



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

February 16, 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

Arioso

J. S. Bach
Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:49, 50, 54, 55

Leader: Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope.

People: This is my comfort in my distress, that your promise gives me life.

Leader: Your statutes have been my songs wherever I make my home.

People: I remember your name in the night, O Lord, and keep your law.

Leader: Let us worship the Living God!

+ HYMN 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Holy God, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our fellow men and women, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have belittled your love, and betrayed your trust. We are sorry and ashamed, and we repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

+ MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 581

Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

Glory 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 may 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 ANTHEM*We Are Called*Becki Slagle Mayo
Youth Choir and Choral Scholars
Calieanne Grossheim, conductor**+ 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 Stranger's Guise*Karen Marriolli
Tiffany Deal, violin
Chancel Choir**THE WORD READ**

Matthew 5:43-48 (NT pg. 9)

Katherine Powell, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

“Loving Our Neighbors:
But What About Our Enemies?”

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Responding to God's Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

1 John 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

+ HYMN 693**Though I May Speak**

GIFT OF LOVE

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

Love Round

Traditional

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley



The Deacon of the Day, Bob Heintz, 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.

*The flowers in worship today are given by Kathleen Loftman,
in honor of her husband and Valentine, Russell Loftman*

This service is being livestreamed.

The Village Church Pastoral & Program Staff

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We Are Called

Arise, arise, O church of God!
We are called to be God's people,
going forth in love and grace.
We are called to shine in darkness
as we journey from this place.

Arise, arise, O church of God!
We are called to serve each other,
called to be God's hands and feet.
We are called to show compassion,
sharing Christ with all we meet.

We are called to love our neighbor,
called to help a world in need.
We are called to be disciples,
sharing Christ in word and deed.

Arise, arise, O church of God,
proclaim in one accord
The story of redeeming love,
the message of our Lord.

We are called to be God's people,
going forth in love and grace.
We are called to shine in darkness
as we journey from this place.

Arise, arise, O church of God!

The Stranger's Guise

We saw a stranger,
we saw a stranger yesterday.
We put food in the eating place,
drink in the drinking place,
music in the listening place.

And with the sacred name of the Triune God,
he blessed us and our house,
and our cattle, and our dear ones.

As the lark says in her song:
"Often goes the Christ in the stranger's guise."

Love Round

Love, love, love, love.
Christians, this is your call.
Love your neighbor as yourself,
for God loved us all.