



# Village Church

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FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

**October 19, 2025**

**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

*Come, All Christians, Be Committed*

arr. Roger Wischmeier  
Suzanne Shick, organ

## WELCOME

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

**People: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

**People: Give thanks to him; bless his name.**

**All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.**

## + HYMN 716

**God Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

BEACH SPRING

## + PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Generous God, you lavish us with every good gift. You equip us with every needed tool, to live a life worthy of your call. You declare life as abundant and overflowing with your provision. Forgive us for sharing only stingily measured small portions of what you provide. Forgive us when we hoard and hide and ration out what we are willing to give of ourselves. Help us, Lord! Help us to let go of our rigid accounting and be free to bless in your name.

## + 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.*

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MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Fernando Landa

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

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## Offering Ourselves to God

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OFFERTORY

*Saint Richards Prayer*

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange  
Youth Choir  
Choral Scholars  
Section Leaders  
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 708

**We Give Thee but Thine Own**

SCHUMANN

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

## 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.

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## Receiving God's Word

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ANTHEM

*St. Patrick's Breastplate*

Charles Villiers Stanford  
Chancel Choir

THE WORD READ

II Corinthians 8:1-15 (NT pg. 238)

Dee Silver, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Generous Followers of a Generous Lord"

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

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## Responding to God's Word

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+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

2 Corinthians 8: 7, 9 12-15

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. For I do not mean that there should be relief for others and hardship for you, but it is a question of equality between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may also supply your need, in order that there may be equality. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

*O Christ, Surround Me*

arr. Jaco Sta

POSTLUDE

*Go Forth in Faith*

Franklin Ritter



The Deacon of the Day, Penny Cox, 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 pulpit flowers in worship are from the celebration of life of Todd Neal.*

*The baptismal font arrangement is in memory of Trevor Geoffrey Dennis, beloved son and brother.*

*This service is being livestreamed.*

**The Village Church Pastoral & Program Staff**

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BIBLE OR HYMNAL  
DEDICATION

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### **St. Patrick's Breastplate**

I bind unto myself today the strong Name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same, the Three in One  
and One in Three.

I bind this day to me forever,  
by power of faith, Christ's incarnation;  
his baptism in Jordan river;  
his death on Cross for my salvation;  
his bursting from the spiced tomb;  
his riding up the heavenly way;  
his coming at the day of doom;  
I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself the power  
of the great love of cherubim;  
the sweet 'Well done' in judgment hour;  
the service of the seraphim.  
Confessors' faith, Apostles' word,  
the Patriarchs' prayers, the prophets' scrolls,  
all good deeds done unto the Lord,  
and purity of virgin souls.

I bind unto myself today  
the virtues of the star lit heaven,  
the glorious sun's life giving ray,  
the whiteness of the moon at even,  
the flashing of the lightning free,  
the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,  
the stable earth, the deep salt sea  
around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today  
The power of God to hold and lead,  
his eye to watch, His might to stay,  
his ear to hearken to my need.  
praise to the Lord of my salvation,

the wisdom of my God to teach,  
his hand to guide, His shield to ward;  
the word of God to give me speech,  
his heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name,  
the strong Name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same,  
the Three in One and One in Three.  
By Whom all nature hath creation,  
eternal Father, Spirit, Word:  
salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.

### **St. Richard's Prayer**

Thanks be to thee,  
Lord Jesus Christ for all the benefits  
which thou has won for us;  
Thanks be to thee, Lord Jesus Christ,  
For all the pains and insults thou hast borne for us;  
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,  
Saviour, hear our prayer:  
may we know thee more clearly,  
may we love thee more dearly,  
And follow thee more nearly, day by day.  
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