



**VILLAGE
CHURCH**

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

July 6, 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. Alice Whitson will preach on Envy.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Helen Hofmeister, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Alice Whitson and Dr. Josh Maize

Introit

Sunshine
by Grant Horsley; Erika Wheeler and
Janice Rawlings, flute; Chris Leaver, piano

*Call to Worship (James 3)

Rev. Maggie Johnson Phillips

Who is wise and understanding among you?

Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

**But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts,
do not be boastful and false to the truth.**

For where there is envy and selfish ambition,
there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

**But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield,
full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.**

And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

*Hymn 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, our judge and redeemer,

We confess that we have lived for ourselves.

We have not loved our neighbors.

We have refused the cry of the needy.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion, free us from selfishness.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response to Assurance (sung twice)



*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call for Illumination (Hymn 451)

**Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Prayer for Illumination

Kathy Lueckert (9 a.m.); Elizabeth McKell (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Genesis 4:1-9 (pg. 3)

Sermon

Envy

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn 816

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Call for the Offering

Offertory Music

Bacarolle
by Grant Horsley

*Response



We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor; in grate - ful de -
vo - tion our trib - ute we bring. We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a -
dore you; we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.

*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.

Holy God, we give you thanks...

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 Music

Prayer of Response

Reflections
by Grant Horsley

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 649 (st. 1-4)

Amazing Grace

*Benediction

*Benediction Response (Hymn 649)

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

*Postlude

*"The Rejoicing" from Fireworks Music
by George Frideric Handel*

**All who are able may stand*

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.

No Lighthouse today due to the July 4th holiday weekend. Kids ages 5 and up are encouraged to worship with their families in "big church."

GIVING

You may give to Village Church at villagepres.org/giving or scan the QR code. Set up an automatic, recurring gift by contacting Bob Sperry at bob.sperry@villagepres.org or 913-671-2325.



ENGAGEMENT

2nd Sunday Social - Join us next Sunday, July 13 in the Welcome Center from 10-11 a.m. for a sweet treat & conversation!

New Member Luncheon – Interested in joining Village Church? You're invited to join us noon-1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3 in Rooms 232/233. Email carol.solenberger@villagepres.org to RSVP.

Warm Welcomers – We're looking for friendly volunteers to serve as ushers to welcome guests and help with the offering on Sunday mornings. It is just a 2-4 hour commitment per month. Contact carol.solenberger@villagepres.org to help out.

MISSION MINISTRY

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 or contact Jim Bolton: jcb3823@gmail.com.

Village Serves – Join folks from Village on Wednesday, July 30 from 9 a.m.-noon as we volunteer to make Kansas City a better place! This month we serve at Sunflower House cleaning toys and helping with yard work. Go to bit.ly/village-serves-2025 to learn more and sign up.

Food Pantry and Clothes Closet – This month, the Pantry is in need of cereal, hot or cold. All varieties are welcome. The Clothes Closet needs kitchen items: plates, bowls, spatulas, etc. If shopping is not your thing, a financial gift to support our work is always welcome!

MUSIC MINISTRY

Summer Choral Workshop – 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, July 19. Join us to explore fun, practical tools to grow as a choral musician. Open to all current and prospective adult singers. No cost—just bring your voice! For questions or to register, contact josh.maize@villagepres.org by July 14.

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

Pastoral Care is here for you – Wherever you are now and wherever you may be in the future, we all find ourselves in times of transition. No matter what the transition, God's presence remains. Wherever you are, your Village church family is with you in support and prayer. To place a prayer request or to request a Stephen Minister or other support, please contact the Pastoral Care team at (913) 671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Horizons Bible Study and Summer Gathering – 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, Southminster Presbyterian Church. Come learn more about this year's study, "Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ" by Rhashell Hunter, and the Presbyterian Women of Mid-America's Racial Equality Dialog (RED) Team. All women are invited to attend. Questions: carol.solenberger@villagepres.org.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Bible & Brunch – 12:15 p.m. Sunday, July 13. Two of our favorite things: scripture and breakfast food! We'll meet in the Young Adult room after 11 a.m. worship to walk through a book of the Bible together. Food and drinks provided.

College Pickleball – 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, SERV (9051 Metcalf). If you're one year or more out of high school, join us for a pickleball night! Cost is \$10; register at bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Float Trip – If you are in middle school this trip is for you! All completed 6th-8th graders join us July 22-24, as we take a fun float adventure in Noel, Missouri. It's a great way to have fun on the water with friends and enjoy the summer sun. More information and registration can be found at villagepres.org/youth/trips.

The Gathering – Join us for a modern, imaginative style of worship offered at 4 p.m. Sundays in the Sanctuary (during the renovation of Friendship Hall).

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.

Prepare for baptism – Contact kids-info@villagepres.org for child baptisms and engagement@villagepres.org for adult baptisms.

Plan your wedding – Contact weddings@villagepres.org.

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

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

Interested in joining Village Church? – Contact engagement@villagepres.org.

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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 6th 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 29 | Wrath - Rev. Zach Walker |
| July 6 | Envy - Rev. Alice Whitson |
| July 13 | Gluttony - Rev. Maggie Johnson Phillips |
| July 20 | Lust - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka |

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
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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

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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