



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

August 30, 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

Purple Shadows

Ulric Cole
Suzanne Shick, piano

WELCOME

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deuteronomy 10:12–15, 20-21

Leader: So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you?

**People: Only to revere the Lord God, to walk in all his ways, to love him,
to serve the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul,**

Leader: Keep the commandments of the Lord and his decrees that I am commanding you today,
for your own well-being.

**People: Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God,
the earth with all that is in it, yet the Lord set his heart in love on your
ancestors alone and chose you,**

Leader: You shall honor the Lord your God; him you shall serve; to him you shall hold fast;
and by his name you shall swear.

**All: He is our praise; he is our God who has done for us these great and awesome things
that our own eyes have seen. Let us worship God!**

+ HYMN 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jan Caldwell, liturgist

Merciful God, forgive us for allowing our hearts to harden against the suffering of others. We are truly sorry for causing You to weep over our neglect. You came to touch the untouchable, love the unlovable, and embrace the forgotten, revealing the essence of God's love. Remind us, Lord, that our circumstances do not make us superior; our blessings are not a reflection of Your greater love for us. Inspire us to understand that we are blessed to be a blessing to others. We repent and seek Your guidance to transform our repentance into Christlikeness.

+ 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*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Dan Forrest
Josephine Kwan, oboe
R. Aaron Bullard, cello
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 Everlasting Arms*arr. by Wilbur Held

+ 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 READHebrews 12:1-3 (NT pg. 300)
Galatians 6:9-10 (NT pg. 249)Francie Murphy, lay reader

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED"Resilient Faith: Driven by Purpose"The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Responding to God’s Word

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITHAdapted from the Confession of Belhar

We believe that God has revealed God’s self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged, that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands.

+ HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Forth for God

C. Winfred Douglas
Chancel Singers

POSTLUDE

Gavotte (from Mignon)

Ambrose Thomas
arr. William M. Felton



The Deacon of the Day, Alyce Ashcraft, 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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Suzanne Shick, Organist

David Herman, Director of Adult Ministry



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BIBLE OR HYMNAL
DEDICATION**

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SERMON NOTES

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“Resilience: Reaching with Purpose”

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NT pg. 300)

Galatians 6:9-10 (NT pg. 249)

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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I want to walk as a child of the light;

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world;

The star of my life is Jesus.

In Him there is no darkness at all;

The night and the day are both alike.

The lamb is the light of the city of God:

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God;

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,

And show me the way to the Father.

In Him there is no darkness at all;

The night and the day are both alike.

The lamb is the light of the city of God:

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ;

I want to be with Jesus,

When we have run with patience the race,

we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Go Forth for God

Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;

Hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;

Render to no one evil;

Christ at length shall overcome all

darkness with his light.

Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.