



VILLAGE CHURCH

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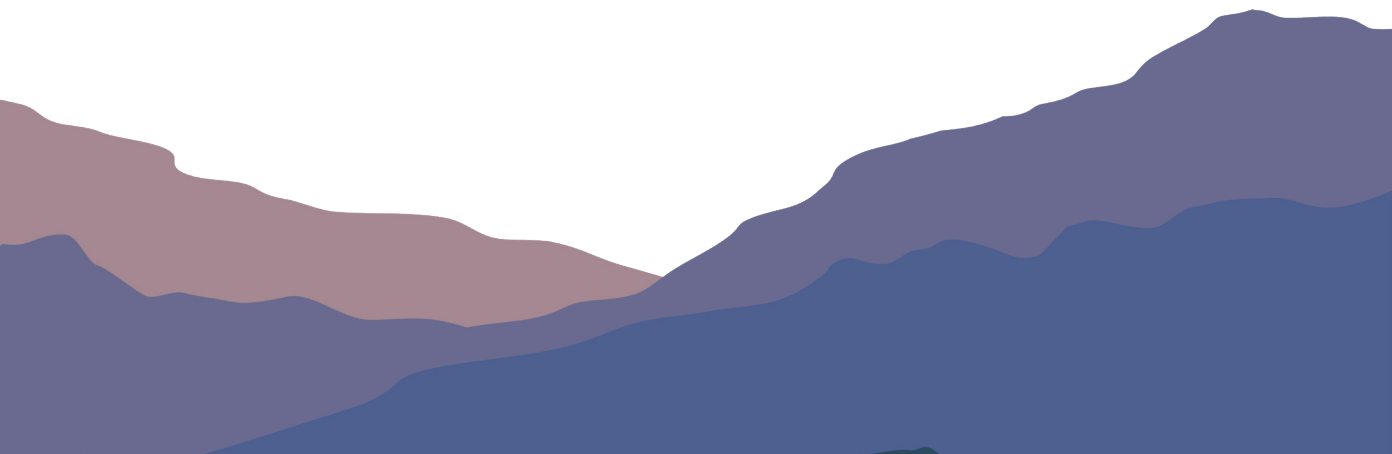
Service of Worship

April 19, 2026 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

"At some point, people realize, Oh, that first mountain wasn't my mountain after all. There's another, bigger mountain out there that is actually my mountain." –David Brooks, *The Second Mountain:*

The Quest for a Moral Life



Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Why Village Matters

Brett Eisenhauer, Good Faith Network

Introit

Bell Prayer
by A. Steven Taranto; Morning Bells (9 a.m.)
Psalm of Joy
by Kevin McChesney; Village Ringers (11 a.m.)

*Call to Worship (Psalm 24)

Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and all those who live in it,
for God has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in God's holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false and who do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**Such is the company of those who seek God,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

*Hymn 715

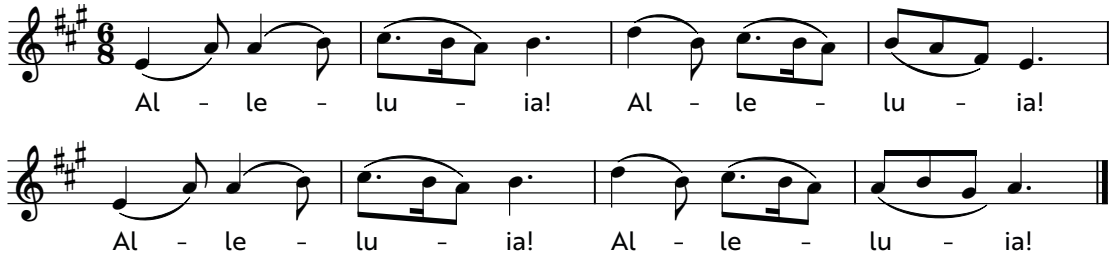
The Earth Belongs to God Alone

Prayer of Confession

**God of life,
the earth is yours and all creatures that dwell in it.
You created the world good, and all life belongs to you.
Yet we confess that we have not been good stewards
of all that you have entrusted to our care.
We have not treated others as created in your image.
We have not valued the earth as a gift from your generous hand.
We have not cared for all life in ways that honor you.
Forgive us, creator God.
Renew in us the spirit of stewardship so your whole creation will be restored to
health, wholeness, and beauty. (silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response to Assurance



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

Anthem

O All Ye Works
by Philip Stopford; Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Alfred White (9 a.m.); Carol Gee (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Philippians 2:1-11 (pg. 1069)

Sermon

The Mountain of Self and the Valley

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Zach Walker

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 Music

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
arr. Douglas E. Wagner; Morning Bells (9 a.m.)

Wade in the Water
arr. Benjamin Tucker; Village Ringers (11 a.m.)

*Sung Response (Hymn 607)

**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 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Make us one, Lord, make us one; Ho-ly Spir - it, make us
one. Let your love flow so the world will know we are
1. one in you. 2. Make us you.

