

We welcome you to the Village Congregational Church as we gather for this time of reflection on God's love for his people. May God inspire and bless our hearts and lives today.

Nursery care is offered during the service.

***All who are able please stand.**

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PRELUDE- "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" arr. Sherman

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP- "Greater Love" Barbour/Barbour

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. The Lord has established his throne in all the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

Leader: Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will.

People: Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his domination.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord.

***HYMN-** "The God of Abraham Praise" #21

***INVOCATION** (In Unison)

We thank you O God, for the light which wakes us every morning; for the light of learning which brings knowledge; but most of all we thank you for your divine light, reflected in the face of Jesus Christ and which enlightens our lives by the Holy Spirit. Shine upon us and within us as we come to your light. AMEN

***HYMN OF PRAISE-** "Ye Servants of God" vs. 3 #74

CHILDREN'S CHOIR and Dottie Kanz- "As A Little Child" Martin

SCRIPTURE LESSONS- Jeremiah 30:8-10; Romans 8:12-17;
John 11:25-27

For in that day," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will break the yoke from their necks and snap their chains. Foreigners will no longer be their masters. For my people will serve the LORD their God and their king descended from David—the king I will raise up for them. "So do not be afraid, Jacob, my servant; do not be dismayed, Israel," says the LORD. "For I will bring you home again from distant lands, and your children will return from their exile. Israel will return to a life of peace and quiet, and no one will terrorize them.

Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?" "Yes, Lord," she told him. "I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God."

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM- "Mary At the Cross" Davenport

SILENT PRAYER

Prayer List- Mary Andrews, Vahness Buchanan, Darcy Cassidy, Anna Fijol, Robert Garabedian, Penny Gustafson, Pauline Guyette, Lola Harper, Billy Hindes, Maggie Jaffarian, Kristen Kent, Ken & Lois Macomber, Brian Tetreault, Kristine Thompson, Ren Yeo, Hany.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases/Trespass)

OFFERTORY- "Selected"

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER** (In Unison)

Gracious God, we are awed by your goodness to us. Hear us now, as we offer ourselves and our gifts that you will might be done on earth through the many ministries of your people through your church. Enable us to be helpers in this your world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

***HYMN-** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #466

BELL ANTHEM- "My Lord, What A Morning" arr. Eithun

TEXT- Jude: 20-23

But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God's love. And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. Rescue

others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives.

MESSAGE

*HYMN- "Blessed Assurance"

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE- "Selected"

Announcements

The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of parents Linda and Edward Paille, father John F. Bosma and brother Mark John Bosma by Ron and Judy Paille.

All are welcome to join us in Mason Hall for coffee hour following the worship service. Thanks to Jess and Margie Schnurpfeil for hosting this morning.

Marion Bosma is now collecting money for Easter plants. Please see the insert inside this bulletin for more information.

Volunteers are needed for the Peace of Bread meal on March 17th. We need help with set up, cooking, serving and clean up. Please sign up in Mason Hall. Be prepared to wear the color green!

The VCC will be providing Easter baskets to families in need. Please support this effort to bring the good news to others. Tags and sign ups are in Mason Hall.

The next VCC book discussion will be held next Sunday, March 21st, shortly after worship. We will be discussing the book The Year of Living Biblically by A. J. Jacobs. All are welcome to join in. If you are interested please sign the yellow pad in Mason Hall & read the book prior to attending. We'd love to have you join us Please contact JoAnne Guyette with any questions.

This Week In Our Church

Children's Choir- Today 11:15am
7th-12th Grades Youth Group- Today 6pm
A Cappella- Monday 7pm
Village Bells- Tuesday 6:45pm
Chancel Choir- Wednesday 7pm

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT +



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10 AM Service

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