



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Adagio (from Organ Symphony)

Camille Saint-Saëns
Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

CALL TO WORSHIP

Excerpts from Isaiah 41, Joshua 1

Leader: Listen to me in silence, O coastlands; let the peoples renew their strength; let them approach, then let them speak; let us together draw near for judgment.

People: We have nothing to fear, for you are with us.

Leader: I have chosen you and not cast you off.

People: We will not fear for You are our God.

Leader: When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst.

People: Our God will strengthen us, God will help us, we will be upheld with God's victorious right hand. We will not thirst and we will quench our neighbor's thirst.

Leader: The Lord commands us: "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

All: We have nothing to fear, we will go out with courage, for God is with us and we worship him in this place!

+ HYMN 177

I Will Come to You

YOU ARE MINE

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Francie Murphy, liturgist

Lord, you are our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer. You have authority over all the worlds that have ever been. Forgive us when we allow our fears, our disappointments and our brokenness to minimize your power in our lives. Remind us that you have claimed us as your own. We pray for your mercy and compassion on our small mindedness, our petty objections and judgmental attitudes towards others. We pray that you will continue your good work in us and that we will be transformed into your perfect likeness. And we humbly pray for the courage such an enterprise requires.

+ MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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 will 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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MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Nicola Kelly, Clerk of Session

Offering Ourselves to God

OFFERTORY

Inscription of Hope

Z. Randall Stroope
Chancel Choir
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

+ **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

I Believe This is Jesus

Undine Smith Moore
Cole Tornberg, tenor

THE WORD READ

John 16:29-33 (NT pg. 147)
I Peter 1:3-9 (NT pg. 309)

Bob Dauner, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Jesus Christ: Head of the Church -
His Hope Within Us”

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Responding to God's Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Excerpt from The Brief Statement of Faith PCUSA

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

+ HYMN 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

Peace I Leave With You

Amy Beach

POSTLUDE

Psalm 18: "I Will Praise Thee, O Lord, My Strength"

Benedetto Marcello

The Deacon of the Day, Perry Colapinto, 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
Mary Thibodeau, Executive Administrator
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Christine Hecker, Director of Youth Ministry
Michelle Yuen, Director of Children's Ministry
Nancy Betts, Director of Preschool Ministry
Gretchen Scruggs, Director of Missions Ministry
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Matt LaFond, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Barbara Haran, Contemporary Worship Team Leader
Phyllis Graham, Bell Choir Director
Suzanne Shick, Organist



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BIBLE OR HYMNAL
DEDICATION

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Inscription of Hope

I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining.
I believe in love, even when there's no one there.

I believe in God, even when He is silent.

I believe through any trial there is always a way.

But sometimes, in this suffering, and hopeless despair,
My heart cries for shelter, to know someone's there.
But a voice rises within me, saying "Hold on, my child".
I'll give you strength, I'll give you hope,
just stay a little while.

May there someday be sunshine,
may there someday be happiness.

May there someday be love,
may there someday be peace.

I Believe This is Jesus

I believe this is Jesus,
Come and see, come and see.

I believe this is Jesus,
Come and see, come and see.

The Light of God shines in his face.
Oh, come and see! Come and see!
He offers all his pard'ning grace,
Come and see, come and see.

Come and see, come and see.
Come and see, oh my Lord!

I believe this is Jesus,
Come and see, come and see.

Peace I Leave With You

Peace I leave with you,
I leave with you my peace,
I give unto you.

Not as the world giveth
Give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled.