



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

January 4, 2026

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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

arr. Andrew Fellows
Amber Dahlberg, guest organist

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 141:1-3 (adapted)

Leader: We call upon you, O Lord; come quickly to us;

People: Give ear to our voice when we call to you.

Leader: Let our prayer be counted as incense before you,

People: and the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice.

Leader: Set a guard over our mouths, O Lord;

People: Keep watch over the doors of our lips.

Leader: Let us worship God!

+ HYMN 472

Kum ba Yah

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+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

God of forgiveness and mercy, hear our prayer as we confess our sin. With moments so critical we let time go by. With deliverance so near we linger in the darkness. With Christ as our armor, we yet fear the unknown foe. With the night having passed, we still hesitate to greet the new day. O God, lead us forth, that we may meet the moment you graciously give us. Dispel the shadows, so that your will may be clear. Clothed with light and new life in Christ, let us go forth as those awake to your will. In Jesus we pray. 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

The Prayer

Carole Bayer Sager and David Foster
Calieanne Grossheim and Cole Tornberg, soloists

+ **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

Abana

Greg Scheer
Chancel Choir
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

THE WORD READ

Psalm 17:1-7 (OT pg. 643)
Matthew 6:5-15 (NT pg. 9)

Twyla Arant, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Since You Asked: Thoughts on Prayer"

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

How Great Thou Art
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Victor Labenske
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+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

God Be In My Head

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

Hymn to Joy

arr. Albert L. Travis



The Deacon of the Day, Alyce Ashcraft, 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

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook, Executive Associate Pastor

Mary Thibodeau, Executive Administrator

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Juan Carlos Acosta, Director of Worship Ministry

Calieanne Grossheim, Asst. Director of Worship Ministry

Twyla Arant, Music Ministries Coordinator

Barbara Haran, Contemporary Worship Team Leader

Phyllis Graham, Bell Choir Director

Suzanne Shick, Organist

Francesca Ngo, Public Relations Coordinator



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BIBLE OR HYMNAL
DEDICATION**

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The Prayer

I pray you'll be our eyes, and watch us where we go,
and help us to be wise in times when we don't know.

Let this be our prayer, when we lose our way.

Lead us to a place, guide us with your grace
to a place where we'll be safe.

La luce che tu dai (I pray we'll find your light)
nel cuore restera (and hold it in our hearts)
a ricordarci che (when stars go out each night),
l'eterna stella sei.

Nella mia preghiera (let this be our prayer)
quanta fede c'e (when shadows fill our day)

Lead us to a place, guide us with your grace.

Give us faith so we'll be safe.

Sognamo un mondo senza piu violenza,
un mondo di giustizia e disperanza
ognuno dia la mano al suo vicino,
simbolo di pace, di fraternita.

La forza che ci dai (we ask that life be kind)
e il desiderio che (and watch us from above).
ognuno trovia amore (We hope each soul will find)

intorno e dentro se (another soul to love).

Let this be our prayer, just like every child.

Need to find a place, guide us with your grace.

Give us faith so we'll be safe.

El sento che ci salvera.

Abana

Abana in heaven, hallowed be your holy name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done,
in all the earth as in heav'n.

And give to us, give us this day our daily bread,

O Lord, we pray.

Forgive our sins as we forgive those
who have sinned against us.

And save us in time of trial. Deliver us from evil.

Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory now and ever.

Abana in heaven.

Amin.

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 in my departing.