



# Village Church

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FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

**March 22, 2026**

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**10:30 AM**

THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# Approaching God in Praise and Prayer

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+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

*Adagio Cantabile*

J. S. Bach  
Suzanne Shick, organ

## WELCOME

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeremiah 31: 16-17, 33-34

Leader: Thus says the Lord: “Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears,  
for there is a reward for your work, declares the Lord,

**People: There is hope for your future, declares the Lord,**

Leader: Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant.  
I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.

**People: And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

Leader: And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and teach his brother, saying,  
‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,

**All: For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”**

## + HYMN 610

**O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, verses 1-4**

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## + PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Mighty God, you alone judge with fairness, compassion, and mercy. We seek your forgiveness, Lord. Though we enjoy your grace, we sometimes withhold it from our brothers and sisters. Help us turn away from a judging and condemning spirit and embrace joy and compassion. Oh Lord, we yearn to loosen the shackles of arrogance and selfishness so we can love deeply. Your forgiveness is abundant, and we are humbled by your incredible capacity for mercy. Fill us, dear Savior, that your love may overflow and heal the cracked and dusty landscape of our lives.

## + MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

## + ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## + RESPONSE: HYMN 435

**There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy**

IN BABILONE

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

## + 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

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### Offering Ourselves to God

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#### OFFERTORY

*Siciliana*

J. S. Bach

#### + RESPONSE: HYMN 468

#### In My Life

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

#### 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.

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### Receiving God's Word

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#### ANTHEM

*My Song is Love Unknown*

John Ireland  
Chancel Choir  
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

#### THE WORD READ

Mark 15:2-20a (NT pg. 71)

Peggy Stackle, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"The Death of the Messiah:  
Jesus Is Interrogated & Tried by Roman Authority"

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

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### Responding to God's Word

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#### + AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

John 5:19-24

Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing, and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomever he wishes. The Father judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and does not come under judgment but has passed from death to life.

+ HYMN 824

**There Is a Place of Quiet Rest**

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+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace*

Lee Hastings Bristol

POSTLUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in F Major*

J. S. Bach



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

The Deacon of the Day, Diana Van Duzer, 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**

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca, Senior Pastor

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BIBLE OR HYMNAL  
DEDICATION**

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## **My Song Is Love Unknown**

My song is love unknown— my Savior’s love to me;  
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.

Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord  
should take frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne salvation to bestow;  
but men made strange, and none the longed  
for Christ would know.

But oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed,  
who at my need His life did spend!

They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away.

A murderer they save; the Prince of Life they slay.

Yet steadfast He to suffering goes,  
that He His foes from thence might free.

In life, no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.

What may I say? Heav’n was His home;  
but mine the tomb wherein He lay.

Here might I stay and sing— no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine.

This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

## **Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace**

Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus.  
Send us to our homes with God’s love in our hearts.  
Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties,  
Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee.

### ***Anthem Notes***

*My Song is Love Unknown was first published as a poem in 1664 and appeared as a hymn in 1684.*

*The musical setting is relatively recent, composed by John Ireland over lunch one day at the suggestion of a fellow composer in 1918.*

*Typically associated with Good Friday, the poetry and music transcend any particular setting so much so that the popular band Coldplay derived their song “A Message” on this hymn.*