



# Village Church

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FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

**March 16, 2025**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**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

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

Wilbur Held

Suzanne Shick, organ

## WELCOME

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Isaiah 6: 3-9

Leader: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

**People: And I said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a person of unclean lips,  
and we live among people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"**

Leader: Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."

**People: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"**

**All: And I said, "Here am I; send me!"**

Leader: And the Lord said, "Go and bring my message to the people."

## + HYMN 69

**I, the Lord of the Sea and Sky**

HERE I AM

## + PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Lord, you have tenderly called us. Why are we afraid? Forgive us. You promised that your burden is easy and your yoke is light. Why do we hesitate and make excuses? We repent; we want to change. You have provided us with a counselor, a comforter, a source of wisdom and a well of direction. Why do we continue to flounder as though blind and lost? Remind us, compel us, burn it on our hearts Oh God, your way is the way to freedom, life and joy. You are the only way, have mercy on us dear Savior.

## + 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.**

**ANTHEM**

*Listening for the Call*

Allen Pote  
Village Children's Choir  
Calieanne Grossheim, director  
Elise Cho, accompanist

*Following the anthem, 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.*

**VILLAGE LIFE**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

Marie Haigh, Grace Presbyterian Church

**RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Emily Whitman

Elder Michael Dyer, assisting

**Offering Ourselves to God**

**OFFERTORY**

*The Lord is My Light*

Frances Allitsen  
Cole Tornberg, tenor

**+ 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 Call*

Z. Randall Stroope  
Chancel Choir  
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

**THE WORD READ**

Luke 10:1-11 (NT pg. 95)

Dee Silver, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

"Jesus Christ: Head of the Church -  
His Calling to Us"

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

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# Responding to God's Word

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## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

+ HYMN 726

**Will You Come and Follow Me**

KELVINGROVE

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Go Now in Peace*

Don Besig

POSTLUDE

*Lift High The Cross*

Carolyn Hamlin

The Deacon of the Day, Jane 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.

*This service is being livestreamed.*

### The Village Church Pastoral & Program Staff

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca, Senior Pastor  
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## **Listening for the Call**

Listen, listen, listen, listen, listen.

God is calling us each by name

To follow, follow, follow, follow, follow.

Follow the Lord and light the flame.

Hearing the call I will answer - "YES!"

I will serve with all my heart.

With God's help I will try my best, to always do my part.

I will use the gifts God has given me,

whether they be great or small.

I will touch the lives of others

by standing straight and tall.

Who will be a witness? I will be a witness.

Making a difference in the way I live,

And the good in the world with increase.

Follow the Lord and be a witness in God's name!

YES!

## **The Call**

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

Such a Life, such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Light, as shows a feast:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:

Such a Strength, such a strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart as joys in love.

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life.

## **The Lord is my Light**

The Lord is my light,

My light and my salvation,

Whom, then, shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life;

Of whom then, shall I be afraid?

Though an host of men were laid against me,

Yet shall not my heart be afraid;

And though there rose up war against me,

Yet will I put my trust in Him.

For, in the time of trouble,

He shall hide me in His tabernacle,

Yea, in the secret places of

His dwelling shall He hide me,

And set me upon a rock of stone.

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## **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.