



# VILLAGE CHURCH

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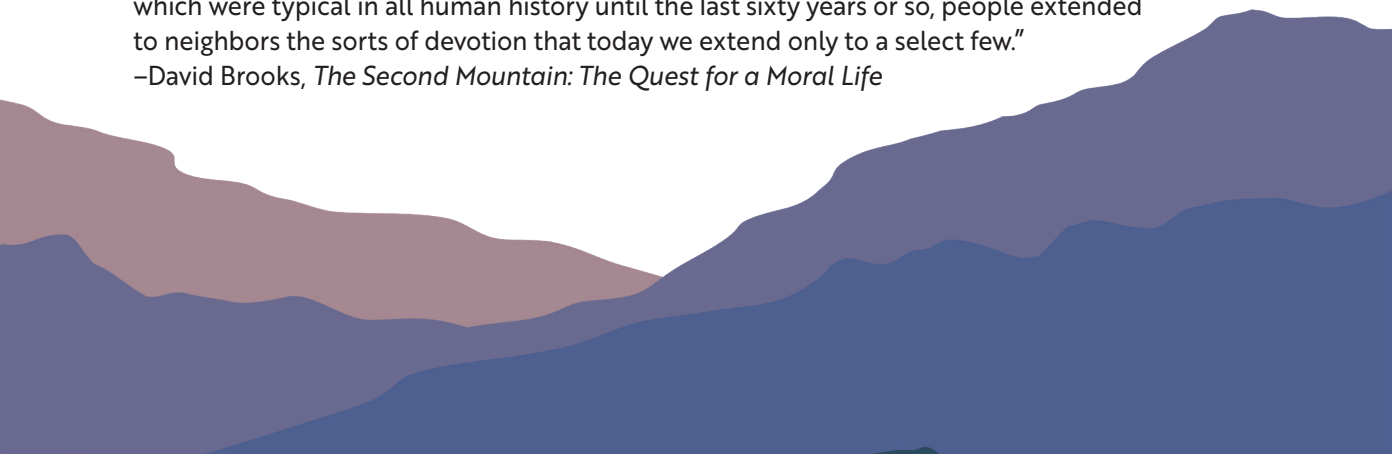
## Service of Worship

May 17, 2026 • 9 and 11 a.m.

### About Today's Service

"A healthy community is a thick system of relationships. It is irregular, dynamic, organic, and personal. Neighbors show up to help out when your workload is heavy, and you show up when theirs is. In a rich community, people are up in one another's business, know each other's secrets, walk with each other in times of grief, and celebrate together in times of joy. In a rich community, people help raise each other's kids. In these kinds of communities, which were typical in all human history until the last sixty years or so, people extended to neighbors the sorts of devotion that today we extend only to a select few."

—David Brooks, *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life*



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit

*Bist du bei Mir*  
by J.S. Bach; arr. Michael Allen; Village Brass

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 133)

Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,**

running down over the collar of his robes.

**It is like the morning dew of Mount Hermon,**

which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.**

\*Hymn

*Rejoice in God's Saints*  
by Fred Pratt Green

**Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!**

**A world without saints forgets how to praise.**

**Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.**

**Some march with events to turn them God's way;  
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;  
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:  
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.**

**Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own;  
they share our complaining, our comforts, our cares:  
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!**

**Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!**

**A world without saints forgets how to praise.**

**In loving, in living, they prove it is true:  
their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.**

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God,  
you call saints to march and pray and carry the gospel.  
You call saints to bear the crosses of others and carry their own.  
You call saints to care with courage and love.  
And we think saints are anyone but us.  
We are too timid to march and carry the gospel.  
We are too faithless to pray or bear the cross.  
We are too afraid to care with courage and love.  
Forgive our timid ways, O God. Grant us the power  
to show your grace and love, and to change the world. (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 a simple, joyful tune. The first staff has lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' and the second staff has 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'.

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Anthem

*When We Love*  
by Elaine Hagenberg; Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Tami Morrow (9 a.m.); Suzanne Rumold (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Luke 14:7-14 (p. 951)

Sermon

*The Second Mountain: Commitment to Community*

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn 767

*Together We Serve*

Stephen Minister Commissioning (11 a.m.)

Walt Grainger

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 the Offering

Offertory Anthem

*Christ thou Art the Sure Foundation*  
by Henry Smart; arr. Frank H. Siekmann

\*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 766

*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Irish Blessing*  
by Chester Alwes

\*Postlude

*Prelude in F Major*  
by Vincent Lübeck

*\*All who are able may stand*

## **TODAY'S MUSIC LEADERS**

Conductors: Dr. Langston Hemenway (Village Brass)  
and Dr. Josh Maize (Village Choir)

Organist: Helen Hofmeister

**The flowers in the chancel today** are given in loving memory of Louise Woodward by her husband Pat and the Woodward family.

