



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

November 9, 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

Arabesque No. 1

Claude Debussy
Suzanne Shick, piano

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 25, selected verses

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

People: Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

Leader: For you are the God of my salvation,

People: For you I wait all day long.

Leader: Let us worship God!

+ HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. In Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

+ MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 188

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus love me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

+ 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

Offering Ourselves to God

OFFERTORY

Here I Am, Lord

Sandra Eithun
Village Ringers
Phyllis Graham, director

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!

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

Take Up Your Cross

Thomas Keeseecker
Chancel Choir
Calieanne Grossheim, conductor

THE WORD READ

Matthew 16:24-26 (NT pg. 26)

Jan Caldwell, lay reader

I Timothy 6:11-16 (NT pg. 278)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Leading Like Jesus"

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Responding to God's Word

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

O Christ Surround Me

Jaco Sta

POSTLUDE

Lead On, Oh King Eternal

Robert W. Thygeron



*The flowers in worship today are given by Helen Harter,
in memory of her husband George on their 79th anniversary.*

The Deacon of the Day, Duke Johnson, 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.

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Take Up Your Cross

"Take up your cross," the Savior said,
"if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me."

Take up your cross;
let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart and nerve your arm."

Take up your cross;
Heed not the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still;
the Lord for you accepted death
upon a cross on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Take up your cross and follow Christ.

O Christ Surround Me

God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the strength to move my voice;
God be the strength to now uphold me;
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me