



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

Thanksgiving Sunday

November 23, 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

Simple Gifts

Aaron Copland
Seachange Brass Quintet

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 113:1-4

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and for evermore.

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

People: The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Leader: Let us worship the living God!

+ HYMN 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Almighty God: In love you made us and the world in which we live. You sustain our lives in every moment by your redeeming power. Yet we fail to acknowledge your attention. We abuse your good gifts of creation. We focus on the little we do not have and are blind to the much that fills our lives every day. We expend our energy trying to get for ourselves rather than give for the good of others. But still you are generous with your love and extravagant with your forgiveness. Heal us and set us free from our self-worship, that we might find our true freedom in following you, and then make us again into worthy servants who work with you in healing your whole creation. In Christ we pray. Amen.

+ MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 336

We Gather Together

KREMSEER

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing, Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

+ 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

Shall We Gather At The River?

arr. Gordon Young

+ **RESPONSE: HYMN 36**

For the Fruit of All Creation

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For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping;
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be 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.

Receiving God's Word

ANTHEM

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland
Chancel Choir
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

THE WORD READ

Matthew 4:23–5:16 (NT pg. 7)

Margot Wallace, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“The Hope of Our Gospel”

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Responding to God's Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from Ephesians 1:3-4, 8-10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. For by grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

+ HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

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+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Leland Sateran

POSTLUDE

Let All Things Now Living

arr. Rick Deasley



The Seachange Brass Quintet

Frank Glasson, trumpet
Christopher Smith, trumpet
Keith Popejoy, French horn
Kyle Mendiguchia, trombone
Aaron McCalla, tuba

*The flowers in worship today are given by the McAndrew family
in memory of Atwood "Woody" McAndrew Jr. on the second anniversary of his passing.*

The Deacon of the Day, Tom Powell, 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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The Rev. Janice Y. Cook, Executive Associate Pastor

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Zion's Walls

Come fathers and mothers,
Come sisters and brothers,
Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.

O fathers don't you feel determined
To meet within the walls of Zion.
We'll shout and go round, shout and go round,
shout and go round, shout and go round, shout!
The walls of Zion!

ANTHEM NOTES

Referred to by his peers as "the Dean of American Music", Aaron Copland has long been thought of as the quintessential American voice in classical music. This early American Revivalist hymn appears in Copland's opera *The Tenderland* with the following lyrics: "The promise of living with hope and thanksgiving is born of our loving our friends and our labor", harkening back to a simpler time. Both the original lyrics sung today and those in the opera give a glimpse of the reward in heaven referenced in today's scripture reading.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended, O now be extended
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.