



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

August 23, 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

Be Still, My Soul

Jean Sibelius
arr. Jan Sanborn
Suzanne Shick, piano

WELCOME

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 46:1-7

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

People: **God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved. God will help it when the morning dawns.**

Leader: The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.

All: **The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

+ HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation (vs. 1-4)

FOUNDATION

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bill Burch, liturgist

God of all creation, we see the ancient world around us, and we are in awe of your creation. We know that it is by your hand that life has come to be. Forgive us when our hardships cause our faith to waver. Have mercy on our short memories for your gracious and loving actions in our lives. Remind us of your constant care and abiding presence. We are sorry when we do not cling to you, our hope, our rock, our redeemer. Help us, Lord! Help us to repent and let our confession begin our transformation.

+ 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 will meet their Sunday School leaders at the back of Sanctuary, and Youth 6th grade and older will gather in the Youth Room.

VILLAGE LIFE

ANTHEM

Blessings

arr. Heather Sorenson
Summer Choir
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

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.

Offering Ourselves to God

OFFERTORY

The Lord Reigns

Eugene Butler
Lisa Friedrichs, mezzo-soprano

+ 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.

Receiving God’s Word

THE WORD READ

James 1:2-4 (NT pg. 305)
1 Peter 1:3-9 (NT pg. 309)

Suhail Khalil, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Resilient Faith: Refined by Fire"

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Responding to God’s Word

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, (Q&A 1)

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him,
the Holy Spirit assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly
willing and ready from now on to live for him.

+ HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

God Be in My Head

John Rutter
Chancel Singers

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Carolyn Hamlin



The Deacon of the Day, Nancy Driscoll, 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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SERMON NOTES

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“Resilient Faith: Refined by Fire”

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

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1 Peter 1:3-9 (NT pg. 309)

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Blessings

O We pray for blessings, we pray for peace,
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep.
We pray for healing, for prosperity.
We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering.
And all the while, You hear each spoken need,
Yet love us way too much to give us lesser things.
Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?
What if your healing comes through tears?
What if a thousand sleepless nights
are what it takes to know You're near?
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?
We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear,
And we cry in anger when we cannot feel You near.
We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love,
As if ev'ry promise from Your Word is not enough.
And all the while, You hear each desperate plea,
And long that we'd have faith to believe.
When friends betray us, when darkness seems to win,
we know this is not, this is not our home!
Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?
What if your healing comes through tears?
What if a thousand sleepless nights
are what it takes to know You're near?
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?
What is my greatest disappointments, or the aching of
this life is a revealing of a greater thirst
this world can't satisfy?

The Lord Reigns

The Lord reigns, let all rejoice
The Lord reigns, let all rejoice
Let all the coastlands be glad, let all the earth rejoice.
Clouds and thick darkness are about him!
Righteousness, justice, are the foundations of his throne.
Lightning lightens the world, the earth sees and trembles.
Mountains melt like wax before the Lord.
The Lord reigns, let all rejoice
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Let all the coastlands be glad, let all the earth rejoice.
The heavens proclaim the righteousness,
and all the people behold his glory.
Zion hears and is glad. Daughters of Judah, rejoice!
Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart!
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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.