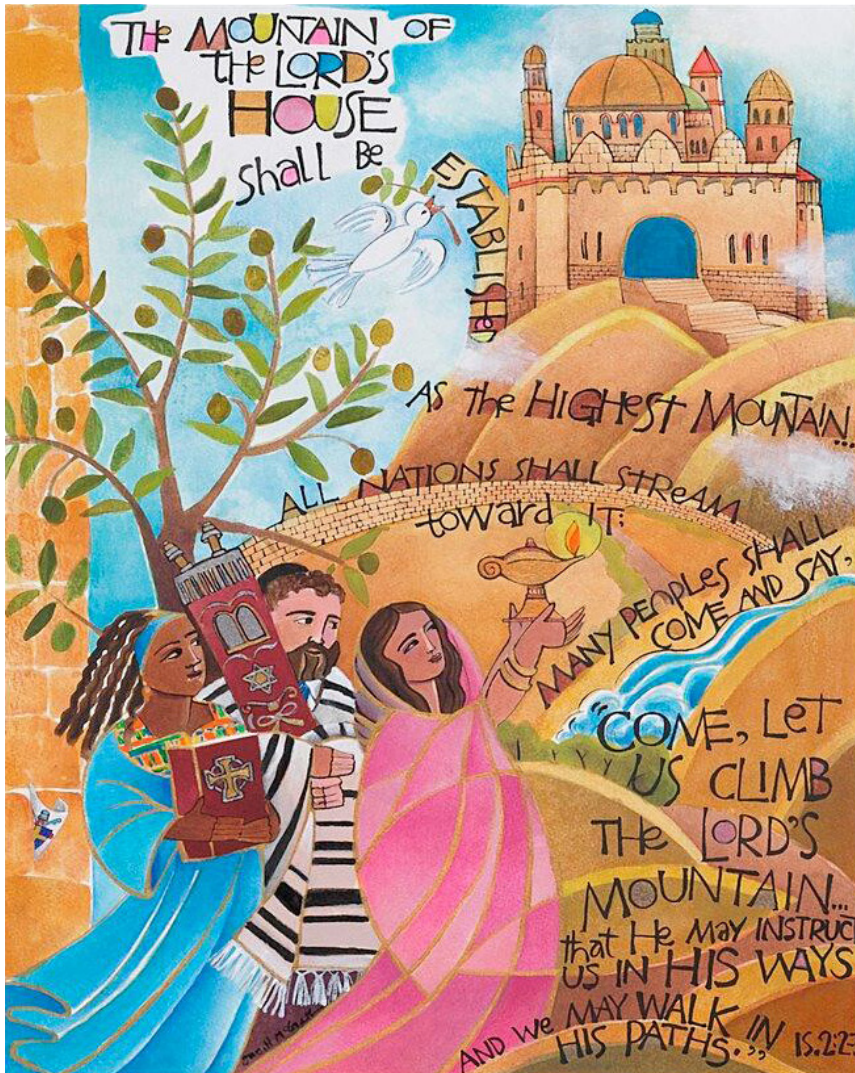




VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



"In Our Time," Brother Mickey O'Neill McGrath

Service of Worship

Oct. 25, 2026 • 9 and 11 a.m.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit

Chorale
by Claude T. Smith; Village Brass

*Call to Worship (Psalm 135)

Rev. Alice Whitson

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,
will praise the Lord!**

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

**For God has chosen us as God's own people. We are God's possession.
Blessed be the Lord who is our foundation. Praise the Lord!**

*Hymn 321

The Church's One Foundation

Prayer of Confession

Holy and sovereign God,

**You have promised a day when all nations shall stream to your holy mountain,
when your people shall walk in your ways, and when your word shall bring
justice and peace to the earth.**

**Yet we confess that we have not lived as citizens of your coming kingdom.
We have chosen our own paths rather than your ways. We have trusted our
judgment more than your wisdom. We have contributed to division rather than
reconciliation, resentment rather than understanding, and fear rather than hope.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, when we fail to seek your justice for the poor, the
vulnerable, and the oppressed. Forgive us when we remain silent in the face of
wrongdoing or ignore the suffering of our neighbors. Forgive us for the ways we
participate in systems and attitudes that wound your creation and diminish the
dignity of those made in your image.**

By the power of your Holy Spirit, turn our hearts again toward you. Form us into a people who seek peace, pursue justice, and bear witness to your love shown to us in Jesus Christ, who is our one foundation. (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

Alfred White (9 a.m.); Suzanne Rumold (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Isaiah 2:2-4 (p. 618)

Sermon

Love as Prophetic Action

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn (see handout)

