



# Village Church

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FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

**February 23, 2025**

**10:30 AM**

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

*In Heavenly Love Abiding*

Carolyn Hamlin  
Suzanne Shick, organ

## WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

## CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Chronicles 16:31-34

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,  
and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

**People: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!**

Leader: Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

**People: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

## + HYMN 611

**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

HYMN TO JOY

## + PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

O Loving God, though we do not deserve your care, still we believe that you hear and answer our prayers. So, hear us now as we confess our sin to you. We are timid and afraid and do not always follow where you lead. We are preoccupied and blind and do not always see signs of your presence and power. We are self-centered and proud and do not always welcome those whom you include in your plan of salvation for all. Help us, Renewing God, to let your light shine in the dark places within us, that we might know the joy of salvation and then share it freely with others. In Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

## + MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

## + ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## + RESPONSE: HYMN 829

**My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

OLIVET

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;

O let me from this day be wholly thine!

## + 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.*

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## Offering Ourselves to God

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**OFFERTORY**

*In The Love of Christ Jesus (Ubi Caritas et Amor)*

Dom Paul Benoit

+ **RESPONSE: HYMN 647**

**Give Thanks**

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.  
And now let the weak say, "We are strong";  
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
Give thanks, give thanks.

### 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**

*Love Never Fails*

J.A.C. Redford  
Melissa Chu, cello  
Chancel Choir  
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

**THE WORD READ**

I Corinthians 13:1-13 (NT pg. 228)

Margot Wallace, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

"Loving Our Neighbors:  
What Love Is and Does"

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

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## Responding to God's Word

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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

1 John 5:1-5

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

+ **HYMN 753**

**Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Go Now In Peace*

Don Besig

**POSTLUDE**

*Agincourt Hymn (O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High)*

E. Power Biggs



The Deacon of the Day, Victor Olley, 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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## **Love Never Fails**

If I speak in the tongues of men  
and of angels but have not love,  
I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

If I have the gift of prophecy  
and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge,  
And if I have a faith that can move mountains,  
but have not love, I am nothing.

If I give all I possess to the poor  
and surrender my body to the flames,  
but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind,  
Love leaves envy far behind.  
Never boastful, proud or rude,  
Love rejoices with the truth.

Slow to anger, stores no wrongs,  
Love will never seek its own.  
Love does not delight in sin.

It bears all things, believes all things,  
Love hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails

## **Go Now In Peace**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.  
Know he will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.