



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

March 15, 2026

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

A Celtic Set for Lent

Thomas Keesecker
Juan Carlos Acosta, piano

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 63:1-4

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

People: My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

People: So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

Leader: Let us worship God.

+ HYMN 801

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

CRIMOND

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus Christ was like us in all things, tempted as we are, yet without sin. We, who know our frailty, yet share his flesh and blood, ask that the mind of Christ may be in us. In this time of Lent, enable us both to examine our conscience and to inform it; both to examine our faith and to deepen it; and to watch and pray, as Christ would have us do, so that we recognize temptation and spurn it. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

+ MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 623

I've Got Peace like a River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

+ 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.

VILLAGE LIFE

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Jon Wilson, Amor Ministries

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Offering Ourselves to God

OFFERTORY

Pie Jesu

arr. by Douglas Wagner
Village Ringers
Phyllis Graham, director

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 647

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.

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

Wondrous Love

Stephen Sturk
Chancel Choir
Village Ringers
Suzanne Shick, organ
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

THE WORD READ

Mark 14:65-15:1 (NT pg. 70)

Tricia Zimmer, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"The Death of the Messiah:
Jesus Is Mocked, Abused, and Denied"

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Responding to God's Word

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all of these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

+ HYMN 224

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ROCKINGHAM

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Now in Peace

Don Besig

POSTLUDE

Toccata (from Suite Gothique)

Leon Boëllmann
Suzanne Shick, organ



*The flowers in worship today are given in loving memory of
Helen Downey by Frank & Bobbi Capin & Carolyn Schanberger.*

The Deacon of the Day, Judy Walters, 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.

The Village Church Pastoral & Program Staff

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BIBLE OR HYMNAL
DEDICATION

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What Wondrous Love is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused
the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown for my soul,

For my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing,

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,

While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,

While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,

And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

And through eternity I'll sing on.

Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace.

Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith,

Steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Anthem Notes

This unpublished arrangement by local composer

Stephen Sturk beautifully sets this classic

American Hymn for choir, organ, and handbells.

The simple textures help center the text,

which give thanks for the freedom

won through Jesus's sacrifice.

What starts as a somber reflection

turns into a song of hope and praise.

