



# Village Church

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FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

**January 7, 2024**

**10:30 AM**

THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# Approaching God in Praise and Prayer

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+All who are able may stand

*As you enter this holy space and sacred time, please quiet your mind, meditate on the Scriptures,  
and pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare you to worship the Living God.*

## PRELUDE

*Jesus Loves Me (Based on Clair de Lune)*

Claude Debussy/Fred Bock  
Suzanne Shick, piano

## WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 1

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**People: But their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

**People: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**People: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

## + HYMN 634

**To God Be the Glory**

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## + PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Merciful God, you made us in your image with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness; yet you are slow to be angry with your children. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, do not hold our sins against us, but in your tender love, forgive. And then, fill us with your Spirit, that we may follow you into abundant life. Amen.

## + MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

## + ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## + RESPONSE: HYMN 581

**Gloria Patri**

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

## + PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*At this time, children 5th grade and younger may meet their Sunday School leaders at the back of Sanctuary.*

*Youth 6th grade and older will gather in the Youth Room. .*

## Offering Ourselves to God

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**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*There Shall a Star from Jacob*

Felix Mendelssohn  
Chancel Choir  
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

**+ RESPONSE: HYMN 606**

**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

OLD HUNDRETH

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

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

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## Receiving God's Word

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**ANTHEM**

*Love Never Fails*

J.A.C. Redford  
Elly Roseberry, soloist  
Aaron Bullard, cello

**THE WORD READ**

John 3:16-21 (NT pg. 125)

Elder Bob Dauner, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

“Pillars of Life: Love”

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

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## Responding to God's Word

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### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*We are the body of Christ and individually members of it.  
We share one bread and one cup in remembrance of the body and blood of Jesus that was given for us.*

Invitation

Words of Institution

Bread & Cup

Thanksgiving

*Our communion bread is gluten free, and grape juice is in the cup.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Day by Day  
Meditation on Love Hymns*

arr. Tom Birchwood  
Suzanne Shick

+ HYMN 188

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Go Forth for God*

C. Winfred Douglas

POSTLUDE

*The Star Proclaims the King is Here*

Johann Pachelbel

The flowers in worship today are given in loving memory of Elder Dr. David Y. Cho, D.D.S., M.D., who went home to be with Jesus on November 20, 2023 at the age of 89. His was a life well lived for Christ and His Kingdom. Love, John, Paul, Esther



The Deacon of the Day, John Bracken, can be found at the Welcome Table on the patio.

*This service is being livestreamed.*

### The Village Church Pastoral & Program Staff

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca, Senior Pastor

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Gustavo Coria, Facilities Manager



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## Love Never Fails

### There Shall a Star from Jacob

There shall a star from Jacob come forth,  
And a sceptre from Israel rise up,  
And dash in pieces princes and nations.

As bright the star of morning gleams,  
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams  
Of light and consolation!  
Thy Word, O Lord,  
Radiance darting, Truth imparting  
Gives salvation;  
Thine be praise and adoration!

### Go Forth for God

Go forth for God,  
Go to the world in love;  
Strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;  
Help the afflicted;

Richly from above  
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.  
Go forth for God,  
Go to the world in love.

If I speak in the tongues of man and of angels  
but have not love,  
I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.  
If I have the gift of prophecy  
and can fathom all the mysteries and all knowledge,  
And if I have a faith that can move mountains,  
but have not love,  
I am nothing.

If I give all I possess to the poor  
and surrender my body to the flames,  
but have not love,  
I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind,  
Love leaves envy far behind.  
Never boastful, proud or rude,  
Love rejoices with the truth.

Slow to anger, stores no wrongs,  
Love will never seek its own.  
Love does not delight in sin,  
it bears all things, believes all things,  
Love hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails, love never fails,  
Love never fails.

Prophecies some day will cease,  
As tongues they will be stilled.  
Knowledge, it will pass away,  
Yet love remains, it hopes all things,  
believes all things, endures all things.  
Love never fails, love never fails,  
Love never fails.

