



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

August 24, 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

Forgive Our Sins, As We Forgive

arr. Rick Deasley
Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 51:1-2, 6-12

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Leader: You desire truth in the inward being, therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

People: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Leader: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.

+ HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jan Caldwell, liturgist

Lord, we come to you with humble hearts, asking for your forgiveness. We recognize that even though you are our liberator, we sometimes allow ourselves to be bound by old habits and attitudes. You were born to walk beside us, guiding us toward peace with you and with our neighbors. Yet, in moments of weakness, we find ourselves clinging to resentments and grudges against your children. We ask for your help, Lord, as you are the source of all healing and transformation. Without you we are lost and overwhelmed. Please guide us on our journey toward a more compassionate and loving existence, a life that reflects you.

+ MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 695

Change My Heart, O God

CHANGE MY HEART

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the Potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

+ 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Greg Anglea, Homeless Veterans Initiative

ANTHEM

Zion

Shawn Kirchner
Summer Choir

Cole Tornberg, soloist
Shawn Kirchner, piano
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

Offering Ourselves to God

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.

OFFERTORY

Agnus Dei

Shawn Kirchner
Section Leaders

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 697

Take My Life

HENDON

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Receiving God's Word

THE WORD READ

Isaiah 58:1-14 (OT pg. 848)

Tricia Zimmer, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"If You Do These Things"

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Responding to God's Word

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

+ HYMN 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

Let the Loving Guides be your guides

Shawn Kirchner
Chancel Singers

POSTLUDE

Toccata

David Hegarty



The Deacon of the Day, Ursula Kuster, 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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Zion

There is a river whose streams flow forth
from Zion, the city of God.

There is a river whose streams flow forth
from Zion, the city of God.

The trees of Life grow upon its banks,
Whose leaves bring the healing of the nation.

There is a river whose streams flow forth
from Zion, the city of God.

Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion.
Zion, beautiful city of God.

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy,
Jesus, bearer of our sin, have mercy, have mercy.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.
Amen.

Let the Loving Guides be your guides

Let the Loving Guides be your guides,
let the Tender Ones lead you by the hand.

So many roads in this wide world;
let the Loving Guides be your guides,

So easy to carry stones of anger,
So easy to carry stones of anger,

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let the Tender Ones lead you by the hand.