



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

September 22, 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

Sicilienne

Maria-Theresia von Paradis
Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 16:7-11

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

People: I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

People: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

All: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

+ HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Almighty God: Your eternal Spirit has spoken throughout the ages, telling of your righteousness and love, and calling your wayward children to turn to you. We come to you now, humbly to confess our sin and expectantly to receive your forgiveness. In Jesus, you have set us free to love instead of hate, to build up instead of tear down, to encourage instead of criticize, to be assured instead of afraid. Come to us again and deliver us from our judgmental ways. By your mercy, instill in us the ability to walk the pathways of your Kingdom and to welcome Jesus' reign in all we do. In Christ we pray. Amen.

+ MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 59

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

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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.

Offering Ourselves to God

OFFERTORY

Reverie on "How Firm a Foundation"

Janet Linker

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
 'till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
 as forward we travel from light into light.

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

Upon This Rock

John Ness Beck
Chancel Choir
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

THE WORD READ

Joshua 24:14-18 (OT pg. 286)

Suhail Khalil, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"At Home in the Heart of God:
Homes Don't Just Happen"

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Responding to God's Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

Carolyn Hamlin



The flowers in worship today are given in celebration of the marriage of
Cindy Araujo and David Metzger
on September 21, 2024.

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

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

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook, Interim Associate Pastor

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Suzanne Shick, Organist

Gustavo Coria, Facilities Manager



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BIBLE OR HYMNAL
DEDICATION

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Upon this rock I will build my church;
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven.
And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth
shall be bound in heaven.

And whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth
shall be loosed
in heaven.

Upon this rock I will build my church.

Who do men say I am,
and who do you say I am?
And Peter then answered and said,
“You are the Son of the Living God!
Thou art the Son of God!”

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and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the word;
From heav'n He came and sought her
to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Yet she on earth hath union
with Father, Spirit, Son.
And mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.

Amen.