



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

September 13, 2026

70th Anniversary Celebration

10:00 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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. by Frederick Swann
Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

CHORAL INTROIT

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing

Gordon Young
Chancel Choir
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

People: We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**People: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

+ HYMN

To God Be the Glory

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+ A LITANY OF THE VILLAGE CHURCH

Pastor Baca: Almighty God, we give you praise and honor, for you have established your church under the lordship of Jesus Christ, through the rock of human faith and trust.

People: We praise you, God.

Pastor Cook: For the faith of our forebears of ancient Israel, whose response to your Spirit gave us the knowledge of your love and invitation to relationship through obedience to the Law:

People: We praise you, God.

Pastor Baca: For the faith of our forebears in the people of the New Israel, the Church, whose welcome of the Savior gave us the knowledge of salvation and the gifts of forgiveness of sin and a new life of following Christ's Way:

People: We praise you, God.

Pastor Cook: For the family of your worldwide Church, whose faithfulness in following Jesus led them to tell and to live the Good News, for century after century:

People: We praise you, God.

Pastor Baca: For the faithful of The Village Church, whose answer to your call seven decades ago led to the establishment of this congregation, to its worship, service, and community life:

People: **We praise you, God.**

Elder Nicola Kelly: And now, O God, as a symbol of the yoke of service that you have placed upon us all as we seek to follow Jesus for life, we place these new stoles upon the shoulders of our pastors, affirming that we are a great priesthood of all believers, and committing ourselves to a new season of faithful discipleship and joyful service.

Leaders and People: **Amen and Amen.**

+ **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

Offering Ourselves to God

OFFERTORY *You are the Light* Jason and Korrie Yamaoka
Contemporary Worship Team
Barbara Haran, band leader

+ **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.

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 *The Song of Light* Joseph Martin
Village Ringers
Chancel Choir
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

THE WORD READ Joshua 4:1-7 (OT pg. 260), Psalm 78:1-8 (OT pg. 686) Susan Appleby, lay reader
Philippians 4:9 (NT pg. 261)

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

Responding to God’s Word

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

+ HYMN

Leave Your Boat and Follow Jesus

VILLAGE CHURCH

(Choir verse 1, congregation will join on verses 2-5)

+ BENEDICTION

+ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Blessing

Kari Jobe

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach

Our offertory, anthem, and closing hymn were commissioned by The Village Church to celebrate our 70th anniversary.

The Village Church Pastoral & Program Staff

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

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook, Executive Associate Pastor
Mary Thibodeau, Executive Administrator
Adrian Narlock, Director of Media Ministry
Christine Hecker, Director of Youth Ministry
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Gustavo Coria, Facilities Manager
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Calieanne Grossheim, Asst. Director of Worship Ministry
Twyla Arant, Music Ministries Coordinator
Barbara Haran, Contemporary Worship Team Leader
Phyllis Graham, Bell Choir Director
Suzanne Shick, Organist
David Herman, Director of Adult Ministry



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Leave Your Boat and Follow Jesus

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are as follows:

Leave your boat and fol - low
Give your all and fol - low
Take your cross and fol - low
Chil - dren, come and fol - low
Let us go and fol - low

Je - sus, leave your old life by the
Je - sus, share your rich - es with the
Je - sus, step by step and day by
Je - sus, learn to heed the Shep-herd's
Je - sus, not as ser - vants, but as

sea. You will go and fish for
poor. You will find a great - er
day. You will join a great pro -
voice. When the lost are safe - ly
friends. We will wel - come ev - ery

peo - ple, speak the word to set them free.
treasure when you stand at heav-en's door.
ces - sion where the last will lead the way.
gath - ered choirs of an - gels will re - joice.
neigh - bor to the life that nev - er ends.

Text: David Gambrell, 2026

Tune: VILLAGE CHURCH, Juan Carlos Acosta, 2026

72 To God Be the Glory

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Ps. 29:2



1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done, so' loved he the
2. O per - fect re - demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood, to ev - ery be -
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re -



world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high - er and



tone-ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord. praise the



Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther through



Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he hath done.