



# Village Church

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FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 17, 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

*Wondrous Love*

arr. Dale Wood  
Suzanne Shick, organ

## WELCOME

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer for Protection

Leader: I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through belief in the Threeness,  
through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation.

**People: I arise today through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism,  
through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial,  
through the strength of His resurrection with the strength of His ascension.**

Leader: I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,  
God's shield to protect me.

**All: We arise today at the pleasure of the Lord!**

+ HYMN (*see insert*)

**I Cannot Tell**

LONDONDERRY AIR

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Oh, Lord, what have we done? How could we love so stingily, serving out portions that leave our neighbors weak with hunger? How could we have formed attitudes of scarcity when it comes to love and grace and mercy? How could we have forgotten your abundance and your extravagant generosity? How could we have failed to recall your courageous acts of sacrificial love? Forgive us, Lord Jesus, and in your forgiveness may our lives be shaped into your likeness, and we, too, become a feast for the world.

+ MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 221

**O Sacred Head, Now Wounded** (vs 3)

PASSION CHORALE

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

+ 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

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

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## Offering Ourselves to God

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**OFFERTORY**

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Joel Raney and Arnold Sherman  
Village Ringers  
Aaron Bullard, cello  
Josephine Kwan, oboe  
Wang Bui Tam, flute  
Phyllis Graham, director

**+ RESPONSE: HYMN 215**

**What Wondrous Love Is This** (vs 1)

WONDROUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that cause the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

**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**

*A New Commandment*

Thomas Tallis  
Chancel Choir  
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

**THE WORD READ**

John 15:12-17 (NT pg. 145)

Suhail Khalil, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED** "The Savior's Love: Overflowing Through Us"

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

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## Responding to God's Word

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**+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Adapted from St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer for Protection

I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, His eye to watch,  
His might to stay, His ear to hearken to my need:  
the wisdom of my God to teach, His hand to guide, His shield to ward;  
the Word of God to give me speech, His heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort me and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in the hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in the mouth of friend and stranger.

Eternal Father, Spirit, Word: praise to the Lord of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Irish Blessing*

arr. Bradley Nelson  
Calieanne Grossheim, conductor

POSTLUDE

*Fantasy on Hyfrydol*

Mark Thallander

The flowers in worship today are given by Ursula Kuster in memory of Dieter Kuster.



The Deacon of the Day, Bob Heintz, 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

Ali Tonnesen, Director of Adult Ministry

Gustavo Coria, Facilities Manager



**CELEBRATE EASTER  
AND HONOR SOMEONE  
WITH A LILY DEDICATION**



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### **A New Commandment**

A new commandment I give unto you,  
saith the Lord,  
that ye love together, as I have loved you,  
that e'en so ye love one another.  
By this shall every man know that ye are my disciples,  
if ye have love one to another.

### **Irish Blessing**

May the road rise up to meet you,  
may the wind be always at your back,  
may the sun shine warm upon your face,  
the rains fall soft upon your fields,  
and until we meet again,  
and until we meet again,  
may the God who loves us all  
hold you in the palm of his hand.  
Amen.

# 109 I Cannot Tell

*I know whom I have believed . . . 2 Tim. 1:12*

1. I can - not tell why he whom an - gels wor - ship  
2. I can - not tell how si - lent - ly he suf - fered  
3. I can - not tell how he will win the na - tions,  
4. I can - not tell how all the lands shall wor - ship

should come in flesh as proph - ets long fore - told,  
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,  
how he will claim his earth - ly her - it - age,  
when at his bid - ding ev - ery storm is stilled,

or why the Shep - herd longs to save the wan - derers  
or how his heart up - on the cross was bro - ken,  
how sat - is - fy the needs and as - pi - ra - tions - tion  
or who can say how great the ju - bi - la - tion

and bring them back re - joic - ing to the fold.  
the crown of pain to three and thir - ty years.  
of east and west, of sin - ner and of sage.  
when all our hearts with love for him are filled.

But this I know, that he was born of Ma - ry  
But this I know, he heals the bro - ken - heart - ed,  
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glo - ry,  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rap - ture,

when Beth-lehem's man - ger was his on - ly home,  
and stays our sin and calms our lurk - ing fear,  
and he shall reap the har - vest he has sown,  
and count - less voic - es then will join to sing,

and that he lived at Naz - a - reth and la - bored,  
and lifts the bur - den from the hea - vy - la - den,  
and some glad day his sun will shine in splen - dor,  
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth will an - swer:

and so the prom - ised Sav - ior of the world is come.  
for still the suf - fering Sav - ior of the world is here.  
when he, the ris - en Sav - ior of the world, is known.  
"At last the liv - ing Sav - ior of the world is King!"

