

+ HYMN 136

Go Tell it on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Song of Simeon*

Juan Carlos Acosta

POSTLUDE

*Toccata on "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

Don Hustad



The Deacon of the Day, Carol Dykstra, 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.

*As is our tradition, the offering today - a 5th Sunday, will benefit the Deacons Benevolence Fund.*

*This service is being livestreamed.*

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# Village Church

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## FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

**December 29, 2024**

**10:30 AM**

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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

*Noel Polonais*

Alexander Guilmant  
Suzanne Shick, organ

### WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We know what time it is, how it is now the moment for us to wake from sleep.

**People: For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;**

Leader: the night is far gone, the day is near.

**People: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

### + HYMN 132

**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

IN DULCI JUBILO

### + PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Everlasting and Always Loving God: Long ago you sent your messengers to tell the Good News of your mercy and forgiveness, but still our ears refuse to hear, our eyes fail to see, and our hearts remain closed to you. We have ignored your wisdom and counsel regarding how we are to live; we have considered ourselves only and ignored the hurt of others; we have preferred instead to create our own truth. Sing to us again, Prince of Peace, in this holy season, that we may have still another chance to receive your gift of yourself, in your Son, and become messengers to others of your saving grace. In Christ, the Lord, we pray. Amen.

### + MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

### + ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### + RESPONSE: HYMN 145

**What Child Is This**

GREENSLEEVES

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

### + 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 may meet their Sunday School leaders at the back of Sanctuary. Youth 6th grade and older will gather in the Youth Room.*

## VILLAGE LIFE

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### Offering Ourselves to God

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### OFFERTORY

*I Wonder As I Wander*

John Jacob Niles  
Calieanne Grossheim, soprano

### + RESPONSE: HYMN 150

**As with Gladness Men of Old**

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As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

### 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.

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## Receiving God's Word

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### ANTHEM

*Do You Hear What I Hear?*

Harry Simeone  
Chancel Choir  
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

### THE WORD READ

Luke 2:25-32, 36-38 (NT pg. 79)

Joan Osborne, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Meeting Jesus for the First Time:  
The Senior Citizens”

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

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## Responding to God's Word

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### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now let us, your servants, depart in peace, according to your word, for our eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.



### **I Wonder as I Wander**

I wonder as I wander out under the sky  
How Jesus, the savior, had come for to die  
For poor on'ry people, like you and like I.

I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, t'was in a cow's stall  
With wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all,  
But high in God's heaven a star's light did fall,  
And the promise of ages, it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing  
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing  
Or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing  
He surely could have it, for he was the king!

### **Do You Hear What I Hear?**

Said the night wind to the little lamb,  
"Do you see what I see?  
Way up in the sky, little lamb,  
Do you see what I see?"

A star, a star, dancing in the night,  
with a tail as big as a kite."

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,  
"Do you hear what I hear?  
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,  
Do you hear what I hear?"

A song, a song high above the tree,  
with a voice as big as the sea."

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,  
"Do you know what I know?  
In your palace warm, mighty king,  
Do you know what I know?"

(cont'd)

A Child, a Child shivers in the cold,  
let us bring him silver and gold."

Said the king to the people everywhere,  
"Listen to what I say!  
Pray for peace, people everywhere!  
Listen to what I say!

The Child, the Child sleeping in the night,  
He will bring us goodness and light!  
Bring us light!"

### **The Song of Simeon**

Lord, lettest thou thy servant  
depart in peace according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation  
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A light, a light to lighten the gentiles  
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