**Next week is Pentecost Sunday, May 24** – Wear red to church.

**Trinity Sunday, May 31** – Wear orange to church for gun violence awareness.

**Pride Sunday, June 7** – Wear rainbow to church.

**Summer Worship Schedule** – Starting May 31 through Labor Day, Mission Campus morning worship will be at 10 a.m. only. Stay half an hour after the service for Summer Socials in Friendship Hall—we will have snacks and coffee and a featured conversation or activity appropriate for all ages. The Gathering will still meet at 4 p.m. Sundays through the summer.

**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](http://villagepres.org/here-for-good).

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### 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	No Class	
<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!

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Wear Orange Sunday** – 10 a.m., May 31. Village for Gun Sense invites us to honor victims and survivors of gun violence by wearing orange to church. Following worship, come to Friendship Hall for orange snacks, writing on orange prayer pennants, playing orange kazoos, and fellowship at our first Summer Social.

**Wear Orange Rally** – 9 a.m. Saturday, June 6, Alvin Brooks Justice Center, Rockhurst University. Join us for the annual, metro-wide rally honoring victims and survivors of gun violence.

**Village U: Men's Breakfast Gathering** – 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, May 26, Room 230. Enjoy breakfast, fellowship, and a panel discussion moderated by Walt Grainger on how to use the Bible in your personal life. Suggested donation \$8. Register at [villagepres.org/village-u](http://villagepres.org/village-u).

**Trivia Night Fundraiser** – 5-8 p.m. Thursday, June 4, Friendship Hall. Assemble a team of six (\$175 donation) or come on your own (\$30) to compete for prizes. All funds will go toward distributing gun locks in our community. Hosted by Village for Gun Sense and Grandparents for Gun Safety. Register at [villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations](http://villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations).

**Seeking Nominations for the Nominating Committee Slate** for elders, deacons, the personnel committee, and the nominating committee for next year. Send any suggestions (or self-nominations) to [laura.hobbs@villagepres.org](mailto:laura.hobbs@villagepres.org).

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

**Next Sunday is a Family Worship Sunday** – No Elementary Lighthouse due to the Memorial Day holiday. Kids are invited to worship in “big church.” Child care for babies through age 5 will still be available.

**Summer Lighthouse begins May 31** – All elementary schoolers (age 5-incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders) will check-in and start worship together in the Sanctuary. Then children and teachers will walk up to the third floor together. Pick up will be in Room 307.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**Let us know about a hospitalization** – If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please have a family member or the hospital chaplain call 913-671-2327 and tell us the name of the hospital, the room number, and other pertinent information. After hours, call the church's main number: 913-262-4200.

## ENGAGEMENT

**Wednesday Night BBQ** – 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, Welcome Center. Join us for food from the grill, fellowship, and fun for all ages. Suggested donations: Adults/\$10 (12 and older), children/\$5 (5-11 years), children 4 and under free; \$40 per family max. Register at [villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations](http://villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations).

**New Member Luncheon** – 11 a.m. Sunday, June 7, Room 232/233. Child care is available. If you're interested in becoming a member of Village Church, you're invited to join us. RSVP to [carol.solenberger@villagepres.org](mailto:carol.solenberger@villagepres.org).

**Village Golf** – 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 8, Adams Pointe, Blue Springs, MO. Fee is

\$50 (includes a small bucket of golf balls). RSVP to Brad Steil by May 27: [bradsteil@everestkc.net](mailto:bradsteil@everestkc.net).

### MISSION MINISTRY

**All-Ages International Mission Trip** – Nov. 19-24. Please join the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership of Village Church for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Givingthanks in the D.R. mission trip. While there, we host free medical/health education fairs in four bateyes (communities of Haitian sugarcane cutters). Cost: airfare + \$500 (scholarships available). Find the details and register at [villagepres.org/givingthanks](http://villagepres.org/givingthanks).

### MUSIC MINISTRY

**Village Brass Concert** – 2 p.m. **today**, 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](http://te-deum.org).

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Summer Book Club** – 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, June 9, 23, and July 7, Room 8. We will read *The Next Right Thing* by Emily P. Freeman. Join us this summer to learn more about simple, soulful practice for making life decisions. Register at [villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations](http://villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations).

**Do you like to sew?** Are you looking for an opportunity to share your skills and time? Mission Sewing needs more sewists to help with the variety of projects they create for local and international organizations and ministries. For more info email Sallie Veenestra: [reesveenestra@aol.com](mailto:reesveenestra@aol.com).

### YOUTH MINISTRY

**School Year Programs on Break** – It has been an amazing school year learning and growing together! We will be on break until Summer Programming begins on June 7.

**Youth Week is June 1-5** – Kick off the summer with a fun-filled week of activities and community. This year's lineup includes Worlds of Fun, pickleball, volunteering, hammocking, a beach day, and more! Visit [villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations](http://villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations) for more information and to register.

## 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.

May 10	Commitment to Family
<b>May 17</b>	<b>Commitment to Community</b>
May 24	Pentecost ( <i>Wear Red</i> )
May 31	Trinity Sunday ( <i>Wear Orange</i> )

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# Summer Worship Sundays 10 a.m. & 4 p.m.



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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](http://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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