



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

February 15, 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

Nearer, My God, to Thee

arr. Diane Bish
Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 103

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader: As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

People: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

Leader: The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

People: Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers who do his will.

Leader: Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

+ HYMN 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

LYONS

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Eternal light, you breathe us into being and provide us with enough light for every next step. Forgive us when we act lost and afraid. Forgive us when our memory of your love is dim and neglected. And forgive us, O God, when we rejoice and praise your grace and forgiveness and withhold the same from our neighbor. Your promises are true. Help us share the truth with the world and let us fear no more for you are with us.

+ 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

In Paradisum (from Requiem)

Gabriel Fauré, arr. Marcel Dupré

+ 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

Through Love to Light

Elaine Hagenberg
Chancel Choir
Calieanne Grossheim, conductor

THE WORD READ

John 3:1-16 (NT pg. 125)
Romans 14:7-12 (NT pg. 212)

Peggy Stackle, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Since You Asked: Thoughts on Heaven and Hell"

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Responding to God's Word

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

We Won't Leave Here Like We Came

arr. Brandon Waddles

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

Andre Campra, arr. Diane Bish



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.

We invite our first time visitors to stop by the Welcome Table on the Patio across from the main entrance to the sanctuary to receive their special welcome gift and packet.

We're glad you're here!

This service is being livestreamed.

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Through Love to Light

Through love to light!

Oh wonderful the way that leads
from darkness to the perfect day!

From darkness and from sorrow of the night,
to morning that comes singing o'er the sea.

Through love to light!

Through light, O God, to thee,
Who art the love of love, the eternal light of light!

We Won't Leave Here Like We Came

We won't leave here like we came in Jesus' name.

Bound, oppressed, afflicted, sick or lame.

For the Spirit of the Lord is still the same.

We won't leave here like we came in Jesus' name.

Anthem Notes

Through Love to Light felt like a good fit for
a sermon tackling the concepts of heaven and hell.

*When picturing the glory of heaven, many of us
envision a place of great light and joy; a new morning
where the darkness and pain of earth can
no longer reach us. The way we come to this place
is through the eternal light and love of God.*