



**October 4, 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

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Fred Bock  
Suzanne Shick, organ

## WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-13

Leader: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

**People: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

**People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

## + HYMN 1

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

NICAEA

## + PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Almighty God: from the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ's holy table. You have called us to be one family on earth, yet we find ways to be divided from each other and from you. Forgive our separate ways. Forgive everything that keeps us apart; the prides that prevent our proper reunion. O God, have mercy on your church, troubled and divided. Renew in us true unity of purpose; that we may break bread together, and, with one voice, praise Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## + 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 the Sanctuary.  
Youth 6th grade and older will gather in the Youth Room.*

**VILLAGE LIFE**

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**Offering Ourselves to God**

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**OFFERTORY**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

arr. Robert Lau

+ **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

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**Receiving God’s Word**

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**ANTHEM**

*One Bread, One Body*

arr. Mark Hayes  
Chancel Choir  
Lisa Friedrichs, guest conductor

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more.  
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.  
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.  
We are one body in this one Lord. We are all one body in the Lord.

**THE WORD READ**

Genesis 15:1-6 (OT 17), Jeremiah 17:5-8 (OT 894)  
Matthew 17:20-21 (NT 27), Hebrews 11:1-3 (NT 299)

Francie Murphy, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

“Forward by Faith”

The Rev. Dr. Jack. W. Baca

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## Responding to God’s Word

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**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

from the Book of Common Worship

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image, setting us in this world to love and to serve you, and to live in peace with your whole creation. When we rebelled against you, refusing to trust and obey you, you did not reject us, but still claimed us as your own. You sent prophets to call us back to your way. Then, in the fullness of time, out of your great love for the world, you sent your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our brokenness. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**People:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**Leader:** You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, opened blind eyes, broke bread with outcasts and sinners, and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and needy. Dying on the cross, he gave himself for the life of the world. Rising from the grave, he won for us victory over death. Seated at your right hand, he leads us to eternal life. We praise you that Christ now reigns with you in glory, and will come again to make all things new.

## **The Words of Institution**

## **The Partaking of the Elements**

### **COMMUNION MEDITATION**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

arr. Dale Wood

*Faith of Our Fathers*

arr. Lani Smith

## **The Prayer After Communion**

**Leader:** Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

**People:** You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service.

**Leader:** Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love, reaching out into the life of the world;

**All:** Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**+ BENEDICTION**

**+ CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

Leland Sateren

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended, O now be extended  
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

**POSTLUDE**

*Go Forth in Faith*

Franklin Ritter



## SERMON NOTES

October 4, 2026

# World Communion Sunday

“Forward by Faith”

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The Deacon of the Day, Nancy Driscoll, can be found at the Welcome Table on the patio.

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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DEDICATION**

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