



# Village Church

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FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

**April 19, 2026**

**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

*Largo (from Spring, The Four Seasons)*

Antonio Vivaldi  
arr. by S. Drummond Wolff  
Suzanne Shick, organ

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119: 9-16

Leader: With my whole heart, I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

**People: I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.**

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

**People: With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.**

Leader: I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

**People: I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes;**

**All: We will not forget your word.**

## + HYMN 744

**Arise, Your Light Is Come!**

FESTAL SONG

## + PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Peggy Stackle, liturgist

Living Savior, forgive us when we still look for you among the dead. Forgive us when our old ways, old hatreds, old opinions keep us in the grave. We grieve for our attitudes that judge and condemn. We repent of our arrogance and self-righteous positions. We want to live in your freedom. Forgive us when we will not lay down our chains. Hear our cries, as you have heard since the beginning of time. But this time, let our cries turn us away from evil and walk straight into your arms. Forgive us, Lord, we are sorry.

## + MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

## + ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## + RESPONSE: HYMN 43

**You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord**

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

And he will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

## + 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

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**OFFERTORY**

*Softly and Tenderly*

arr. Alex Guebert  
Village Ringers  
Phyllis Graham, director

**+ RESPONSE: HYMN 694**

**Great God of Every Blessing**

AURELIA

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,  
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.

How can we hope to thank you?

Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely

I offer you my heart.

**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**

*The Gift of Love*

arr. Hal Hopson  
Village Ringers and Chancel Choir  
Juan Carlos Acosta and Phyllis Graham, directors

**THE WORD READ**

Matthew 5:13-20 (NT pg. 7)

Lynn Fauth, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

"Sermon on the Mount: The Hard Truth"

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

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## Responding to God's Word

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**+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Romans 10:5-13

Leader: Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart."

**All: If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."**

(Soloist will sing verse 1, congregation will join on verses 2 and 3)

+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*May the God of Hope Go With Us*

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**POSTLUDE**

*Allegretto (from Spring, The Four Seasons)*

Antonio Vivaldi  
arr. by S. Drummond Wolff



The Deacon of the Day, Pat Randall, 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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### **The Gift of Love**

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be giv'n by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
let inward love guide every deed,  
by this we worship, we are freed.

Amen.

### **May the God of Hope Go With Us**

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
may the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace;  
singing, share our joy with all.

Working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.