



# Village Church

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FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

**August 4, 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

Gabriel Arregui, guest organist

## WELCOME

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on II Corinthians 5:16-20

Leader: From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view.

**People: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!**

Leader: All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;

**People: In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.**

**All: So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.**

## + HYMN 317

**In Christ There is No East or West**

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## + PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ali Tonnesen, Director of Adult Ministry, liturgist

Seeing God, forgive us for our blindness. Compel us to open our eyes and take a long, loving look at those around us. Please help us shake off the blinders that have us pass by the beggar, the troubled, and the grieving as though we are strangers to their shame, need, and struggle. Remind us, Lord, of our own battles, disappointments, and tragedies so that we might find common ground with the most vulnerable. Show us how to engage with empathy and compassion for even the most disgusting among us, for they are fiercely loved and cherished by your divine heart. Help us to see you in the faces of all. Amen.

## + 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 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

*As Water to the Thirsty*

K. Lee Scott  
Summer Choir  
Calieanne Grossheim, guest conductor

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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

*The Call*

Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Emily Weinberg, mezzosoprano

### + RESPONSE: HYMN 606

### Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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 4:5-30, 39-42 (pg. NT 126)

Dee Silver, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Inside and Out”

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

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## Responding to God's Word

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### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*We are the body of Christ and individually members of it.*

*We share one bread and one cup in remembrance of the body and blood of Jesus that was given for us.*

Invitation

Words of Institution

Bread & Cup

Thanksgiving

*Our communion bread is gluten free, and grape juice is in the cup.*

### MUSICAL MEDITATION

### + HYMN 451

### Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

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Chancel Singers

**POSTLUDE**

The flowers in worship today are given by Twyla and Tom Arant in thanksgiving for 33 years of marriage.



The Deacon of the Day, Vicki Perry, 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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Nancy Betts, Director of Preschool Ministry

Calieanne Grossheim, Children's Choir Director

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Ali Tonnesen, Director of Adult Ministry

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## **As Water to the Thirsty**

As water to the thirsty, as beauty to the eyes,  
as strength that follows weakness, as truth instead of lies,  
as songtime and springtime and summertime to be,  
so is my Lord, my living Lord, so is my Lord to me.

Like calm in place of clamor, like peace that follows pain,  
like meeting after parting, like sunshine after rain,  
like moonlight and starlight and sunlight on the sea,  
so is my Lord, my living Lord, so is my Lord to me.

As sleep that follows fever, as gold instead of gray,  
as freedom after bondage, as sunrise to the day,  
as home to the traveler and all we long to see,  
so is my Lord, my living Lord, so is my Lord to me.

So is my Lord to me.

## **The Call**

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

## **Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son’s story;  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”