



# VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



## Service of Worship

July 27, 2025 • 9 and 11 a.m.

### About Today's Service

In this June-July sermon series, each of our pastors has explored one of the "seven deadly sins." Today, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will preach on the last sin: Pride.

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude Helen Hofmeister, organ

Words of Welcome Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit *If With All Your Hearts* from "Elijah"  
by Felix Mendelssohn; Jared Brooks, tenor (9 a.m.)

*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus* from Mass in G Major, BWV 236  
by J.S. Bach; Jared Brooks, tenor (11 a.m.)

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 20) Rev. Alice Whitson

We know that the Lord answers us in the time of trouble!

The name of the God of Jacob will protect us.

**God will send help from God's sanctuary, and give us support from Zion.**

God will remember all our offerings and regard with favor all our sacrifices.

**God will grant us our heart's desire and fulfill our plans.**

We will shout for joy over our victories and in the name of God set up our banners.

**We know that the Lord will help us and answer us from God's holy heaven.**

Our pride is not in ourselves but in the name of the Lord our God.

\*Hymn 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you in our pride. We have often exalted ourselves, judging others and seeking our own glory. We have failed to love you with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for our arrogance, our self-righteousness, and our lack of humility. We know that only through your grace can we be cleansed from this sin. Help us to turn away from pride in ourselves and embrace a spirit of humility. Teach us to see ourselves and others through your eyes. We depend on you to transform our hearts and to empower us to live a life that is pleasing to you. In Jesus' name. (silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response to Assurance (sung twice)

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff contains the first two phrases of the hymn, and the second staff contains the remaining three phrases. The lyrics are written below the notes.

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call for Illumination (Hymn 451, st. 2)

**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

Miriam Frey (9 a.m.); Karen Stigers (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Philippians 2:1-11 (pg. 1069)

Sermon

*Pride: The Anti-God Sin*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn 224

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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 Anthem

*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus* from Mass in G Major, BWV 236  
by J.S. Bach (9 a.m.)

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*

words by Mary Bringle; arr. Bradley Ellingboe; Summer Choir (11 a.m.)

\*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

## GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

\*Hymn 641 (st. 1-4)

*When in Our Music God is Glorified*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response (Hymn 641, st. 5)

**Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!**

\*Postlude

Toccata on "Christ is Coming"  
by Alan Smith

*\*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 Summer Lighthouse today:** Kids join us in big church. Lighthouse will resume on Sunday, Sept. 7.

## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Tenor Jared Brooks is a current graduate student at UMKC's Conservatory of Music studying vocal performance and conducting. Jared also serves as one of our choral/vocal interns here at Village. He is performing the fifth movement from Bach's Mass in G Major titled "Quoniam tu solus Sanctus" this morning. He and the Village Chamber Choir performed the entire mass here this past May along with the Kansas City Baroque Consortium. The text to this movement translates to, "For You alone are holy, You alone are Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ."

**Farewell to Rev. Melanie Hardison** – After nearly six years of faithful leadership among us, Rev. Melanie Hardison has accepted the call to serve as Associate Pastor for Congregational Care at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. Melanie will be preaching at all services on Sunday, Aug. 3. The following Sunday, Aug. 10, the Session has called congregational meetings at the close of services to concur with Melanie's request to serve the Bryn Mawr congregation. We will have a churchwide celebration for her in the Welcome Center following the 11 a.m. worship service on Aug. 10.

**Blessing of the Backpacks** – At all worship services on Sunday, Aug. 10. Calling all kiddos of any age and stage! Bring your backpacks (or book bags of any kind) for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks.

**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 Breakfast Gathering** – 8-10 a.m. Tuesday, July 29, Heritage Dining Room. \$8 donation. Fred Logan will discuss the Apostle Paul. Enjoy food and fellowship!

## ENGAGEMENT

**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](mailto:carol.solenberger@villagepres.org) to RSVP.

**Ushers needed** – 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](mailto:carol.solenberger@villagepres.org) to help out.

**VERT (Village Emergency Response Team) volunteers needed** – Our VERT team is a vital part of worship and large events. Volunteers receive training and serve as a responder to any medical emergencies that may arise until professional medical attention arrives. Time commitment is 2-5 hours/month. Contact [carol.solenberger@villagepres.org](mailto:carol.solenberger@villagepres.org) to volunteer.

## MISSION MINISTRY

**Village Serves** – 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday, July 30. Join folks from Village as we volunteer to make Kansas City a better place! This month we serve at Sunflower House cleaning toys and helping with yard work. Sign up at [bit.ly/village-serves-2025](http://bit.ly/village-serves-2025).

**Food Pantry and Clothes Closet** – Consider closing out July by donating a "meal in a can" to the pantry. Hearty soups, stews, and

other proteins are always needed. In the Clothes Closet, accessories of all kinds are useful - belts, wallets, purses, jewelry, etc.

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

**August Faith and Grief Support Group** – noon-1 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 6, Visitation Catholic Church. This month's speaker Dan Devine shares his journey with his wife, Michele, who had Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Horizons Bible Study and Summer Gathering** – 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, Southminster Presbyterian Church. All women are invited to learn more about this year's study, "Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ", the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women, and the Presbyterian Women of Mid-America's Racial Equality Dialog (RED) Team. \$10 registration includes lunch and workshop fees. To register, email [carol.solenberger@villagepres.org](mailto:carol.solenberger@villagepres.org).

**Coffee & Connection** – 9-10:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 23, Room 232/233. Start your weekend with coffee and info about how to get connected with other women at Village through Bible studies, events, and volunteer opportunities. All women are invited.

**Habitat KC's Women Build** - 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11. Join Village women to help other women build strength, stability, and self-reliance through homeownership. No experience necessary. Tools, guidance and lunch provided. Email [lisa.harrison@villagepres.org](mailto:lisa.harrison@villagepres.org) by Aug. 20 to register.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Bible & Brunch-** 12:15 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10.  
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 1 Corinthians together. Food and drinks provided.

**Service Saturday** – 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16. We'll head to ScrapsKC (3269 Roanoke Rd, KCMO) to assist our neighbors with their mission of creative upcycling. Kids 3+ are welcome with their young adult parent. Sign up at [bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults](https://bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults), limit 25 people.

**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)

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## UPCOMING SERMONS

Next Sunday, Rev. Melanie Hardison preaches before departing for her new call to serve the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. On August 10 and 17, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will preach on stories of Jesus' life using clips from *The Chosen*, the first multi-season television series based on the gospel stories. Aug. 24 is Youth Sunday, where our young people plan and lead worship. And finally, on Aug. 31, Labor Day weekend, we will enjoy a hymn sing featuring favorite songs of our faith chosen by the congregation.

<b>July 27</b>	<b>Pride - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka</b>
Aug. 3	Rev. Melanie Hardison Preaching
Aug. 10	Scenes from <i>The Chosen</i> - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Aug. 17	Scenes from <i>The Chosen</i> - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Aug. 24	Youth Sunday
Aug. 31	Hymn Sing Sunday

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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 • Lora Garrison, director of international mission  
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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