



**VILLAGE
CHURCH**

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

Oct. 4, 2026 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

"Every viewpoint is a view from a point, and we had best know our own. Where you start largely determines the questions you ask (or don't ask), the trajectory you set, and the goals you hope to achieve. Truth does not appear like an apparition of low-hanging fruit in a celestial garden. It always comes wrapped in the society and historical moment that produced it."

– Richard Rohr, writing about the prophet Amos in *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage*

Prelude

Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit

Welcome Song
by Toni Sullivan; Morning Stars Choir (9 a.m.)

Day of Arising
by Carl Schalk; More Love Chorale (11 a.m.)

*Call to Worship (Psalm 135)

Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord; give praise, O servants of the Lord.

**We who stand in the house of the Lord,
in the courts of the house of our God, we will praise God!**

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing to God's name, for God is gracious.

For we know that the Lord is great; our Lord is above all gods.

God's name endures forever; God is known and honored throughout all ages.

God pours out God's grace and glory upon all creation!

*Hymn 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

Prayer of Confession

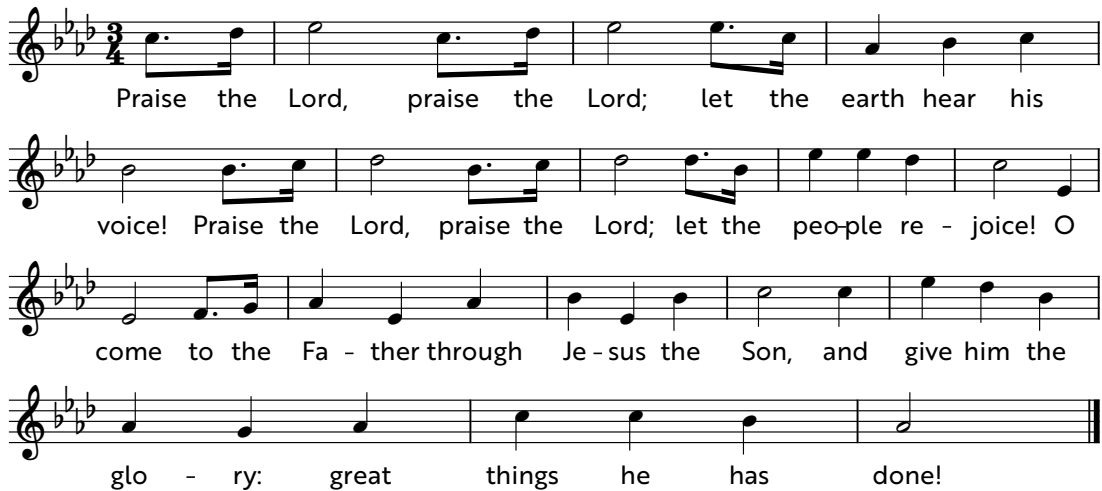
**Gracious God,
on this World Communion Sunday, we gather at your table with believers from
every nation, language, and culture. We come celebrating our unity in Christ,
yet we confess that we have often failed to live as one body.
Forgive us when we build walls where you call us to build bridges.
Forgive us when fear, prejudice, and indifference keep us from seeing your
image in our neighbors.**

**Merciful God, we acknowledge that while your table is wide and welcoming,
our hearts are often narrow. We have chosen comfort over compassion,
division over reconciliation, and self-interest over the common good. We have
neglected the cries of your children who endure poverty, displacement, war,
and oppression.**

**Renew us by your Spirit. Help us to see as the prophets see. Break the bread
of our pride and pour out the cup of your grace upon us. Teach us to share
generously, listen humbly, and love courageously. Make us faithful disciples
who embody the unity we celebrate and who seek justice, righteousness, and
flourishing for all your people. (silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response to Assurance



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his
voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people re - joice! O
come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son, and give him the
glo - ry: great things he has done!

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children (9 a.m.)

