

November 17, 2024

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

Prelude on "St. Catherine" (Faith of Our Fathers)

Gordon Young Suzanne Shick, organ

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

#### Psalm 8

# WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth!

## People: Thou whose glory above the heavens is chanted by the mouth of babes and infants,

## thou hast founded a bulwark because of thy foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

Leader: When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast established; what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him?

People: Yet thou hast made him little less than God, and dost crown him with glory and honor.

Thou hast given him dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

All: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth!

+ HYMN 14

## For the Beauty of the Earth

## + PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy on us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

## + MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

## + ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## + RESPONSE: HYMN 581

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.

**Gloria** Patri

## + 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.

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

GREATOREX

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#### VILLAGE LIFE

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Reva Fiona Niraj Desai, daughter of Erin & Niraj Desai Elder Deb Thomas, assisting

## **Offering Ourselves to God**

## OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Brenda E. Austin Village Ringers Phyllis Graham, 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	The Gift of Love	Hal Hopson Chancel Choir Village Ringers Juan Carlos Acosta and Phyllis Graham, directors
THE WORD READ	I Peter 2:13-17 (NT pg. 311) I Peter 3:8-12 (NT pg. 312) Amos 5:21-24 (OT pg. 1080)	Dee Silver, lay reader
Leader: The word of the Lord. <b>People: Thanks be to God.</b>		
THE WORD PROCLAIMED	"God, Government, and You: The Blessings of Godly Government	t"
Responding to God's Word		

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:3-5

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

#### + BENEDICTION

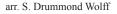
+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Forth for God (verse 3)

C. Winifred Douglas

POSTLUDE

Allegro (from Autumn, The Four Seasons)





The Deacon of the Day, John Bracken, 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.

This service is being livestreamed.

#### The Village Church Pastoral & Program Staff

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## **SERMON NOTES**

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"God, Government, and You: The Blessings of Godly Government" The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

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## The Gift of Love

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass And hopeless gain.

> Though I may give all I posess, and striving so my love profess, but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed, by this we worship and are freed. Amen.

## 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.