



# Village Church

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FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

**July 28, 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

*Marche en Rondeau (from the Te Deum)*

Marc-Antoine Charpentier  
Joseph Valent, guest organist

## WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 66:1-9

Leader: Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

**People: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.**

Leader: All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your Name.”

**People: Come now and see the works of God, how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.  
He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot,  
and there we rejoiced in him.**

Leader: In his might he rules forever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; let no rebel rise up against him.

**All: Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard;  
Who holds our souls in life and will not allow our feet to slip.**

## + HYMN 81

**Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**

AUSTRIAN HYMN

## + PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. In Jesus the Christ we pray. 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.*

## VILLAGE LIFE

### ANTHEM

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

Dan Forrest  
Summer Choir  
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

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## Offering Ourselves to God

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### 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

*I Can Only Imagine*

Bart Millard  
John-Paul Hunten, vocalist  
Teri Antti, piano

### + 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.

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## Receiving God's Word

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### THE WORD READ

John 14:1-7, Colossians 3:1-4 (pg. NT 144, 264)

Elder Bill Burch, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Can You Only Imagine?”

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

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## Responding to God's Word

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### + AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 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. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 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 363

#### **Rejoice, the Lord is King!**

DARWALL'S 148TH

+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*A Blessing to Service*

Joseph Martin  
Chancel Singers

**POSTLUDE**

*Allegro (“The Rejoicing” from Fireworks Music)*

George F. Handel

The flowers in worship today are given by Ursula Kuster in celebration of the musical gifts of Rob Pickard.



The Deacon of the Day, Ellen Rindell, 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**

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

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook, Interim Associate Pastor

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Phyllis Graham, Bell Choir Director

Nancy Betts, Director of Preschool Ministry

Calieanne Grossheim, Children’s Choir Director

Gretchen Scruggs, Director of Missions Ministry

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Ali Tonnesen, Director of Adult Ministry

Gustavo Coria, Facilities Manager



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BIBLE OR HYMNAL  
DEDICATION**

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## Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

### I Can Only Imagine

I can only imagine what it will be like  
when I walk by Your side;

I can only imagine what my eyes would see  
when Your face is before me - I can only imagine.

Surrounded by Your glory what will my heart feel?  
Will I dance for You Jesus or in awe of You be still?  
Will I stand in Your presence or to my knees, will I fall?

Will I sing hallelujah?

Will I be able to speak at all?

I can only imagine - I can only imagine.

I can only imagine when that day comes  
and I find myself standing in the Son;  
I can only imagine  
when all I will do is forever, forever worship You -

I can only imagine, yeah,

I can only imagine.

Surrounded by Your glory what will my heart feel?  
Will I dance for You Jesus or in awe of You be still?  
Will I stand in Your presence or to my knees, will I fall?

Will I sing hallelujah?

Will I be able to speak at all?

I can only imagine, yeah -

I can only imagine

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure,  
through a world that would deceive us,  
where to sin our hearts are lured.

Ever in His footsteps treading,  
living here yet home above,  
full of faith and hope and love,  
let us do our Father's bidding,  
faithful Lord, abide with me;  
Savior lead, I follow Thee.

Let us also die with Jesus,  
by His cross He conquered death,  
freed us from our souls' destruction,  
quicken us with life's new breath.

Let us mortify while living self and pride, and die to sin,  
and the grave that shuts us in  
shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here I die to Thee, there to dwell eternally.

Let us gladly live with Jesus, He is risen from the dead.  
Death is swallowed up in vict'ry,  
Jesus, Thou art now our head.

Living members of thy body,  
where Thou livest we shall be,  
thou wilt keep us constantly.  
Even so, dear Lord, come quickly,  
Jesus here I live to Thee, there to dwell eternally.

Let us ever walk with Jesus.

### A Blessing to Service

May the Lord bless and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you.

May the Lord be gracious unto you, be gracious unto you

May God grant you grace to remember that with hope, all things are possible, with faith your dreams can soar;

With love you touch the heart of God.

Now may God take your minds and think through them. May God take your lips and speak through them.

May God take your hands and work through them. May God take your hearts and set them on fire. Amen!