Prayer for Illumination

Avery Messner (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Amos 5:14-24 (p. 838)

Sermon

Seeing with Prophetic Eyes

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn 470 (st. 1 & 2)

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

Call for the Offering

Rev. Maggie Johnson Phillips

Offertory Anthem

Amazing Grace
by John Rutter; Village Choir and More Love Chorale

*Sung Response



Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as
thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Response

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 346 (st. 1, 2, & 4)

For the Healing of the Nations

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**

*Postlude

Jesus Christus, Unser Heiland, der den Tod Überwand
(Jesus Christ, our Savior, who conquered death), BuxWV 198
by Dieterich Buxtehude

**All who are able may stand*

TODAY'S MUSIC LEADERS

Conductors: Helen Hofmeister (More Love Chorale), Jenny Hull (Morning Stars
Choir) and Dr. Josh Maize (Village Choir)

Keyboardists: Dr. Elisa Bickers, Jan Cohick, Helen Hofmeister

Soloist: Rachel Priest, soprano

The flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of Bill Cook by E.J. Cook.

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	Today is a Family Worship Sunday (no Lighthouse). Children 4 and up are invited to join us in “big church.”		
CHILDCARE			
NURSERY	Infants-23 mo	9 and 11 a.m.	Room 109
	24 mo-4 yrs	9 and 11 a.m.	Room 107

Register for events on ChurchCenter:
villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations

Events with an asterisk (*) have online registration.

Please go to the URL above or scan the code to register for any of these events.



Youth Ministry: Sign up for Confirmation or Capstone* – Two of our biggest faith formation programs are getting underway, and it's not too late to join. We'd love to have your student be part of the year! Learn more about these programs and register your 9th or 12th graders at villagepres.org/youth.

Food Pantry – Thank you to everyone who brought us peanut butter in September! This week, we need canned proteins: Spam, hearty soups, chili, beef stew, canned chicken, etc. **Clothes Closet** – We always need household goods: dishes, kitchen items, linens, small kitchen appliances, etc. Clear out your closets and cupboards and help fill our shelves!

Village Connect Groups – Bible study opportunities that deepen your faith and relationships with others. This year's study created by our Village pastors: "Grounded in Grace: Celebrating the Presbyterian Tradition." Groups begin in October. Interested in joining a group or want to learn more? Contact: carol.solenberger@villagepres.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Village Forum Sunday Morning Adult Class: "Psychology & Sociology of Conspiracy Theories" – 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sundays, today-Oct. 11, Rooms 126/127. Dr.

Leslie Dorrough Smith of Avila University will guide us through a three-week study on why people are attracted to certain types of non-rational thinking.

New Member Luncheon* – noon, TODAY, Room 232/233. If you're interested in becoming a member, you're invited to join us today! Childcare will be available for this event. For more about becoming a member, visit villagepres.org/membership.

Faith and Grief – 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, Country Club Christian Church, Room 205 (6101 Ward Parkway, KCMO). Alison Patterson is our speaker this month. She will share the story of her son, James Henry, his diagnosis of Trisomy 18, and what it was like to find herself in a life she never expected. Free parking in the Chapel lot at 61st and Ward Parkway.

Monthly Grief Support Group This Tuesday – 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, Room 232. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings are facilitated by a counselor from Prairie Sky Counseling Center. All are welcome.

Kansas City Chorale and Te Deum Concert – 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, Sanctuary. The Kansas City Chorale and Te Deum join forces to present "Passion Week," a sweeping journey through the Orthodox Holy Week by Aleksandr Gretchaninoff. Tickets at te-deum.org.

Flu/Covid Shot Clinic* – 4-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, Welcome Center. Ages 5 and up can get the flu vaccine or the Covid booster, or both! The 65+ flu vaccine is also available. Free with a medical insurance card and an ID. Register online; walk-ins also welcome.

2nd Thursday Recital featuring the Acer Sonorous Bassoon Ensemble – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, Chapel. Join us for a free daytime recital with a short reception afterward to meet the artists.

