



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

May 18, 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

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

arr. Lloyd Larson
Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 11:28, Romans 8:30-39

Leader: Jesus declared, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

People: The Lord is good and kind, he surrounds us with hope.

Leader: If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else?

Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?

People: It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

Leader: Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

All: No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

+ HYMN 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins

NOEL

The choir will sing verse one and the congregation will join on verses two and three.

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Reassuring God, your promise of unchanging and abiding grace, love, and care humble us. Forgive us when we allow fear and anxiety to occupy our lives and destroy the gift of your peace and security. We believe in your mercy and are witnesses of your power in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus: help us in our unbelief! Help us Lord to clear out the rubbish that we often fill our minds with, things that destroy trust in you and in one another. Lead us to fill up on your vast hope and unlimited courage. Help us, dear Lord, to reflect you to any who are seeking, for it would break our heart to discourage their quest.

+ MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

I Will Lift Mine Eyes Unto the Hills

Cathy and David Moglebust
Village Ringers
Emily Weinberg, soloist
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

Do Not Be Afraid

Philip Stopford
Chancel Choir
Calieanne Grossheim, soprano
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

THE WORD READ

Matthew 6:25-34 (NT pg. 10)
Philippians 4:6-9 (NT pg. 260)

Dee Silver, lay reader

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Big Answers to Our Big Questions:
Fear, Anxiety, and Worry”

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Responding to God's Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

+ HYMN 177

I Will Come To You

YOU ARE MINE

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festive Praise

Lloyd Larsen

The Deacon of the Day, Margot Wallace, 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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Do Not Be Afraid

Do not be afraid, do not be afraid,
for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
you are mine, you are mine.

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves.
When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.

You are mine, O my child,
I am your Father, and I love you
I love you, I love you
I love you with a perfect love,
a perfect love.

I Will Lift Mine Eyes Unto the Hills

I will lift mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help
My help cometh from the Lord
which made heaven and earth
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
he that keepeth thee will not slumber