



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

September 27, 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

Day by Day

arr. Tom Birchwood
Suzanne Shick, piano

WELCOME

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 43:1-4, 19-25

Leader: But now thus says the Lord, “He who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel

People: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.

Leader: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

People: When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

Leader: For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

People: Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.

Leader: I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?

People: I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Leader: I alone am the one who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins.

**All: Praise the Lord of our ancestors. Praise the Lord of this present moment.
Praise the one true God of yesterday, today and tomorrow.**

+ HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jan Caldwell, liturgist

Faithful God, for your steady and constant love, we give you thanks. Forgive us when we allow fear to rule our lives and confound your will. It breaks our heart to break yours. Forgive us when we let our loneliness convince us that you are not with us, for you have never forsaken us. Please help us stop the voices in our memories that steal our hope for the future. With your help, we turn away from thoughts that destroy, inhibit, or undermine our ability to forgive, love, and care for one another. Help us to see that the future is in your hands and surrender in trust.

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

VILLAGE LIFE

Offering Ourselves to God

OFFERTORY

Be Still

Karen Marroli
Youth Choir and Choral Scholars
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

+ 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

God of the Sparrow

Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir
Tiffany Deal, violin

THE WORD READ

Jeremiah 29:11 (OT 912), Matthew 6:25-34 (NT 10)
James 4:13-17 (NT 307), Revelation 21:4 (NT 349)

Suhail Khalil, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Trust the Catcher”

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Responding to God's Word

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Confession of 1967

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of our lives: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes our natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that his purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from his creation. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in humankind and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond partial achievement to God's final triumph. “Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

+ HYMN 772

Live into Hope

TRURO

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

Not One Sparrow is Forgotten

William Hawley

POSTLUDE

Carillon on “We Walk By Faith”

James Biery



The Deacon of the Day, Cookie Britton, 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

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook, Executive Associate Pastor

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Barbara Haran, Contemporary Worship Team Leader

Phyllis Graham, Bell Choir Director

MJ Skinner, Interim Children's Choir Director

Suzanne Shick, Organist

David Herman, Director of Adult Ministry



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SERMON NOTES

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God of the Sparrow

God of the sparrow,
sing through us songs of deliv'rance,
songs of peace.
Helpless we seek You, God our joy,
quiet our troubles, bid them cease.

Be Still

Be still and know that I am God;
let peace embrace your heart.
Be still and know that I am God;
let fear and anguish now depart.

Though the earthquakes rage,
though the tempests roll,
though the storms conspire to destroy,
be still and know that I am God:
The earth shall rise again in joy.

Be still and know that I am God;
let tranquil hope fill your mind
Be still and know that I am God;
let grief and trouble be left behind.

Though the shadows fall,
though the darkness cries,
though the night seems endless and dire,
be still and know that I am God:
The morn shall rise in holy fire.

Though the earthquakes rage,
though the tempests roll,
though the storms conspire to destroy,
be still and know that I am God:
The earth shall rise again in joy.

Alleluia

God of the sparrow, God of hope,
Tenderly guide us, be our song.
God of affliction, pain and hurt,
comfort Your children, make us strong.

Alleluia

God of the sparrow, care for us,
Speak in our sorrow, Lord of grief.
Sing us Your music, lift our hearts,
Pour out your mercy, send relief.

God, like the sparrow, we abide
In Your protection, love and grace.
Just like the sparrow in Your care,
May Your love keep us all our days.
Amen.

Not One Sparrow is Forgotten

Not one sparrow is forgotten,
E'en the raven God will feed;
And the lily of the valley
From His bounty hath its need.

Then shall I not trust Thee, Father,
In Thy mercy have a share?
And through faith and prayer, my Mother,
Merit Thy protecting care?