We Hear the Prophet's Voice Intone
by Dr. Ron Witzke

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

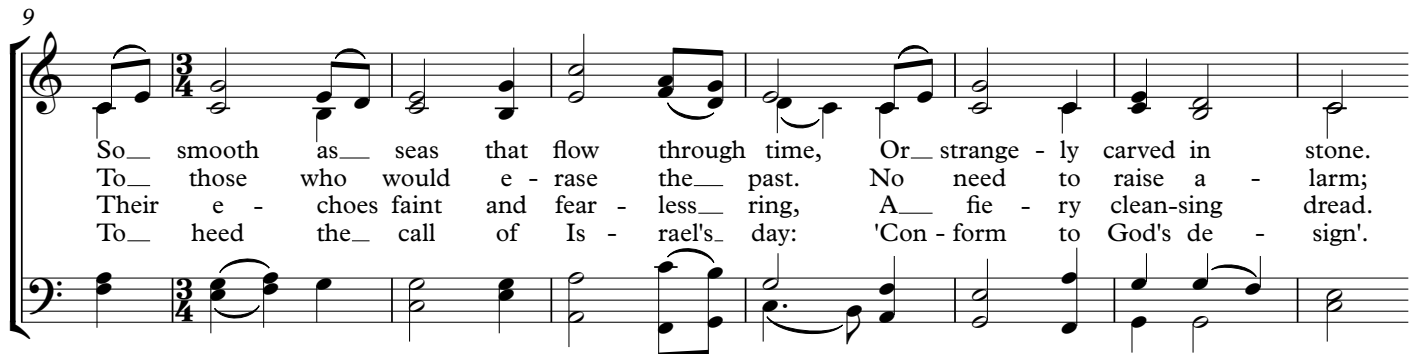
We Hear the Prophet's Voice Entone

Ron Witzke

American Folk Hymn



We hear the pro - phet's voice en - tone God's wis - dom sung in rhyme.
When sa - ges cheer life's mo - dern charms, we sing and raise a glass
The days of rage and rup - ture spread; None hear - ken to the wise.
Un - til that morn when glo - ry shines, We wait and watch and pray;



9
So smooth as seas that flow through time, Or strange - ly carved in stone.
To those who would e - raise the past, No need to raise a - larm;
Their e - choes faint and fear - less ring, A fie - ry clean-sing dread.
To heed the call of Is - rael's day: 'Con - form to God's de - sign'.



17
Yet God's de - mands we rare - ly heed, Our hearts are sel - dom warmed.
We fol - low blind - ly, forge a - head, Se - duced by si - ren song.
From moun - tain mea - dows peals the song: "The Lamb will soon ap - pear".
The new Je - ru - sa - lem draws nigh, With streets of shim - m'ring gold.



25
We frame our hist' - ries ful - ly formed; Em - brace the new - est creed.
The ly - rics born of ag - es long Should be our love in - stead.
Re - born in hope like dew of morn, Our souls are cleansed of wrong.
God's love the woun - ded world en - folds, Our new song sung on high.

**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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
arr. Mark Hayes; Village Choir and Village Brass

*Sung Response (please stand and sing when invited)

**Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.**

*Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 766 (st. 1-3)

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

*Benediction

*Benediction Response (Hymn 766, st. 4)

**If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor's need,
then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed.**

*Postlude

Fugato
by Claude T. Smith

**All who are able may stand*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior pastor
Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen, senior associate pastor
Rev. Alice Whitson, pastor for communications
Conductors: Dr. Langston Hemenway (Village Brass)
and Dr. Josh Maize (Village Choir)
Organist: Dr. Elisa Bickers

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's middle hymn was penned by Dr. Ron Witzke, a member of the Village Choir. About this text he writes: "Our sermon series challenged me to reflect on my obsession with all things new—gadgets, trends, ideas, etc. Consequently, I easily dismiss the prophets' wisdom and search instead for modern solutions to my anxieties."

The flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of Bob Long by Mazie Long and family.

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.	Rooms 301-307
CHILDCARE			
NURSERY	Infants-23 mo	9 and 11 a.m.	Room 109
	24 mo-4 yrs	9 and 11 a.m.	Room 107



Lighthouse (Sunday School)

Elementary school kids are learning about trusting that God is always with us, even on our most difficult days. We never walk through hard things alone. Monthly memory verse: "God is our place of safety. He gives us strength. He is always there to help us in times of trouble." (Psalm 46:1)

Preschoolers are learning that we can trust God with our whole heart and each time we pray, God hears us. Monthly memory verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart." (Proverbs 3:5)

All elementary schoolers (grades K-6) will check-in and start worship together in the Sanctuary. Then children and Lighthouse teachers will walk up to Lighthouse together. Parents will pick up from 3rd floor classrooms (listed above). If your child changes their mind and chooses to stay in the Sanctuary, please text Brooke at 816-914-3113 so we have an accurate roster. Please keep your cell phones on so we can contact you if needed!

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.



Food Pantry – Thank you for your gifts to provide Thanksgiving baskets to neighbors in need. \$45 provides a Thanksgiving basket for a household of four. Visit villagepres.org/food-pantry to donate. **Clothes Closet** – With cooler weather, long-sleeved shirts, sweatshirts, and sweaters are going fast.

