



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

September 14, 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

Nimrod (from Enigma Variations)

Edward Elgar
Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119: 97-105

Leader: Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

People: Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

Leader: I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

People: I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

Leader: I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

People: I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

Leader: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

People: Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

All: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

+ HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Merciful God, you made us in your image with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness; yet you are slow to be angry with your children. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, do not hold our sins against us, but in your tender love, forgive. And then, fill us with your Spirit, that we may follow you into abundant life. 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.

VILLAGE LIFE

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Carolyn Ainsley, Austin Robert,
and Landon Scott Deitch,
children of Amy and Michael Deitch.*

Elder Nicola Kelly, assisting

Offering Ourselves to God

OFFERTORY

Flute Solo

Thomas Arne

+ 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

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

Music by Juan Carlos Acosta
Text by Thomas Troeger
Chancel Choir
Elise Cho, piano
Suzanne Shick, organ
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

THE WORD READ

Psalm 1 (OT pg. 635), Romans 12:1-2 (NT pg. 211)

Joan Osborne, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Spiritual Intelligence"

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Responding to God's Word

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 11:33-36

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

God Be in My Head

Henry Walford Davies

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley



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.

*The flowers in worship today are given by Alan and Hanna Goodman
in remembrance of their deceased spouses, Corinne Goodman and Jon Shook, who died in 2010.*

This service is being livestreamed.

The Village Church Pastoral & Program Staff

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DEDICATION

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Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

Praise the source of faith and learning
Who has sparked and stoked the mind
 With a passion for discerning
How the world has been designed.

Let the sense of wonder flowing
 From the wonders we survey
Keep our faith forever growing
 And renew our need to pray.

God of wisdom, we acknowledge,
 That our science and our art
And the breadth of human knowledge
 Only partial truth impart.

Far beyond our calculation
 Lies a depth we cannot sound
Where your purpose for creation
 And the pulse of life are found.

May our faith redeem the blunder
 Of believing that our thought
Has displaced the grounds for wonder
 Which the ancient prophets taught.

May our learning curb the error
Which unthinking faith can breed
 Lest we justify some terror
 With an antiquated creed.

As two currents in a river
 Fight each other's undertow

Till converging they deliver one coherent steady flow,

Blend, O God, our faith and learning

 Till they carve a single course

 While they join as one returning

Praise and thanks to You their source.

God Be In My Head

God be in my head,
And in my understanding;

God be in mine eyes,
And in my looking;

God be in my mouth,
And in my speaking;

God be in my heart,
And in my thinking;

God be at mine end,
And at my departing.