



**VILLAGE  
CHURCH**

Presbyterian (USA)



## Service of Worship

June 22, 2025 • 9 and 11 a.m.

### About Today's Service

In this summer sermon series, each of our pastors will explore one of the "seven deadly sins," even as we give thanks for God's grace that frees us from sin. Today, Rev. Melanie Hardison will preach on Sloth.



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Helen Hofmeister, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Melanie Hardison

Introit

*Jerusalem*  
by Hubert C. Parry; arr. Walter H. Barnes; Brass Quintet

\*Call to Worship

Rev. Maggie Johnson Phillips

Love the Lord your God,  
**with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength, and with all your mind.**  
Love your neighbor as yourself,  
**with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength, and with all your mind.**  
Do this and you will live!  
**Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 63

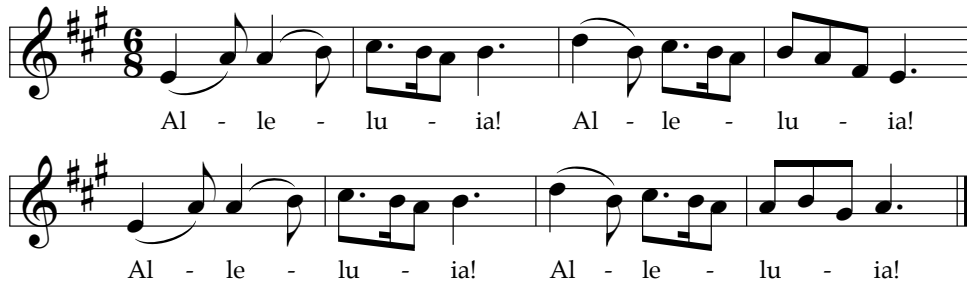
*The Lord Is God*

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we are distracted with many things.  
We do not love you with our whole heart and strength.  
We neglect to pay attention to your Word and to you.  
We turn away from those in need, and we ignore the things that we should tend.  
Forgive us, we pray, and teach us your ways.  
Free us from the distractions of this world  
that we might turn our attention to you.  
In Christ's name we pray.** (silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response to Assurance



\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call for Illumination (Hymn 469)

**Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.**

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Tucker (9 a.m.); Miriam Frey (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Luke 10:38-42 (pg. 946)

Sermon

*Only One Thing*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn 725

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Prayers of the People 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.**

Call for the Offering

Offertory Music

*Where'er You Walk*  
by George Frideric Handel; arr. Walter H. Barnes

\*Response (Hymn 606)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

## **GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT**

\*Hymn 697 (st. 1-5)

*Take My Life*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response (Hymn 697)

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.**

\*Postlude

*Poco Vivace*  
by Hermann Schroder

*\*All who are able may stand*

### **Brass Quintet**

Paul Cornelson, trumpet  
Bryan Miller, trumpet  
Matt LaMar, horn  
Ryan Beck, trombone  
Buck Buchanan, tuba

## WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

Whether this is your first time at Village, or you come so often you call it “home,” we are blessed that you are with us today. No matter where you are in your faith journey or life stage, no matter what questions or burdens you carry, Village takes seriously the call to be welcoming; we are glad you are here. Every Sunday we gather to read the old story, sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world in which we live this minute through sermons and prayer. By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ’s life, we discover hope and even joy.

If you are new to us, I invite you to meet one of our pastors at the top of the ramp in the corner of the Welcome Center. We would love to know more about you and to share more about Village Church. Soon, you might also be calling this place “home.”



Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka  
Senior Pastor

**Child care** is available on the first floor during both services. Bring infants through 23 months to Room 114 and kids ages 2-4 to Room 109. Age 5 through rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders will meet in Room 307 for Summer Lighthouse (9 a.m. only).

**The Gathering** – Join us for a modern, imaginative style of worship at Village Church offered at 4 p.m. Sundays in the Sanctuary (while Friendship Hall is being renovated). Child care is available.

**Giving** – You may give to Village Church at [villagepres.org/giving](https://villagepres.org/giving) or scan the QR code to the right. Set up an automatic, recurring gift by contacting Bob Sperry at [bob.sperry@villagepres.org](mailto:bob.sperry@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2325.



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Men's Prayer Gathering & Breakfast** – 8 a.m. Tuesday, June 24, Heritage Dining Room. \$7 donation. Rev. Maggie Johnson Phillips will join us to discuss Young Adult Ministry. Please join us for food and fellowship!

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**Music & Drama Camp Performance - "Malice in the Palace: The Story of Esther"** – 7 p.m. June 27 in the Sanctuary (right after the Ice Cream Social!). Don't miss it!

**Summer Pop-Ups** – Kids ages 2-8 are invited to join us on Mondays in June and July for fun, themed activity days. Go to [villagepres.org/kids-summer](http://villagepres.org/kids-summer) for all dates and times.

## ENGAGEMENT

**50<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice Cream Social** – 5-7 p.m. Friday, June 27. Join us for ice cream sundaes, hot dogs, popcorn, games, bouncy houses, and more in the north parking lot. This is a free family-friendly event! Park at Prairie Elementary or the south lot (accessible parking will be in north lot). After the event, join us in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. for the Music & Drama Camp performance of "Malice in the Palace: The Story of Esther."

