

May 11, 2025 10:30 AM

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 Cantilena

Josef Rheinberger Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Psalm 139:1-6

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

Leader: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Leader: Let us worship the Almighty God!

+ HYMN 625 How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(From the Scots Confession, 1560) - The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Holy Creator, we confess and acknowledge that you created us in your own image and likeness, so that in our whole nature no imperfection could be found. From this dignity and perfection man and woman have fallen, both conspiring against your sovereign majesty. We have shown ourselves hostile to you, and have made ourselves servants to sin. And thus everlasting death has power and dominion over us all, unless we are reborn from above. By the power of the Holy Spirit, work this rebirth in us, creating in our hearts the confidence of chosen ones, with assured faith in your promise revealed to us in your Word; by this faith we grasp Christ Jesus with the graces and blessings promised in him. In Jesus we pray. 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.

Following the anthem, 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.

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

The Gift of Home

Ruth Elaine Schram Village Children's Choir Elise Cho, piano Calieanne Grossheim, director

VILLAGE LIFE

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Nicola Kelly, assisting Elder

Lucy Flora, Robert William, and Fox David Children of Stephanie & Geoffrey Larrabee

Offering Ourselves to God

OFFERTORYAll Through The Night

arr. Diane Bish

+ 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 Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Tom Fettke Chancel Choir

THE WORD READ Psalm 8:1-9 and Psalm 139:13-16 (OT pgs. 638, 728)

Bob Dauner, lay reader

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Big Answers to Our Big Questions:

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Meaning and Purpose"

Responding to God's Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from Ephesians 1:3-4, 8-10

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. For by grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

+ HYMN 729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

Allegretto (from Spring, The Four Seasons)

Antonio Vivaldi arr. by S. Drummond Wolff

The Deacon of the Day, Penny Cox, 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.

The rose on the chancel today celebrates the birth of Lucy Flora to Stephanie and Geoffrey Larrabee.

This service is being livestreamed.

The Village Church Pastoral & Program Staff

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca, Senior Pastor
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Suzanne Shick, Organist



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SERMON NOTES

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"Big Answers to Our Big Questions:

Meaning and Purpose""

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

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The Gift of Home

There is a place of laughter and tears, where blessings and burdens are shared. There is a place we know we belong, where God's name is spoken in prayer.

Home, this is home, a gift from the Lord, we know. The gift of family, the gift of love, the gift of home.

There is a place for hopes and for dreams, a haven of comfort and warmth.

There is a place of shelter and trust, for guidance through life's bitter storms.

Lord, we pray for unity

Lord, we pray for harmony

Fill our homes with Your love and grace, we pray

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The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

When I gaze into the night skies

And see the work of Your fingers;

The moon and stars suspended in space.

(continued)

Oh, what is man,
That You are mindful of him?
You have given man a crown of glory and honor,
And have made him a little lower than the angels.
You have put him in charge of all creation;

The beasts of the field, the birds of the air,

The fish of the sea.

But what is man that You are mindful of him.

O Lord, our God,
The majesty and glory of Your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.

O Lord, our God,
Little children praise You perfectly
And so would we

Alleluia, alleluia!

The majesty and glory of Your name.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The majesty and glory of Your name.

Gaelic Blessing

Deep peace to you,

Deep peace of the flowing air to you,

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,

Deep peace of the stars to you

Depe peace of the night to you,

Moon and stars pour lights on you,

Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you,

Deep peace of Christ to you