*Postlude

Earth and All Stars
arr. Wayne L. Wold

*All who are able may stand

TODAY'S MUSIC LEADERS

Conductors: Dr. Elisa Bickers (Village Ringers)
Helen Hofmeister (Morning Bells)
Dr. Josh Maize (Village Choir)
Organist: Dr. Elisa Bickers

Celebrating Earth Day – Please take a packet of wildflower seeds on your way out this morning.

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!

Prairie Village 75th Anniversary Parade – Prairie Village is celebrating 75 years with a parade on Mission Road at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, and Village Church is participating in the celebration with a 1950s-themed float! The Engagement Committee needs 100 volunteers to walk alongside Village Church's float handing out candy to the parade attendees. We also need volunteers to help with float prep. Interested? Email carol.solenberger@villagepres.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Village U: Men's Breakfast Gathering: Patience and Perseverance in a Tumultuous World - John 16:33 – 8-10 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, Heritage Dining Room (230). Enjoy breakfast and fellowship while we listen to a presentation by Tim Burrow. Suggested donation \$8. Register at villagepres.org/village-u.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Help keep our memorial garden beautiful – Checking on the garden, light weeding, making sure our policies are being followed are some of the things you'll do. Contact Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327 if you are interested.

Receive Home Communion – Sunday, June 7 is our next Home Communion date. If you are interested, or know someone who'd like to receive this sacrament, please contact Desiree Keyes at desiree.keyes@villagepres.org to be added to our list.

ENGAGEMENT

April new members – We welcomed 16 new members last Sunday: Melissa & Joe Athon, Sharon Aubuchon, Chris Black, Deborah Carbery, Marcia Cooper, Nancy & Jamie Fain, Ashley & Brett Haid, Cecilia Marquez, Tracy Martin, Mary & Don Morgan, Sasha Pearce, and Elaine Riggs. Help us in welcoming these new members to Village! Our next New Member Luncheon is 11 a.m. Sunday, June 7.

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

Seniors Afternoon – 1 p.m. Friday, April 24, Heritage Dining Room (230). Enjoy games and social time with other seniors. Bring your own board games, learn to play canasta, and spread the word! Questions: Deana Petty, grams4autism@gmail.com.

MISSION MINISTRY

Be the Church Service Night is tonight - This evening we have the opportunity to serve others after The Gathering. Join us at 5 p.m. for pizza in Friendship Hall, followed by various service opportunities from 5:30-6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome!

Blood Drive this Tuesday – 1-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, in Rooms 132/133. Sign up at bit.ly/village-blood-drive and enter the group code BT. Walk-ins are also welcome. Thank you for saving lives!

Volunteer at Cross-Lines Kitchen – Friday, May 8. Every other month, Village Church serves a meal to 100-150 neighbors in need at the Cross-Lines Kitchen. Learn more and sign up at bit.ly/cross-lines-2026.

Operation Breakthrough needs volunteers to help with year-round tutoring program (one hour/week). Volunteers work one-on-one to assist the children with literacy and mathematics. Email charlottesdavison@gmail.com with questions and to volunteer.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

Kansas City Wind Symphony presents "Celebration!" – 7 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Sanctuary. Join us for an end-of-season festival of audience favorites, featuring selections from *West Side Story* by Leonard Bernstein. Free admission.

Arts in Prison presents The East Hill Singers – 3 p.m. Saturday, May 2, Sanctuary. Enjoy a choir of volunteer community members and inmates from the Lansing Correctional Facility. A free-will offering will be collected.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Women Build with Habitat for Humanity KC – 8-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 13 and/or Thursday, May 14. You don't need to be comfortable using power tools to help at the Habitat build sites. We have two half-day opportunities coming up in KCMO's Historic Northeast. Register by May 1 at villagepres.org/events.

Amazing Graces at Pinot's Palette – 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 28. Join us for creating and connecting with other women at Pinot's Palette in Leawood! \$42/person includes your painting and refreshments. Register at villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations.

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. Join us in the Young Adult Room (8) for dinner at 5:30 p.m. and programming at 6:15 p.m.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

All-Youth Earth Day Gathering – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, Youth Loft (332/333). We'll celebrate creation care through meaningful activities and hands-on experiences. Each student will take home something to nurture, reminding them of the beauty of caring for our world.

Time & Talent Opportunities – God calls us to be a vibrant community that shares our gifts and talents with one another. Online signups are available for you to choose one or more ways to serve your church family during the spring and summer weeks. For more ways to serve, go to villagepres.org/serve.



CURRENT SERMON SERIES

The Second Mountain: Four Sacred Commitments (April 19-May 17)

Writer David Brooks' concept of the "Second Mountain" speaks to a profound spiritual truth: that our lives are a journey from being centered on oneself to being centered on living 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
May 10	Commitment to Faith
May 17	Commitment to Community

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

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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