



# Village Church

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FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

**April 14, 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

*God's Time is the Best*

J.S. Bach  
arr. E. Power Biggs  
Suzanne Shick, organ

## WELCOME

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 1:15-20

Leader: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation

**People: For in Christ all things in heaven and earth were created, things visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers.**

Leader: All things have been created through him and for him.

**People: He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

Leader: He is the head of the body, the church: he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in everything.

**People: For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.**

**All: And through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

## + HYMN 267

**Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

MADRID

## + PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Francie Murphy, liturgist

Jesus, we know you. You have been a presence at our bedside, a comfort in our grief, a partner in our joy. How could the glow of your presence fade from our memory so quickly? How could we sing your praises, and recite chapter and verse of your teachings, and not recognize you? Forgive us for looking into the eyes of our needing neighbor and failing to see you. Forgive us for passing you by as you sleep on the steps and cry out for milk. Forgive us for hurrying past any opportunity to help, to serve, to love, to care. We want to do better, oh God. With your help, our eyes will be opened.

## + MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

## + ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## + RESPONSE: HYMN 581

**Gloria Patri**

GREATOREX

Glorify 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.**

*As the congregation shares personal greetings, 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.*

## VILLAGE LIFE

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### Offering Ourselves to God

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#### OFFERTORY

*Mozart Allegro*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
arr. Dan Edwards  
Village Ringers  
Phyllis Graham, director

## + RESPONSE: HYMN 606

### Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*Cornerstone*

Shawn Kirchner  
Chancel Choir  
Soloists: Cole Tornberg and Elly Roseberry  
Trio: Twyla Arant, Calieanne Grossheim, Elly Roseberry  
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

#### THE WORD READ

Luke 24:13-35 (NT pg. 120)

Joan Osborne, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Did Our Hearts Not Burn?”

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

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### Responding to God's Word

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#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

+ HYMN 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Lord Jesus, Stay with Us*

Stephen Sturk

POSTLUDE

*The Emperor's Fanfare*

Antonio Soler  
arr. E. Power Biggs



The Deacon of the Day, Jennifer Berg-Wallish, can be found at the Welcome Table after service.

*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

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## Cornerstone

O the stone that the builders rejected  
became the cornerstone of a whole new world.

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A grain of wheat may be knocked to the ground  
and suffer through the winter's cold,  
only to rise right up again  
and bear its seed a thousandfold.

Never can our journey fail;  
a little child will lead the way,  
whose eyes are filled with a shining light,  
to whom the night is bright as day.

The love that rolls the stone away  
gives us life and that we may sing,  
“Grave where is thy victory?  
Death, O death, where is thy sting?”

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became the cornerstone of a whole new world.  
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became the cornerstone of a whole new world -  
the cornerstone of a whole new world.

## Lord Jesus, Stay with Us

Lord Jesus, stay with us,  
for evening is at hand and the day is past;  
be our companion in the way,  
kindle our hearts, and awaken hope,  
that we may know thee  
as thou art revealed in Scripture  
and the breaking of bread.  
Grant this for the sake of thy love.  
Amen.