



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

September 7, 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

God's Time Is The Best

J. S. Bach
arr. E. Power Biggs
Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 37:1-6, 27-28

Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

**People: Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.
He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

**People: Depart from evil, and do good; so you shall abide forever.
For the Lord loves justice; he will not forsake his faithful ones.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

+ HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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.*

Offering Ourselves to God

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

arr. Ovid Young
Cole Tornberg, tenor
Bill Bell, bass

+ 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 Avowal

Shawn Kirchner
Chancel Choir
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

THE WORD READ

Genesis 12:1-3 (OT pg. 15)
Jeremiah 29:1-2, 3b-7 (OT pg. 912), Matthew 5:13-16 (NT pg.7)

Bill Burch, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED "Planting, Watering, Fertilizing, and Growing Christians" The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Responding to God's Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

We share one bread and one cup in remembrance of the body and blood of Jesus that was given for us.

Invitation Words of Institution Bread & Cup Thanksgiving

Our communion bread is gluten free, and grape juice is in the cup.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Day by Day
Have Thine Own Way, Lord

arr. Tom Birchwood
arr. Diane Bish

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

A Blessing of Grace

Joseph Martin

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Leoni" (The God of Abraham Praise)

Gordon Young



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
 Mary Thibodeau, Executive Administrator
 Adrian Narlock, Director of Media Ministry
 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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The Rev. Janice Y. Cook, Executive Associate Pastor
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 Phyllis Graham, Bell Choir Director
 Suzanne Shick, Organist
 Gustavo Coria, Facilities Manager



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BIBLE OR HYMNAL
DEDICATION

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Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.
Amen! Amen! Amen!

The Avowal

As swimmers dare to lie face to the sky
and water bears them,
as hawks rest upon air, and air sustains them,
so may I learn to attain freefall,
and float into Creator surrounding grace.
Spirit's deep embrace,
knowing no effort earns
that all surrounding grace,
surrounding grace.

A Blessing of Grace

Grow in the grace and knowledge of the Savior,
learn of the Lord, and know His ways.
Sing the wondrous story, tell of all His glory,
for Christ is worthy of all praise.
Grow in His love, and let His peace surround you,
Let His light astound you every day.
Know He walks beside us, like a shepherd guides us,
He guides our journey all the way.
Grow in grace, grow in love.
Let the light of Christ shine through you every day.
Grow in grace, grow in love.
Give your heart and life to Jesus, grow in grace.