



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

February 25, 2024

10:30 AM

THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Approaching God in Praise and Prayer

+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

Romanza

Edvard Grieg
arr. Robert Hebble
Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 5

Leader: Give ear to our words, O Lord; give heed to our sighing.

People: Listen to the sound of our cry, our King and our God, for to you we pray.

Leader: O Lord, in the morning you hear our voice; in the morning we plead our case to you, and watch.

**People: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil will not sojourn with you.
The boastful will not stand before your eyes;**

Leader: But we, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house,
we will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.

**All: Lead us, O Lord, in your righteousness...and make your way straight before us.
Let us worship God!**

+ HYMN 299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

God of mercy, God of love, in humbleness of heart we confess our sins. We forget to love and serve you, and wander from your ways. We are careless of your world, and put its life in danger. We talk of our concern for others, but fail to match our words with action. Lord, have mercy on us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

+ MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (vs 2)

PASSION CHORALE

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.

+ PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

As the congregation shares personal greetings, children 5th grade and younger will meet their Sunday School leaders at the back of Sanctuary. Youth 6th grade and older will gather in the Youth Room.

VILLAGE LIFE

Offering Ourselves to God

OFFERTORY

Blessings

arr. Heather Sorenson
Youth Choir
Suzanne Shick, piano
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus (vs 1 & 2)

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness. .

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.

Receiving God's Word

ANTHEM

I Believe This is Jesus

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Undine Smith Moore
Chancel Choir

THE WORD READ

John 17:20-26 (NT pg.148)

Bob Heintz, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“The Savior's Love: Creating the Church”

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Responding to God's Word

+ HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Triumphal March

Edvard Grieg

The flowers in worship today are for Mary Jane.



The Deacon of the Day, Virginia Chasey, 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

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook, Interim Associate Pastor

Mary Thibodeau, Executive Administrator

Juan Carlos Acosta, Director of Worship Ministry

Adrian Narlock, Director of Media Ministry

Twyla Arant, Worship Coordinator

Christine Hecker, Director of Youth Ministry

Barbara Haran, Contemporary Worship Team Leader

Michelle Yuen, Director of Children's Ministry

Phyllis Graham, Bell Choir Director

Nancy Betts, Director of Preschool Ministry

Calianne Grossheim, Children's Choir Director

Gretchen Scruggs, Director of Missions Ministry

Suzanne Shick, Organist

Gustavo Coria, Facilities Manager



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Blessings

We pray for blessings. We pray for peace,
comfort for family, protection while we sleep.

We pray for healing, for prosperity.

We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering.
And all the while, You hear each spoken need,
yet love is way too much to give us lesser things.

‘Cause what if your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
What if a thousand sleepless nights
are what it takes to know You’re near?
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear,
and we cry in anger when we cannot feel You near.
We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love,
as if every promise from Your Word is not enough.
And all the while, You hear each desperate plea,
and long that we’d have faith to believe.

‘Cause what if your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
And what if a thousand sleepless nights
are what it takes to know You’re near?
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

When friends betray us,
when darkness seems to win,
we know that pain reminds this heart
that this is not, this is not our home!
This is not our home!

‘Cause what if your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
What if a thousand sleepless nights
are what it takes to know You’re near?
What if my greatest disappointments
or the aching of this life,
is the revealing of a greater thirst
this world can’t satisfy?

What if trials of this life,
the rain, the storms, the hardest nights,
are Your mercies in disguise?

I Believe This is Jesus

I believe this is Jesus;
Come and see, oh, come and see.
I believe this is Jesus;
Come and see, come and see.

The light of God shines in his face,
Oh, come and see, oh, come and see.
He offers all his pard’ning grace;
Come and see, come and see.

Oh, I believe (yes) this is Jesus;
Come and see (Lord), come and see (yes, Lord.)
I believe (yes) this is Jesus;
Come and see, oh, come and see.

Oh, I believe (yes) this is Jesus;
Come and see (Lord), come and see. (yes, Lord.)
I believe (yes) this is Jesus;
Come and see, come and see,
come and see, oh, my Lord!

Oh, I believe this is Jesus;
Come and see, come and see.

