

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**
(Composer: Maurice C. Whitney)

Welcome

Announcements

Welcome New Members

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;
People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Opening Hymn **Take My Life and Let It Be** **#863**
(verses 1-4)

Responsive Reading **Psalm 37:1-9**

Don't worry about the wicked
or envy those who do wrong.
For like grass, they soon fade away.
Like spring flowers, they soon wither.

**Trust in the Lord and do good. Then you will live safely
in the land and prosper. Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you your heart's desires.**

Commit everything you do to the Lord.
Trust him, and he will help you.
He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn,
and the justice of your cause
will shine like the noonday sun.

**Be still in the presence of the Lord,
and wait patiently for him to act.
Don't worry about evil people who prosper
or fret about their wicked schemes.**

Stop being angry! Turn from your rage!
Do not lose your temper - it only leads to harm.
For the wicked will be destroyed,
but those who trust in the Lord will possess the land.

Let us Trust in the Lord.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. *(People silently offer their personal confessions to God)* Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Response **Glory Be to the Father** **#961**

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.

Sacrament of Baptism

Camryn & Clair Bassler
(Children of Chris & Rachel Bassler)

Passing the Peace

Minute for Ministry **American Guild of Organists**

Anthem **God So Loved the World**
Composer: John Stainer (arr. Martin)

Scripture Readings **Matthew 20:1-16**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon **Generosity**
The Fruitful Life: Cultivating the Character of Christ

Musical Reflection **O God of Life's Great Mystery**
(Composer: Kenneth T. Kosche)

Doxology
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn **God Whose Giving Knows No Ending #876**

Benediction

Postlude **Jesus Is Ascended**
(Composer: Ernst Pepping)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon	Spencer Lundgaard
Worship Leader (9:30)	Luke Stoner
Announcements (9:30)	Greg Buell
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Scripture Reader	Paul Nelson (9:30)
	Fred Weber (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Rich Blue (9:30)
Minute for Ministry (11:00)	Sharon Peterson
Director of Music (Traditional)	Jesse Borower (11:00)
Anthem (11:00)	Village Church Choir
Organist (11:00)	Sharon Peterson

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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;
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Praise and Prayer

He Lives

King of Kings

Prayer of Confession

Passing the Peace

Kids' Time

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(Offerings are received weekly via mail and online giving at <https://villagechurchnorthbrook.org/give/> . Those attending live worship can leave their donations in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary.)

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Sermon

Generosity

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Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Gratitude

Blessing

Postlude

Questions for Discussion

Opening Discussion

Describe a time in your life when someone treated you generously when you did nothing to deserve it.

Read Matthew 20:1-16

Digging Deeper:

1. What is the Kingdom compared to in this passage? What is the original agreement for payment? (vs.1-2)
2. In verses 3-5, why were other workers hired? What did he agree to pay them? How many times in these verses did he do this?
3. Why did he hire workers again at 5:00? What was the agreement to pay them? (v.6-7)
4. What was surprising about how the owner paid the workers? Did everyone think that was fair? Do you think it was fair? (vs. 8-12)
5. How did the owner respond to the disgruntled workers? (v.13-16)
6. So if this is an analogy to the Kingdom of God: who is the owner, who are the workers, and what is the payment?

Application for Life

1. What does this passage teach us about gratitude, and how can you express and show gratitude to the Lord for his grace toward you?
2. What does this passage teach us about generosity, and how can we show such generosity toward others?

Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

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