

## Traditional Service

11:00 am

**Prelude**                    **Reflections on the Spirit**  
(Composer: Joel Raney)

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

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

**Opening Hymn**    **Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord**    #22

**Responsive Reading**            **Psalms 100**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Participant:** **Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**Participant:** **Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.**

Leader: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**All:**            **For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Gracious God, we confess that we are women and men of little faith. You call us to step out of the comfortable life we built and follow you, but we find this difficult to do. Despite the fact you said we can move mountains if we have faith the size of a mustard seed, we are still not convinced. Forgive us, O God. Help us to stay focused on You. Help us to step into the deep waters of life knowing you are with us. Help us to remember that following you doesn't guarantee an easy life, but a life filled with your presence. Enable us to live by the faith we have received from you. (People silently offer their personal confessions to God) In Jesus Name. 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.

**Passing the Peace**

**Anthem**                    **It Is a Good thing**  
(Composer: Douglas E. Wagner)

**Scripture Readings**            **Hebrews 11:1-16**

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

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

**Musical Reflection**    **Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**  
(Composer: Carl F. Mueller)

**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**            **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**    #776

**Benediction**

**Postlude**                    **Come, O Creator, Spirit Blest!**  
(Composer: J.S. Bach)

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon	Spencer Lundgaard
Worship Leader (9:30)	Greg Buell
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Scripture Reader	Gerri Kirby (9:30)
	Ron Mantegna (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Lois Morris (9:30)
Director of Music (Traditional)	Jesse Borower (11:00)
Choral Music (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

**The Lord Our God**

**Come As You Are**

**Prayer of Confession**

**O Praise The Name (Anástasis)**

### Passing the Peace

### Announcements

(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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### Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

### Closing Song **Goodness of God**

### Blessing

## Questions for Discussion

### Opening Discussion

When you think about your own personal life, who are the people of faith who have gone before you that have inspired you and why?

### Read Hebrews 11

### Digging Deeper:

1. How is faith described at the beginning of this passage ? (vs.1) How would you put that in your own words?
2. How is faith exhibited in verses 4-7? (also see v.13)
3. In what ways did Abraham exhibit faith? (vs.8-12; 17-19)
4. What is significant about the faith of those described in this passage according to verses 13-16?
5. In what ways do you see the truth of vs. 39-40 exhibited in the lives of those described in verses 20-38?

### Application for Life

1. How have you seen the type of faith described in this chapter in the lives of people you've known in your own life?
2. In what areas of life are you currently being challenged to have faith?

### Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer



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## Program Staff

Spencer Lundgaard, Senior Pastor  
Greg Buell, Associate Pastor for Discipleship & Caring Ministries  
Ed Burton, Minister of Family Ministries  
Luke Stoner, Minister of Contemporary Worship/Sr. High Youth  
Jesse Borower, Director of Music (Traditional)

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