Faithful Women of Outstanding Service – Nominations are being accepted to honor women who support the mission of Village Church, nurture their faith and that of others, and promote an inclusive community through leadership and service. Send nominations to carol.solenberger@villagepres.org by Nov. 10. Honorees will be recognized in April.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Scout Troop 91 will be selling holiday greenery from 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. **today** and next Sunday at the north and south church entrances, and from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the south entrance. Cash or check accepted; credit card orders can be placed online at omt.sffwa.com/minisite/troop91vpc. Greenery delivery will be Nov. 29 and Dec. 6.

Richard Gowers Organ Concert – 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26, Sanctuary. World-renowned British organist, Richard Gowers, will give a free recital on Opus 22, Village's beautiful Richards, Fowkes & Co. pipe organ. This concert is presented by the KC Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and is part of their "3 Days, 3 Organs, 3 Concerts" program. Learn more at kcago.com/333.

Village U Book Club: Great Books Discussion – 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, Room 124. This book club tackles a wide range of classic and contemporary literature, and is currently reading "The World's Greatest Short Stories" by Herman Melville. Join on first Tuesdays for discussion and fellowship.

Village U: Select Parables of a Jewish Rabbi Named Jesus* – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 27-Nov. 17, Room 126/127. Guided by the work of Amy-Jill Levine, Biagio Mazza explores how Jesus' original Jewish audience would have understood these stories, and their connection to the first century Jewish social, religious, and political cultures.

Seniors Afternoon – 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, Room 230. Enjoy games and social

time with other seniors. Bring your own board games, learn to play canasta, and spread the word!

Handling grief during the Holidays – 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, Room 205, Country Club Christian Church (6101 Ward Parkway, KCMO). Rev. Ashley Cheung, Minister of Congregational Care at Country Club Christian Church, will be our speaker. All are warmly welcome.

Pray with us on Election Day – Tuesday, Nov. 3. We will have 30-minute prayer services at 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel at Mission Campus and at noon in the Sanctuary at Antioch Campus. The worship spaces will remain open all day for personal prayer, with prayer guides available.

Grief Support Group – 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, Room 232. All are welcome at the monthly Grief Support Group, facilitated by a Prairie Sky counselor. Find comfort, support, and care with others who are also grieving.

Heartland Presbytery Youth Bonfire* – 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8. We'll gather around the fire, roast hot dogs and marshmallows, and enjoy a fun evening

together. Transportation will be provided, with drop-off and pick-up at Village Church.

Mahjong Monday – 6:30-8 p.m. Nov. 9, Heritage Dining Room. Join us for our last Mahjong Monday for 2026! We're taking December off but will resume on Jan. 11. No need to RSVP. Bring your Mahjong card (copies will be available).

Village Serves November: Kanbe's Markets* – 9-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 12. Let's help make Kansas City a better place! This month we serve at Kanbe's Markets sorting food to be distributed city-wide.

2nd Thursday Recital: Liberty High School Choir – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, Sanctuary. Enjoy a noontime recital with a short reception afterward in the Welcome Center to meet the students. Free admission.

Volunteer at Cross-Lines Kitchen* – Friday, Nov. 13. Every other month we serves a meal to 100-150 people at the Cross-Lines Kitchen. Come help serve our neighbors in need!

WEDNESDAYS@VILLAGE

5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28. All ages begin the evening in Friendship Hall. Dinner this week is a Build-Your-Own Chili Bar. After dinner, our adult faith formation class will begin a new series, "The Revelation of John" with Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, with age-based programs 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! For more details on the program and a weekly schedule, visit villagepres.org/wednesdays.

UPCOMING SERMONS

Oct. 25 **Love as Prophetic Action**
Nov. 1 **All Saints' Day**

Giving Sermon Series: Thy Kingdom Come (Nov. 8-22). Theologian Henri Nouwen writes that "From the perspective of the gospel, giving is first and foremost, a form of ministry. It is a way of announcing our vision and then inviting others into that mission." The vision of Village Presbyterian Church is to help usher in God's kingdom, God's reign, here and now, if only in part. Yes, God's kingdom will fully come when Christ returns, but until that promised day, we must do all we can to show that God's complete reign is on the way.

ABOUT VILLAGE CHURCH

Village Church is a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith committed to thoughtful worship, Christian formation of children and adults, and caring for another, our community, and the world. We are one church worshipping each Sunday at two locations: the Antioch Campus in Overland Park and the Mission Campus in Prairie Village. Our third campus, the Meneilly Center for Mission at 99th & Mission Rd. in Overland Park, includes the Food Pantry & Clothes Closet and the Child & Family Development Center that serve the surrounding community.

Add someone to the prayer list – congregational-care@villagepres.org

Register for classes and events – villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations

Find volunteer and service opportunities – villagepres.org/serve

Interested in joining Village Church? – villagepres.org/membership

Get Village Church news & updates – villagepres.org/news

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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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