



# VILLAGE CHURCH

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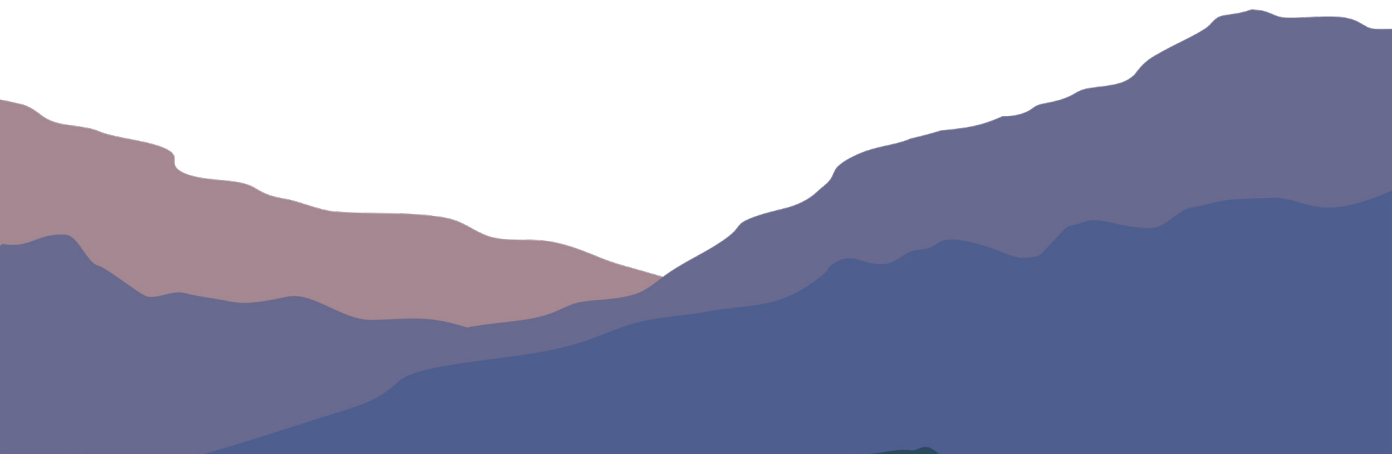


## Service of Worship

April 26, 2026 • 9 and 11 a.m.

### About Today's Service

"The thing everybody knows from finding a calling is that it's quite different from finding a career. In the calling mentality, you're not living on the ego level of your consciousness—working because the job pays well or makes life convenient. You're down in the substrate. Some activity or some injustice has called to the deepest level of your nature and demanded an active response." —David Brooks, *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life*



Prelude	Helen Hofmeister, organ
Words of Welcome	Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Introit	<i>Partita</i> on a French Easter Hymn by Wilbur Held (9 a.m.)  <i>Festival Capriccio</i> by Barbara Kinyon; Joyful Ringers Rebecca Enslow, conductor (11 a.m.)
*Call to Worship (Psalm 27)	Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen (9 a.m.) Ellie Cribb (11 a.m.)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek:

**to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**

to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in God's temple.

**I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.**

Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

**The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?**

*Hymn 749	<i>Come! Live in the Light!</i>
Prayer of Confession	Claire Troutwine (11 a.m.)

**God of light,**

**you invite us to live in the light of your joy and love.**

**You ask us to be light for all people everywhere.**

**You call us to be hope for the hopeless.**

**You desire for us to live in the freedom you give to us in Jesus Christ.**

**Yet we confess that we do not do what you ask.**

**We do not show your joy and love to the world.**

**We do not offer your hope and light to each person we meet.**

**We do not work for the day when all your children  
will know your peace and righteousness.**

**Help us, God of light, to act with justice, to love tenderly,  
to serve one another, and to walk humbly with you. (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!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes on both staves.

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

Liam Flurry (11 a.m.)

## THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM (11 A.M.)

Lewis Wantland, Andrew Gambach, Keller Symonds, and Skye Meriwether

Promises from the Congregation

Ruling Elder Joe Pattison

Do we, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayers? **We do.**

Will we encourage these children to know and follow Jesus Christ as they grow in faith and love as members of our family here at Village Church? **We will.**

## CONFIRMATION (11 A.M.)

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gary Anderson (9 a.m.); Elena Green (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Jeremiah 1:1-10 (pg. 685)

Sermon

*The Second Mountain: Commitment to Our Calling*

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn 726

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (9 a.m.)

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

Adam Enslow (11 a.m.)

