



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

September 8, 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

Aria

Flor Peeters
Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 40: 1-3

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,

Leader: And set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

People: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Leader: Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

All: Let us worship God!

+ HYMN 634

To God Be the Glory

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+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

God of mercy and truth, we seek your forgiveness for the sinful way we live. We are unworthy to be your children, unfit to be your servants. We are burdened with memories of things undone that ought to have been done, and of things done that ought not to have been done. Bring us afresh the healing and cleansing power of your Spirit, that we may lay hold of the salvation you offer and walk in newness of life, to the glory and praise of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 59

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

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Before singing the response, a soloist will introduce the melody.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning; great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
Great is your faithfulness.

+ 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

Offering Ourselves to God

OFFERTORY

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

Mark Hayes

+ 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

The Road Home

Stephen Paulus
Emily Weinberg, mezzo-soprano soloist
Calieanne Grossheim,
Assistant Director of Worship

THE WORD READ

Luke 15:11-32 (NT pg. 105)

Elder Francie Murphy, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“At Home in the Heart of God:
When a Child Runs Away”

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Responding to God's Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 6:1-4

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

+ HYMN 418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

Not One Sparrow Is Forgotten

William Hawley
Chancel Singers

POSTLUDE

Toccata Giocosa

Gilbert M. Martin



The flowers in worship today are given by Gretchen Scruggs
in memory of Chrysanthe Leser & Barbara Scruggs

The Deacon of the Day, Ursula Kuster, 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 Road Home

Tell me, where is the road
I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost,
So long ago?
All these years I have wandered,
Oh, when will I know
There's a way, there's a road
That will lead me home?

After wind, after rain,
When the dark is done.
As I wake from a dream
In the gold of day,
Through the air there's a calling
From far away,
There's a voice I can hear
That will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me,
Come away, is the call,
With the love in your heart
As the only song;
There is no such beauty
As where you belong:
Rise up, follow me,
I will lead you home.

Not One Sparrow Is Forgotten

Not one sparrow is forgotten,
E'en the raven God will feed;
And the lily of the valley
From His bounty hath its need.
Then shall I not trust Thee, Father,
In Thy mercy have a share?
And through faith and prayer, my Mother,
Merit Thy protecting care?