

## Contemporary Service

10:00 am

### Welcome and Call to Worship

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

### Praise and Prayer

Alive & Breathing

O Come to the Altar

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Heaven

### Passing the Peace

### Kids' Time

### 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.)

### Scripture Readings Matthew 5:1-12

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

Sermon **The Message and the Messenger**  
*The Way of Jesus: Living out the Sermon on the Mount*

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

Closing Song **The Blessing**

### Blessing

## Questions for Discussion

### Opening Discussion

The Early Church was known as "the Way." What do you think this designation meant?

### Read Matthew 5:1-12

### Digging Deeper:

1. What do you think "poor in spirit" means; and why would God bless them for this? (v.3)
2. How do you think those that mourn are comforted by God (v.4)
3. Who usually inherits or owns land in the world? Why is it surprising for Jesus to say that the meek will have the land? (v.5)
4. How does the Kingdom of God bring righteousness to the world? (v.6)
5. Who will show mercy to the merciful? (v.7)
6. How does purity of heart enable people to see God? (v.8)
7. Why would children of God be known for their peacemaking? (v.9)
8. According to Jesus, what are the blessings of those who are persecuted? (v.10-12)

### Application for Life

1. In your own life, where have you experienced one or more of the blessings mentioned in this text?
2. Which three beatitudes do you find hardest to embrace? Why?

### Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

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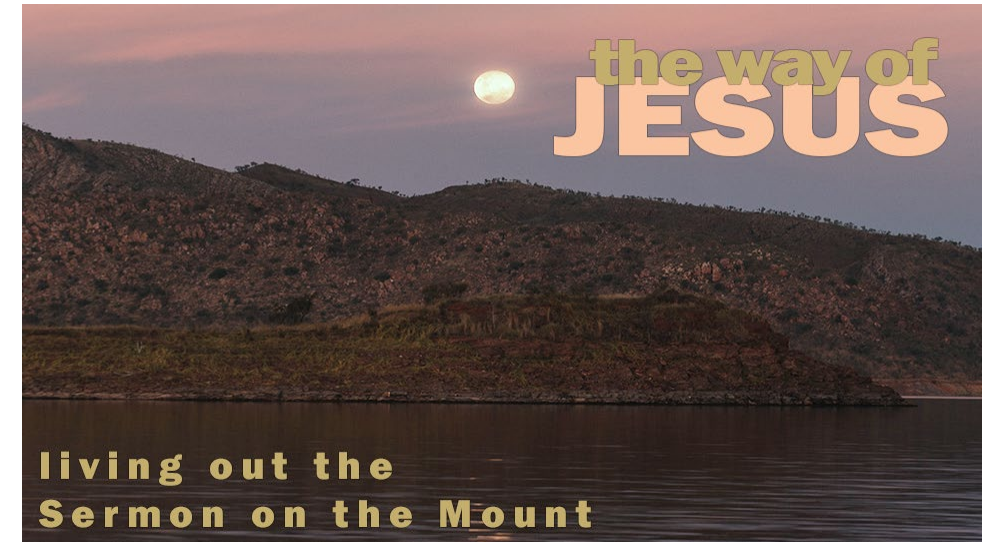


## Program Staff

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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Summer Worship

June 18, 2023

# Traditional Service

8:30 am

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Announcements

## Call to Worship

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**Opening Hymn The Church's One Foundation #251**  
(verses 1-4)

## Responsive Reading Psalm 1

Blessed is the one  
who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,  
but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.

**That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.**

Not so the wicked!  
They are like chaff  
that the wind blows away.

**Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.**

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, you love us with an everlasting love, but we have not loved you in word and deed. You call, but we have yet to listen. You speak, but we pretend we are deaf. You send your Spirit, but we harden our hearts. We turn from the reconciling power offered to us in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We seek to build a bridge instead of trusting the bridge you made for us to cross. Forgive us, God, for abandoning the ministry of reconciliation. Help us turn to the way of Jesus' teaching and living a life of love towards others. Enable us to join in your mission in our everyday lives.

*(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 The Lord's Prayer**  
(Composer: Albert Malotte)

**Scripture Readings Matthew 5:1-12**

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

**Sermon The Message and the Messenger**  
*The Way of Jesus: Living out the Sermon on the Mount*

**Musical Reflection Be Thou My Vision**  
(Composer: Bob Chilcott)

**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 Breathe on Me, Breath of God #747**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements and Liturgy	Greg Buell
Worship Leader (10:00)	Luke Stoner
Kids' Time	Ed Burton
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Scripture Reader	Joan Shaw (8:30)
	Gerri Kirby (10:00)
Prayers of the People	Roger Smith (10:00)
Director of Music (Traditional)	Jesse Borower (11:00)
Pianist (8:30)	Greg Smith
Soloist (8:30)	Anna Donnelly

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