**Be an usher** – Interested in a fulfilling, 2-4 hour/month commitment? We're looking for friendly volunteers to serve as ushers to welcome guests and help with offering on Sunday mornings. Contact [carol.solenberger@villagepres.org](mailto:carol.solenberger@villagepres.org) to volunteer.

**June new members** – We welcomed 13 new members earlier this month: Karen & Glen Cox, James Drymon, Heather Grayson & Jake Nobrega, Cynthia & Fritz Gerwe, Catherine & Mathew Horton, Abbey & Brandon Irwin, and Carol & Ron McAdoo. Help us in welcoming these new members to Village!

## MISSION MINISTRY

**Village Service Day** – 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 28, Kanbe's Markets (3119 Terrace St., KCMO). Join folks from Village for a monthly volunteer day and help make Kansas City a better place. This month we serve at Kanbe's Market sorting, cleaning, and composting. Go to [bit.ly/vpc-june-service](http://bit.ly/vpc-june-service) to sign up.

**Cross-Lines volunteer opportunity** – Every other month, Village Church serves a meal to 150-250 people at the Cross-Lines Kitchen. Join us on Friday, July 11, to serve lunch to our neighbors in need. Learn more and sign up at [bit.ly/cross-lines-2025](http://bit.ly/cross-lines-2025) or contact Jim Bolton: [jcb3823@gmail.com](mailto:jcb3823@gmail.com).

**Operation Breakthrough needs volunteers** for tutoring program (one hour/week). Volunteers work one-on-one to assist the children with literacy and mathematics. Email [charlottesdavison@gmail.com](mailto:charlottesdavison@gmail.com) with questions and to volunteer.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Summer Choir is July 13, 20, and 27** – Arrive at 10 a.m. to the Chapel to rehearse an easy anthem for the 11 a.m. worship service. The Summer Choir sits with the congregation for the service. All are welcome.

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

**Prayers are powerful** – A new prayer list is published every Thursday. We lift up those who have suffered a loss of a loved one, persons in the hospital, rehab or on hospice, men and women who serve in our military, and those who could use a prayer for any reason. To place someone on the prayer list, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org). Our process is to have a person's name appear for one month; if you would like to have someone listed longer, let Linda know.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Bible & Brunch** – 12:15 p.m. **today**, Young Adult Room. Two of our favorite things: scripture and breakfast food! We'll meet after 11 a.m. worship to walk through a book of the Bible together. Food and drinks provided.

**Picnic in the Park** – 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, Taliaferro Park (2900 W. 79<sup>th</sup> St.). Young adults with kiddos, bring the whole family

for an evening of playgrounds, popsicles, and dinner. If it's too hot, we'll move to the church. No cost, but sign up at [bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults](https://bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults).

**Young Adult Prom** – 7-9 p.m. Friday, June 27, Greenwood Social Hall (1750 Bellevue Ave., KCMO). Open to anyone in their 20s and 30s. Wear whatever makes you feel fancy! Snacks provided, cash bar available. Tickets are \$25; sign up at [bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults](https://bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**High School Montreat Trip** – We invite all completed 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders to join us in the mountains of North Carolina from July 5-12 for a trip that students consistently hail as both fun and life-changing. More information and registration can be found at [villagepres.org/youth/trips](https://villagepres.org/youth/trips).

**New baby births** – We want to meet your little one and give them a gift. Come by the Children's Ministry office or email [kids-info@villagepres.org](mailto:kids-info@villagepres.org).

**Prepare for baptism** – Contact [kids-info@villagepres.org](mailto:kids-info@villagepres.org) for child baptisms and [engagement@villagepres.org](mailto:engagement@villagepres.org) for adult baptisms.

**Plan your wedding** – Contact [weddings@villagepres.org](mailto:weddings@villagepres.org).

**Add someone to the prayer list** – Contact [pastoral-care@villagepres.org](mailto:pastoral-care@villagepres.org).

**Register for classes & events** – [villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations](https://villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations)

**Interested in joining Village Church?** – Contact [engagement@villagepres.org](mailto:engagement@villagepres.org).

**Get Village Church news & updates** – Sign up to receive email newsletters at [villagepres.org/news](https://villagepres.org/news). Facebook [@villagepres](https://www.facebook.com/villagepres) • Instagram [@villagepreschurch](https://www.instagram.com/villagepreschurch)

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

### Summer of Sin (June 15-July 27)

The Apostle Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans in chapter 3, verse 23 that “all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.” It’s true. We are all sinners and in need of God’s forgiveness and grace. Early Christians began to group sins together and by the 6<sup>th</sup> century, a list of seven sins had emerged. They were called the “seven deadly sins” because they lead to death. Others called them the “cardinal sins” or “capital vices” because they were the worst of the sins. In this series, each of our pastors will explore one of the deadly sins even as we give thanks for God’s grace that frees us from sin.

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| June 15        | Greed - Rev. Anna Owens              |
| <b>June 22</b> | <b>Sloth - Rev. Melanie Hardison</b> |
| June 29        | Wrath - Rev. Zach Walker             |
| July 6         | Envy - Rev. Alice Whitson            |

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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. Melanie Hardison, pastor for pastoral care  
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 • Sandra Stephens, director of child care  
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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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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