



# Village Church

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FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

**June 30, 2024**

**10:00 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

*Simple Gifts*

arr. Jari A. Villanueva  
Seachange Brass Quintet

## WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

## CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 33

Leader: Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

**People: The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.**

Leader: From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth —  
he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.

**People: A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.  
The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.**

Leader: Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love

**People: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

## + HYMN 327

**From All That Dwell Below the Skies**

arr. Jeremy J. Bankson  
Suzanne Shick, organ

## + PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Francie Murphy, liturgist

God of all Peoples: You led your people to this land, and, out of conflict, created in us a love of peace and liberty. We have failed you by neglecting rights and restricting freedoms. Forgive pride that overlooks national wrong or justifies injustice. Forgive divisions caused by prejudice or greed. Have mercy, O God, on the heart of this land. Make us compassionate, fair, and helpful to each other. Raise up in us a right patriotism that sees and seeks this nation's good; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

## + MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

## + ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## + RESPONSE: HYMN 337

**My Country, 'Tis of Thee** (verses 1 & 4)

AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:  
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside let freedom ring.

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

## + 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

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elder Michael Dyer, assisting

Bella Juliette Powell, daughter of Tom & Katherine Powell

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## Offering Ourselves to God

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### OFFERTORY

*Meditation on "America"*

Janet Linker

### + RESPONSE: HYMN 338

**O Beautiful for Spacious Skies** (verses 1 & 3)

MATERNAL

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine 'til all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

### 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

*Battle Hymn of the Republic*

arr. Peter J. Wilhousky  
Chancel Choir  
Tony Cason (LTC, U.S. Army, Retired),  
guest conductor

### THE WORD READ

Matthew 5:13-16 (pg. NT 7)

Tricia Zimmer, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"A City on a Hill"

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

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## Responding to God's Word

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### + HYMN 331

**God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand**

NATIONAL HYMN

### + BENEDICTION

### + CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Go Forth for God (v.4)*

C. Winfred Douglas

The flowers in worship today are dedicated by Ursula Kuster, celebrating Independence & Deacon Sunday.



The Deacon of the Day, Don 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.

*As is our tradition, the offering today - a 5th Sunday - will benefit the Deacons Benevolence Fund.*

**Seachange Brass Quintet**

- Frank Glasson, trumpet
- Barry Perkins, trumpet
- Keith Popejoy, French horn
- Kyle Mendiguchia, trombone
- Aaron McCalla, tuba

*This service is being livestreamed.*

**The Village Church Pastoral & Program Staff**

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

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BIBLE OR HYMNAL  
DEDICATION**

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## **Battle Hymn of the Republic**

Mine eyes have seen the glory  
of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage  
where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning  
of His terrible swift sword:  
His truth is marching on (Gloria!)

Glory! Glory Hallelujah (Gloria!)  
Glory! Glory Hallelujah (Gloria! Gloria!)  
Glory! Glory Hallelujah (Gloria!)  
His truth is marching on!

I have seen him in the watch-fires  
of a hundred circling camps;  
(truth is marching, truth is marching)  
They have builded Him an altar  
in the evening dews and damps;  
(truth is marching, truth is marching)  
I can read His righteous sentence  
in the dim and flaring lamps,  
(truth is marching, truth is marching)  
His truth is marching on!  
(truth is marching, truth is marching)

Glory! Glory Hallelujah! Glory! Glory Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:  
As He died to make men holy,  
let us die to make men free,  
While God is marching on.

Glory! Glory Hallelujah! Glory! Glory Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!  
Amen! Amen!

## **Go Forth for God**

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,  
to serve God's people every day and hour,  
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,  
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.  
Amen.