



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

May 25, 2025

10:30 AM

THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Offering Ourselves to God

OFFERTORY *I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ* J.S. Bach

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 647 Give Thanks GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say, “We are strong”;
let the poor say, “We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!” Give thanks.

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 *Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth* Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
Chancel Choir
Dr. Brandon Waddles, guest conductor

THE WORD READ Genesis 50:15-26 (OT pg. 64) Joan Osborne, lay reader
Romans 8:18-25, 28 (NT pg. 206)

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED “Big Answers to Our Big Questions:
Evil and Suffering” The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Responding to God’s Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Romans 8:35, 37-39

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all of these things we are more than conquerors 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.

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

Pavane

Robert Elmore
Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 3

Leader: O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; many are saying to me,
“There is no help for you in God.”

**People: But you, O Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.
I cry aloud to the Lord, and he answers me from his holy hill.**

Leader: I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the Lord sustains me.
I am not afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.

People: Deliverance belongs to the Lord; may your blessing be on your people!

Leader: Let us worship the Living God.

+ HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

God of all time, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come: You are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your Kingdom. We have lived without regard for the ultimate concerns of life, and we have ignored signs of your peace all around us. Forgive us, merciful God, through the love you proclaimed by Jesus’ death on the cross and his resurrection from the grave. Then, prepare your way in us, that we may live as ambassadors of your Kingdom. In Christ we pray. Amen.

+ MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 59

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God’s mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord, Great is your faithfulness.

+ 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.*

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

We Won't Leave Here Like We Came

arr. Brandon Waddles

POSTLUDE

Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus

arr. James Mansfield



The flowers in worship today honor the sacrifice of those who have given their lives in service to their country.

The Deacon of the Day, Judith Johnson, 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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DEDICATION**

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SERMON NOTES

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“Big Answers to Our Big Questions: Evil and Suffering”

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

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Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth

Then, then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun
in their heavenly Father's realm,
Shine forth as the sun in their heav'nly Father's realm,
Then shall the righteous shine forth
in their heavn'ly Father's realm.

As the sun, as the sun in their heav'nly Father's realm.
Joy on their head shall be forever lasting,
Joy on their head shall be forever lasting,
And all sorrow and mourning shall flee away,
Shall flee away forever.

We Won't Leave Here Like We Came

We won't leave here like we came in Jesus' name.
Bound, oppressed, afflicted, sick, or lame.
For the Spirit of the Lord is still the same.
We won't leave here like we came in Jesus' name.