



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

April 21, 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

Andante (from Organ Concerto in F Major)

G. F. Handel
arr. for solo organ by Walter E. Buszin
Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Matthew 28:16:20

Leader: The disciples gathered in the place Jesus had directed them

People: And so we gather in this place.

Leader: They came to worship him, but some doubted.

People: We come as believers and doubters; we come to worship our Lord.

Leader: Jesus instructed his disciples; he made his wishes and the will of God known.

People: And so we go into the world, making disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that Christ has commanded us to do.

All: We will remember that we are not alone - Christ is with us always, to the end of the age.

+ HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Peggy Stackle, liturgist

Lord, we are stubborn and doubtful people. We admit that we do not look for signs of where you have been and are slow to recognize your hand at work. Forgive us, Lord. You have equipped us with everything we need, even your Spirit that dwells within us, to be about our Father's business, and yet we hesitate, neglect, and ignore the opportunities to serve you in serving the world. Humble us, Lord, so we do not stumble over our pride or ego. We want to walk with certainty in the direction you bid us go. 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.

ANTHEM*A Love Round*arr. Nancy Gifford
Children's Choir
Calieanne Grossheim, director
Elise Cho, piano

*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.*

VILLAGE LIFE**Offering Ourselves to God****OFFERTORY***Adagio (For the Glass Harmonica)*W. A. Mozart
arr. E. Power Biggs**+ 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.

Receiving God's Word**ANTHEM***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*arr. Gilbert Martin
Chancel Choir
Juan Carlos Acosta, director**THE WORD READ**

Luke 24:36b-48 (NT pg. 121)

Tricia Zimmer, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

"Keeping an Open Mind"

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Responding to God's Word**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From The Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

arr. Leland Sateren

POSTLUDE

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God (Psalm 19)

Benedetto Marcello



The Deacon of the Day, Perry Colapinto, can be found at the Welcome Table after service.

If you desire prayer, prayer ministers are available after worship. Please inquire at the Welcome Table.

This service is being livestreamed.

The Village Church Pastoral & Program Staff

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The Rev. Janice Y. Cook, Interim Associate Pastor

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

A Love Round

Love, love, love, love,
Christians this is your call:
“Love your neighbor as yourself,
for God loves us all.”

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended,

O now be extended the fruits of our worship
in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.