



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

February 2, 2025

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

The Good Shepherd

Dom Paul Benoit
Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-13

Leader: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

People: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God!

+ HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

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+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken: we confess that we have failed to fulfill your will for us. We betray our neighbors and desert our friends, and run in fear when we should be loyal. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. God, have mercy on us, weak and willful people. Lead us once more to your table, and, once more, unite us to Christ, who is bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace, to whom be praise forever. 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 may 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

Fidelis Servus

Dom Paul Benoit
Suzanne Shick, organ

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 658

God Is So Good

GOD IS SO GOOD

God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to me.
God cares for me; God cares for me; God cares for me; God's so good to me.

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

If I Can Help Somebody

André Thomas
Calieanne Grossheim and Emily Weinberg, soloists
Chancel Choir
Juan Carlos Acosta, conductor

THE WORD READ

Joshua 2:1-15 (OT pg. 258)
Hebrews 11:31(OT pg. 300)

Tricia Zimmer, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Loving Our Neighbors:
Where Fences Are No More"

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Responding to God's Word

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Love Bade Me Welcome

Ralph Vaughan Williams
Cole Tornberg, tenor

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

O Christ Surround Me

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

POSTLUDE

Fantasy on Hyfrydol
(Love Divine, All Loves Excelling)

Mark Thallander



The Deacon of the Day, Jennifer Berg-Wallish, 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
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Phyllis Graham, Bell Choir Director
Suzanne Shick, Organist



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BIBLE OR HYMNAL
DEDICATION

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TO GIVE ONLINE



If I Can Help Somebody

If I can help somebody as I pass along,
if I can cheer somebody with a word or song,
if I can show somebody he is traveling wrong;
Then my living shall not be in vain.

If I can do my duty as a Christian ought;
if I can bring back beauty to a world upwrought;
if I can spread Love's message that the master taught;
Then my living shall not be in vain

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Love Bade Me Welcome

Love bade me welcome;
yet my soul drew back, guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in, drew nearer to me,
sweetly questioning f I lack'd anything.

"A guest," I answer'd, "worthy to be here:"
Love said, "You shall be he."
"I, the unkind, ungrateful?
Ah, my dear, I cannot look on Thee."

Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
"Who made the eyes but I?"
"Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them:
let my shame go where it doth deserve."

"And know you not," says Love,
"Who bore the blame?"
"My dear, then I will serve."
"You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my meat."
So I did sit and eat.

O Christ Surround Me

God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ surround me;
O Christ surround me.