir:* (And He shall reign for - ev - er and



ev - er!) And He shall reign for - ev - er and ev -



er! King of Kings! And Lord of Lords!



And He shall reign for - ev - er and ev - er! King of



Kings, and Lord of Lords! King of Kings, and Lord of



Lords! And He shall reign for - ev - er and ev - er. King of



Kings! And Lord of Lords! Hal-le-lu - jah! Hal-le -



lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

*Postlude

Sortie
by Dale E. Ramsey

**All who are able may stand*

MUSIC LEADERS

Village Choir
Village Brass
Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ
Dr. Langston Hemenway, conductor
Dr. Josh Maize, conductor
Theo Musick, percussion

A/V TEAM

Chris Smedley
Nathan Bliss
Greg Hoeven
Joel Stratton
Jacob Loesch
Kirk Patton
Brad Hull

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

With joy I welcome you to worship on this Easter Sunday! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! 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 share the stories of faith from the Bible and sing the hymns and songs that comfort, uplift, and challenge while also engaging the world in which we live. By connecting the stories of our lives to the life of Jesus Christ, 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

The flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of Alden Brownlee by his daughter Liz Maday.

Village Church is a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith actively shaped by the life of Christ to love one another, provide leadership for the transformation of our communities, and serve the world. We are one church worshipping each Sunday at two locations: Mission Campus in Prairie Village and Antioch Campus in south Overland Park. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us any Sunday for worship. At Mission Campus, services are at 9 and 11 a.m., or come to The Gathering modern worship at 4 p.m. Worship with us at our Antioch Campus at 10 a.m. Services are livestreamed at villagepres.org/online. Learn more at villagepres.org.

Interested in becoming a member? Our next New Member Luncheon is at noon Sunday, April 12, Rooms 232/233. To RSVP and for more info contact Carol Solenberger, director of engagement: carol.solenberger@villagepres.org.

Be the Church Service Night – This spring we have the opportunity to serve others at the Mission Campus. Join us at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 19 (after The Gathering worship service) for pizza in Friendship Hall, followed by various service opportunities from 5:30-6:30pm. All ages are welcome!

Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem" – 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. Presented by the Village Chamber Choir, UMKC Conservatory Choirs, and the KC Civic Orchestra. Free tickets at kauffmancenter.org.

We are always here for you – Life can surprise you. When those surprises are challenging, Congregational Care is here to assist you with comfort and support in various ways. If you're experiencing a loss, are hospitalized, or need someone to listen or visit, please contact congregational-care@villagepres.org.

Presbyterian Women – Interested in getting to know other women and learning more about opportunities at Village Church for women? Contact Carol Solenberger, Presbyterian Women advisor, at carol.solenberger@villagepres.org.

Young Adult Ministry – All 20s and 30s in any life stage (single, parents, married, divorced, etc.) are invited to join us throughout the year for retreats, potlucks, lots of laughs, and fellowship. Find out more and see our schedule at villagepres.org/young-adults.

Youth Ministry – All 7th-12th grade students are invited to come hang out with us throughout the year. Come to a youth group, a special event, or even on a trip! Find out more by visiting villagepres.org/youth.

Here for Good – Village Church is in the midst of a three-year capital campaign, Here for Good. To learn more about plans and progress and to contribute to the campaign, visit villagepres.org/here-for-good.

UPCOMING SERMONS

April 12

Communion by the Sea - Rev. Alice Whitson

The Second Mountain: Four Sacred Commitments

Writer David Brooks' concept of the "Second Mountain" speaks to a profound spiritual truth: that our lives are a journey from being centered on one's self to being centered on how we live in the world in a way that creates a better world for everyone. The first mountain is self-centered. The second mountain is centered on a life committed to others. In this sermon series, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore God's call to us to move from the first to the second mountain. Brooks says we achieve the second mountain through four commitments: commitment to calling, family, faith, and community.

April 19

The Mountain of Self and the Valley

April 26

Commitment to Calling (Confirmation Sunday)

May 3

Commitment to Family

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

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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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