



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

July 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

Air on the G String (from Suite No. 3)

J. S. Bach
arr. Gordon Phillips
Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Genesis 1

Leader: Our God created all things, things living and breathing, the stoneface majesty of the canyon, the refreshing waters, and the nourishing, verdant land.

People: God created all things and pronounced them good!

Leader: God created order out of chaos and light out of darkness.

People: God called us into being and made us stewards of all creation.

Leader: The earth and all that inhabits it is the responsibility of God's appointed stewards.

All: We are caretakers of creation, not slaves of tradition.

Praise to our Maker and our Redeemer; we will boldly love and enjoy all that has been given to us.

+ HYMN 744

Arise Your Light Has Come!

FESTAL SONG

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Margot Wallace, liturgist

Spirit that is good and pure, we are sorry when we pollute our minds and hearts with destructive and corrosive ideas and thoughts. Forgive us when we allow our fears and regrets to alienate us from You and your community. Help us, Lord, to feed our souls with your love and joy so that we might nourish our hearts by sharing all that you provide with the world. Encourage us to be less concerned with the outside and more attentive to the inside, so that your Spirit might have a worthy home in which to dwell. Amen.

+ MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 581

Gloria Patri

GREATORIX

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.

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.

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MOMENT FOR MISSION

Alliance for African Assistance
Walter Lam, President & CEO

ANTHEM

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach
Summer Choir
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

Offering Ourselves to God

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.

OFFERTORY

Lord, God of Abraham (from "Elijah")

Felix Mendelssohn
Malachi Marshall, baritone

+ 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.

Receiving God's Word

THE WORD READ

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (pg. NT 56)

Elder Jan Caldwell, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"They Came from Jerusalem"

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Responding to God's Word

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, the Holy Spirit everywhere, who is the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

God Be in My Head

John Rutter
Chancel Singers

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F major, BWV 556

J. S. Bach

The flowers in worship today are dedicated by Gena and Scott Wilson, in memory of Gena’s brother, Dan Darfler, to mark what would have been his 67th birthday, July 20th.



The Deacon of the Day, Brenda Meredith, 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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Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
holy wisdom, Love most bright,
drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring,
soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashion'd,
with the fire of life impassion'd,
striving still to Truth unknown,
soaring, dying round Thy throne.

Through the way where Hope is guiding,
hark, what peaceful music rings,
where the flock, in Thee confiding,
drink of joy from deathless springs.

Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure,
theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead Thine own
in the love of joys unknown.

Lord, God of Abraham (from "Elijah")

Draw near, all ye people, come to me!
Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,
This day let it be known that Thou art God,

And that I am Thy servant!

Lord God of Abraham!

Oh shew to all this people

That I have done these things according to Thy word.

Oh hear me, Lord, and answer me!

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,

Oh hear me and answer me,

And shew this people that Thou art Lord God.

And let their hearts again be turned!

God Be in My Head

God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking;
God be at my end and at my departing.