Offertory Music

*The Heart's Offering* by Antony Baldwin  
Village Choir and Dr. Josh Maize, conductor

\*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 69

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

\*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

*Sketch No. 3*  
by Robert Schumann

\*All who are able may stand

**Congratulations to our Confirmation Class of 2026** – Adam Enslow, Adelaide Griffin, Andrew Gambach\*, Benjamin Siengsukon, Charlie Goss, Claire Troutwine, Daniel Dolan, Elena Green, Elizabeth Cribb, Emmett Kiefer, Graham Geheb, Graham Ensz, Helen Manies, John Boulware, John Marsh, John Richter, Kaitlin Groebe, Keller Symonds\*, Lewis Wantland\*, Liam Flurry, Lucas Horn, Lucy Dillon, Lucy Myers, Miles Muehlbach, Patrick Gray, Sadler Henry, Sean O'Neal, Skye Meriwether\*, Taylor Wendt, and William Pfeiffer

*\*Members of the 2026 Confirmation Class also being baptized today*

### SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

<b>ADULTS</b>	“Village Forum”	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Room 126
	“The Faith Journey”	10:10-10:50 a.m.	Room 124
<b>YOUTH</b>	Grades 7-12	9-10 a.m.	Room 333
<b>KIDS</b>	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!

**With gratitude**, we give thanks for those who have made a pledge to the Here for Good Capital Campaign. Your generosity is a blessing and a meaningful step in strengthening the future of our church and its ministry.

Gary Anderson	Ruthie Kline	Deanne and Larry Sheets
Cheryl and Barry Brady	Susan Latas	Janet and Bob Sperry
Shirley and Jeff Busche	Barbara and Lonnie Lee	Laura and Jon Strongman
Luanne and Linn Field	Marilyn and Dave Pattison	Bruce Williams
Sara and Jeff Hutsell	Desiree and David Reinke	Nancy and Stan Woodworth

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## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Village U: Men's Breakfast Gathering: Patience and Perseverance in a Tumultuous World** – 8-9 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](http://villagepres.org/village-u)

**Good Faith Network Nehemiah Action** – 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, Church of the Resurrection in Leawood. More than 2,000 neighbors from 30 congregations (Christians, Jews, and Muslims) will gather to stand for justice and call for real solutions around Aging in Place and Affordable Housing.

**Village Forum** – 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 10, Rooms 126/127, Mission Campus. Poet/historian George Santayana said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Come learn a bit of history from Shelly Cline of The Midwest Center for Holocaust Education.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

**Music & Drama Camp** – 1-4:30 p.m. June 8-12 plus a performance at 7 p.m. on Friday night. Kids who have completed K-5 are invited for a fun week as we prepare "Are We There Yet?" Please make sure that your child will be able to participate in the final performance. Register at [villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations](http://villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations)

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**Grief is a Journey** – Your grief can hit you in different ways at different times. We are here to help you. Consider coming to the monthly Grief Support Group held the first Tuesday of every month. Meetings are at

6 p.m. in Room 232 and are facilitated by a Prairie Sky counselor. All are welcome.

**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](mailto:desiree.keyes@villagepres.org) to be added to our list.

## ENGAGEMENT

**Village Golf** – 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 12 at Sunflower Hills. All men and women golfers are invited. Fee is \$44 with cart. RSVP to Brad Steil by May 3 at [BradSteil@everestkc.net](mailto:BradSteil@everestkc.net)

**Wednesday Family Dinner** – 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Friendship Hall. Register at [villagepres.org/wfd](http://villagepres.org/wfd). To volunteer, email [engagement@villagepres.org](mailto:engagement@villagepres.org)

## MISSION MINISTRY

**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](http://bit.ly/cross-lines-2026)

**Village Serves** – 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 9. This month we serve at Kanbe's Markets helping sort food to be distributed city-wide. Go to [bit.ly/village-serves-2026](http://bit.ly/village-serves-2026) to learn more about this or other monthly opportunities and/or sign up.

**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](http://villagepres.org/givingthanks)

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**TODAY Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem"** – 3 p.m. today, Kauffman Center. Presented by Village Chamber Choir, UMKC Conservatory Choirs, and the KC Civic Orchestra. Free tickets at [kauffmancenter.org](http://kauffmancenter.org)

**TONIGHT Kansas City Wind Symphony presents "Celebration!"** – 7 p.m. tonight, 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

**Mahjong Monday** – May 11, 6:30-8 p.m., Heritage Dining Room. Join us to play Mahjong on the second Monday each month!

**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](http://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](http://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.

**Party in the Park** – 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, All young adults - individuals, couples, parents (and their kids) - are invited for a picnic and games at Franklin Park (8706 Roe Ave.) to celebrate a year of growth and fellowship in Young Adult Ministry! \$5/person, register at [bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults](http://bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults)

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Messy Game Night** – 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday, May 3, Mission Campus. Students grades 7-12: don't miss our annual evening of big fun and bigger messes! Meet us on the south lawn.

**Prairie Village 75<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:carol.solenberger@villagepres.org).

## 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
<b>April 26</b>	<b>Commitment to Our Calling (Confirmation Sunday)</b>
May 3	Commitment to Faith
May 10	Commitment to Family
May 17	Commitment to Community

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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  
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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We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.

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