



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

April 27, 2025

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

O For The Wings Of A Dove

Felix Mendelssohn
arr. Aubrey Tucker
Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Isaiah 43 and Psalm 46

Leader: Let it be known to all the people for all time,

**People: The Lord declares, “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; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

People: The Lord counsels, "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?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

People: For you are the Lord our God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Leader: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**People: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.**

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

+ HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Peggy Stackle, liturgist

Resurrected Lord, you embody hope not just for today, but also for tomorrow. You hold us in your scarred hands and call us to walk boldly into the difficult places, for you have overcome all darkness. We confess that even with the echoes of Easter still resonating, we often feel afraid. We admit that even as we are moved by your love and triumph, we can feel trapped and powerless. Oh Christ, let your work continue in us! Forgive us when we believe you are finished with us. Empower us to open our lives to your living Spirit and bear witness to the wonders you have in store.

+ 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

Love and Grace

arr. Jason W. Krug
The 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

There is a Redeemer

arr. Benjamin Harlan
Josephine Kwan, flute
Chancel Choir
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

THE WORD READ

Psalm 34:18 (OT pg. 879), Romans 5:1-5 (OT pg. 879)
Romans 8:28 (OT pg. 1096), I Peter 1:6-7 (OT pg. 879)

Margot Wallace, lay reader

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Big Answers to Our Big Questions:
Disappointments, Setbacks, and Interruptions"

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Responding to God’s Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Belhar Confession, 1986

We believe that together we are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; that together we will know and bear one another’s burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ; that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together, serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity. We affirm that Jesus is Lord and to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

+ HYMN 661

Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

SPARROW

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

Peace I Leave With You

Amy Beach

POSTLUDE

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

The Deacon of the Day, Pat Randall, 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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Suzanne Shick, Organist



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There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son.
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit,
'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names.
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
hope for sinners slain.

Praises to the Lamb,
Thank You, O my Father,
for giving us Your Song,
and leaving Your Spirit
'til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory,
I will see His face.
There I'll serve my King forever
in that holy place.

Peace I Leave With You

Peace I leave with you
I leave with you my peace, I give unto you
Not as the world giveth, give I unto you
Let not your heart be troubled

SERMON NOTES

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Psalm 34:18 (OT pg. 656), Romans 5:1-5 (NT pg. 202)
Romans 8:28 (NT pg. 206), I Peter 1:6-7 (NT pg. 309)

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