Growing Through Grief* – 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 14-Nov. 18, Room 132. Grief is a journey. Walk with others who are experiencing loss in this 5-week, free class facilitated by Rev. Tim Soule. You'll receive comfort and support and know God is always with you on this journey. Please register by Oct. 8.

Be the Church Night – 5-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, Friendship Hall. This fall we have the opportunity to serve others at the Mission Campus! Join us for pizza in Friendship Hall followed by various service opportunities. All ages are welcome!

Kansas City Wind Symphony Concert – 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, Sanctuary. The Kansas City Wind Symphony presents "A World in Harmony: Honoring one life." Celebrating many cultures. A tribute to trumpet player and long-time Wind Symphony member, David Hershberger. Free admission.

Mahjong Monday – 6:30-8 p.m. Oct. 12, Heritage Dining Room. Join us to play Mahjong on the second Monday each month. Bring your Mahjong card (copies will be available). Questions: carol.solenberger@villagepres.org.

Village Golf* – 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, Fred Arbanas/Longview Golf Course (11100 View High Dr., KCMO). Cost is \$43 (over 60 yrs), \$50 (under 60 yrs), cart included (pay on arrival). Register by Oct. 5.

Young Adults Picnic in the Park* – 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, Taliaferro Park (2900 W. 79th St). Young adults with small children are invited to bring the whole family for an evening packed with food, laughter, and fun! No cost.

Village U: Men's Breakfast & Bible with Rodger Nishioka* – 8-9 a.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 13-Dec. 1, Friendship Hall, Mission Campus. Join together with other men for fellowship, a hot breakfast served by Chef Teri Tapscott, and Bible study led by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka. (Suggested donation \$8, either in person or online when you register. Registration requested to help us plan for breakfast.)

Barbie & Me: A Workshop on Perfectionism and Unpacking the Female Mindset* – 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, Friendship Hall. Holistic health coach Lauren Claflin of Compassion Fix will lead the conversation about the impact perfectionism has on women in today's world. All women are welcome. Childcare is available.

Amazing Graces Women's Bingo Night* – 6-8 p.m. Oct. 20, Sylvester Powell Community Center. Join us a fun night out filled with BINGO and a chance connect with other women! \$25/person - includes BINGO cards, food & drinks. Questions: carol.solenberger@villagepres.org.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

The Word of the Prophets: Wisdom and Courage for the Living of These Days (Oct. 4-25). How do we live compassionately in a time of violence and despair? What can we do with our private disappointments and the anger we feel in such an unjust world? Theologian Richard Rohr turns us to the writings of the prophets to respond to these questions. In his book, *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for the Age of Outrage*, Rohr teaches us that prophets are not so much fortune tellers but rather truth tellers. In this series, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will draw on Rohr's wisdom to help us make our way as faithful followers of Jesus Christ in what many feel is an "age of outrage."

Oct. 4	Seeing with Prophetic Eyes (World Communion Sunday)
Oct. 11	Holy Disruption and Divine Disorder
Oct. 18	From Wounds to Wisdom
Oct. 25	Love as Prophetic Action

WEDNESDAYS@VILLAGE

5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7. We have completely re-tooled Wednesday evenings at Mission Campus with all ages in mind. The evening starts in Friendship Hall at 5:30 p.m. with fresh, build-your-own meals. This week, our adult faith formation class will be on the Minor Prophets with Rev. Alice Whitson, with sessions running simultaneously for children, youth, and young adults (childcare for ages 0-5 is also available). No registration necessary. Bring the whole crew and enjoy time with your church family!

Dinner this week: Creamy, herb-baked chicken and rice, roasted green beans, fresh garden salad, and warm dinner rolls. **(\$8 suggested donation)**

For more details on the program and a weekly schedule, visit villagepres.org/wednesdays.

Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

Streaming video of Sunday services is available at villagepres.org/online.

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

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