



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

May 3, 2026 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

"Really? You have never felt overwhelmed by, and in some way inadequate to, an experience in your life, have never felt something in yourself staking a claim beyond your self, some wordless mystery straining through words to reach you? Never? Religion is not made of these moments; religion is the means of making these moments part of your life rather than merely radical intrusions so foreign and perhaps even fearsome that you can't even acknowledge their existence afterward. Religion is what you do with these moments of over-mastery in your life."

—Christian Wiman, *My Bright Abyss*

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit

Home
by Heather Sorenson; Village Voices (9 a.m.)
Just a Closer Walk
arr. Jack Schrader; More Love Chorale (11 a.m.)

*Call to Worship (Psalm 146)

Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen

Praise the Lord! We will sing praises to the Lord as long as we live.

**Glad are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,**

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

**who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers; God upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.

**Glad are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

*Hymn 31

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, your kindness is made known to us every day.

Your light shines throughout all of creation.

Your mercies endure from generation to generation.

Yet we confess that we do not treat others with kindness.

We do not shine your light to the world.

We take your abundant mercies for granted.

Forgive our foolish and selfish ways.

**Grant unto us the faith that deepens and transforms
our lives and our relationships.**

Help us to trust more in you than in ourselves. (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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Patty Slentz-Howard (9 a.m.)

Elizabeth McKell (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Ephesians 4:7-16 (pg. 1066)

Sermon

The Second Mountain: Commitment to Faith

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn 693

Though I May Speak

Stephen Ministry Commissioning (9 a.m.)

Melissa Anderson, Larry Horne, Kay Martin, and Teri Ricketson

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Zion's Walls

by Aaron Copland; Village Choir Bass Voices

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Communion Anthem (11 a.m.)

Come to the Feast
by Hyun Kook

Prayer of Response

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

*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
 one in you. Make us you.

*Postlude

Praeludium in C Major
 by Georg Böhm

**All who are able may stand*

TODAY'S MUSIC LEADERS

Conductors: Helen Hofmeister (More Love Chorale)
 and Dr. Josh Maize (Village Voices and Village Choir)

Keyboardists: Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ and Jan Cohick, piano

Soloists: Kailynn Byrne and Jared Brooks

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

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| 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: Foster Care and Building Safe, Healthy Communities – 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, Room 126. Behavioral and mental health nonprofit Cornerstones of Care will explore the effects of trauma on families in foster care systems and the greater community. Register at villagepres.org/village-u.

Chuck Gillam Lecture on Earthkeeping: Why Environmental Justice Matters – 8:30–11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 9, Rooms 126/127. Emma Marshall of the Creation Action Network of Presbyterian Young Adults will discuss on Zoom the hopes and fears of young adults on the crisis of climate change. Panel discussion follows.

Midwest Center for Holocaust Education visits Village Forum – 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 10, Rooms 126/127. We will hear the history of the Holocaust and how we can use its lessons to counter indifference, ignorance, intolerance, and genocide. Join us next Sunday!

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Next Sunday is a Family Worship Sunday – No elementary Lighthouse due to the Mother's Day holiday. Kids are invited to worship in "big church."

Music & Drama Camp – 1-4:30 p.m. June 8-12, plus a performance at 7 p.m. on Friday night, June 12. 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Jen Wewers speaks on resilience – 5 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Room 132. Stephen Ministry presents Jen Wewers, executive director of Prairie Sky Counseling Center, who will help us understand our own resilience and the ways we can put it to use. All are welcome.

ENGAGEMENT

Village Golf – 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 12, Sunflower Hills Golf Course, Bonner Springs. Fee is \$44 with cart. RSVP to Brad Steil by May 3 at bradsteil@everestkc.net.

Wednesday Family Dinner – 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Friendship Hall. Register at villagepres.org/wfd. To volunteer, email engagement@villagepres.org. Please note: Wednesday, May 20 is the last family dinner of the semester.

Ice Cream Social – 5-7 p.m. Friday, June 12, south parking lot. Join us for ice cream with all the fixings, hot dogs, popcorn, and games. This is a free family-friendly event—your neighbors and friends are invited too!

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.

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 to sign up and learn more about this and other monthly service opportunities.

Village Food Pantry – Breakfast cereal (cold or hot) is a quick and easy meal for families on busy school mornings. We have basics, but some variety would be great! **The Clothes Closet** needs men's pants! Jeans, casual pants, sweatpants, and shorts in all sizes.

MUSIC MINISTRY

2nd Thursday Recital: Keith Benjamin, trumpet – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Sanctuary. Join us for a noontime recital with a short reception afterward to meet the artist. Free admission.

Village Brass Concert – 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17, Sanctuary. Our very own Village Brass will give a concert of some of your favorites from throughout the year, from Bruckner to Bach, renaissance to gospel. Free admission.

Te Deum presents "Remembrance and Comfort" – 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 23, Sanctuary. This program honors the resilience of the human spirit and provides a space for remembrance and healing. Tickets at te-deum.org.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Y.A.M. (Young Adult Ministry) Night – 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, Young Adult Room (8). All 20s and 30s, join us for the last meeting of the semester. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. and programming at 6:15 p.m.

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

Summer Worship Schedule – Starting May 31 through Labor Day, Mission Campus morning worship will be at 10 a.m. only. The Gathering will still meet at 4 p.m.

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. We hope you will consider a pledge to the Here for Good Capital Campaign. Learn more and pledge at villagepres.org/here-for-good.

Lois and Les Ansay

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Sherry and Dane Manis

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Barbara and Chris Nichols

Cathy and Jerry Radek

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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.

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| April 19 | The Mountain of Self and the Valley |
| April 26 | Commitment to Our Calling (Confirmation Sunday) |
| May 3 | Commitment to Faith |
| May 10 | Commitment to Family |
| 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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