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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

July 11, 2021 • 9 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

In today's parable, Jesus tells a story where a landowner goes out to hire day-laborers for his vineyard. The issue is, the ones he hired at the beginning of the day receive the same wage as the ones hired at the end of the day. What does the story tell us about ourselves? More importantly, what does this story show us about who God is?

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*  
arr. Philip Gehring

Words of Welcome

Rev. Sally S. Wright

Call to Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,

**the world, and all those who live in it.**

God has founded the world on abundant seas,

**and established it on nourishing rivers.**

In gratitude the whole creation worships you;

**we sing praises to you, sing praises to your holy name.**

\*Hymn, No. 625

*O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)*

\*Prayer of Confession

**God, you are God and we are not.**

**We strive in our everyday lives to feel in control of our world,**

**yet we fail to remember that your ways are not our ways.**

**You are sovereign, O God.**

**Remind us, in your mercy, to seek you, to pray without ceasing,**

**and to study your word and your ways,**

**because we want our thoughts and actions to be pleasing in your sight**

**and this world to be closer to your promised day.** (Silent prayer)

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:**

**How great thou art! How great thou art!**

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# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Brooke Brundige

## Call to Prayer



Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us; kin - dle in us the fire of your love.  
Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus, tu - i a - mo - ris i - gnem ac - cen - de.



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## 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.**

Anthem

*It Is Well with My Soul*  
arr. Diane Bish; Rachel Priest, soprano

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

*Who Can Be Saved?*

Rev. Sally S. Wright

Anthem

*Take Me To The Alley*  
by Gregory Porter

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith

**We trust in God,**

**whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love**

**God created the world good**

**and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.**

**Ignoring God's commandments,**

**we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

**We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**In everlasting love,**

**the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry,**

**God delivered the children of Israel**

**from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still,**

**God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,**

**like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,**

**God is faithful still.**

Time for Discipleship

\*Hymn, No. 649 (v.1-4)

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

**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

*Basse et Dessus de Trompette, en Dialogue*  
by Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

*\*All who are able may stand*

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## WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

We're so happy to have you worshipping with us today! Visit [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org) to learn more about Village Church, including upcoming events, ways to connect and serve, how to give and more.

**NEW TO US?** Village Presbyterian Church is a Presbyterian Church (USA) family of faith that is inclusive, caring and welcoming of all people. We are one church worshipping at two campuses. Our Overland Park Campus is located at 14895 Antioch Road. If you would like a tour of Village Church on Mission, contact Cindy Wilcox at [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2331.

**THE GATHERING** – Join us for The Gathering for an alternative style of worship at Village Church, 5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. We are now livestreaming the service, too. Learn more at [vpcthegathering.org](http://vpcthegathering.org).

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

**NEW BABIES** – Share news of your baby so we can welcome his/her arrival with a gift. Call 913-671-2350 or email [kate.ruecker@villagepres.org](mailto:kate.ruecker@villagepres.org).

## MISSION

**FOOD PANTRY/CLOTHES CLOSET** – The Village Church Clothes Closet is now open for clients and we are in need of donations of clean, used clothing of all sizes. We especially need men's and women's large and x-large clothing. We also need children's clothing and shoes of all sizes. Bath towels and bed sheets are always welcome. No breakable items please. We ask that you leave all clothing donations in the drop boxes at the north or south entrance to church. Thank you for your support.

**PALS PROGRAM LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR COMING SCHOOLYEAR** – Village Church partners with Front Porch Alliance to offer the PALS (Partners in Active Learning) program, a tutoring program with Faxon Elementary School in Kansas City, Missouri. If you'd like to learn more about being a caring mentor in a child's life, contact Charlotte Davison at [charlotteSdavison@gmail.com](mailto:charlotteSdavison@gmail.com).

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

Wherever you are now and wherever you may be in the months to come, it's true that we all find ourselves in a season of transition. It's also true that no matter 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, contact the Pastoral Care team at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org).

**GROWING THROUGH GRIEF STARTS JULY 14** – The summer session of Growing Through Grief will meet at 6:30 p.m. on five consecutive Wednesdays, July 14-Aug. 11, at Village on Mission. This class has helped many who are dealing with grief. This class is free and open to all; registration is required. Contact [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2327 to register.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**SUMMER PROGRAMS** – High School Gathering: Sundays, 5-7 p.m.; Middle School Mondays: Mondays, 7-9 p.m.; High School Late Nite: Tuesdays, 8-10 p.m.; Middle School/High School Service Day: Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Middle School/High School Tailgate Time, 12:30-2 p.m. For program details, visit [villagepresyouth.org/summer](http://villagepresyouth.org/summer) or view our updated calendar at [villagepresyouth.org/calendar](http://villagepresyouth.org/calendar).

**MIDDLE SCHOOL FLOAT TRIP** – We are still accepting registrations for the Middle School Float Trip to Noel, Missouri (July 27-29). For details, visit [villagepresyouth.org](http://villagepresyouth.org) or [madeline.chamberlain@villagepres.org](mailto:madeline.chamberlain@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2302.

## **Sunday Worship Services**

### **In-Person**

9 & 11 a.m. Village on Mission in the Sanctuary; 5 p.m. The Gathering in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission; 10 a.m. at Village on Antioch.

### **Livestream**

9 & 11 a.m. Sanctuary services, 5 p.m. The Gathering at [villagepres.org/online](http://villagepres.org/online)

### **On-Demand**

[villagepres.org/online](http://villagepres.org/online)

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## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

### Choose the World You Want to Live In

Jesus spoke of the Kingdom of God, or the kingdom of heaven as Matthew identifies it. It's not heaven; it's life lived genuinely and authentically in this world. But it is also like stepping into a foreign country where the culture and foods and music and expectations are different, because this kingdom is God's, not ours. Jesus showed us what that kingdom looks like by the way he lived his life. But he also taught us about that kingdom by telling particular kinds of stories we call parables. The parables were descriptive, but they were also invitational. Each telling invites us to choose which world we want to live in...the world we have structured, or the kingdom of heaven?

- June 6 Trust the Gospel – Rev. Tom Are preaching
- June 13 What Kind of Soil You Are Really Matters – Rev. Tom Are preaching
- June 20 More than a Mustard Seed Faith – Rev. Melanie Hardison preaching
- June 27 Can I Fix This? – Rev. Tom Are preaching
- July 4 A Different Kind of Patriotism – Rev. Tom Are preaching
- July 11 Who Can Be Saved? – Rev. Sally S. Wright preaching**
- July 18 Grace Expectations – Rev. Tom Are preaching
- July 25 Faith Requires Patience – Rev. Tom Are preaching

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## MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

## MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist  
Will Breyspraak, director of music ❖ Laura Davis, director of marketing and communications  
Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care ❖ Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry  
Brooke Brundige, director of children and family ministry ❖ Marjean Lindquist, director of child care  
Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor ❖ Robert Rumold, director of information technology  
Bob Sperry, director of giving and endowment ❖ Jim Tilden, senior director of business operations  
Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries ❖ Deborah White, director of mission  
Cindy A. Wilcox, director of connectional ministries ❖ Rev. Sally S. Wright, pastor of pastoral care  
Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, pastor emeritus

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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).*

*The Sanctuary worship service is broadcast the following week at 8 a.m. on 1660 AM KMBZ, The Business Channel and on our worship service phone line 913-203-1301.*

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