Traditional Service

8:30 am

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Prelude

Rondo for Lifey

(Composer: Leonard Bernstein)

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Opening Hymn

Take My Life and Let it Be

(verses 1-4)

Responsive Reading Psalm 89:1-2; 5-6; 14-15

I will sing of the LORD's unfailing love forever! Young and old will hear of your faithfulness.

Your unfailing love will last forever.

Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens.

All heaven will praise your great wonders, LORD; Myriads of angels will praise you for your faithfulness. For who in all of heaven can compare with the LORD? What mightiest angel is anything like the LORD?

The heavens are yours, and the earth is yours; Everything in the world is yours-- you created it all.

Powerful is your arm! Strong is your hand! Your right hand is lifted high in glorious strength.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne.
Unfailing love and truth walk before you as attendants.
Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship,
For they will walk in the light of your presence, LORD.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, our Creator and our Lord, you know our hearts and see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. There is nothing that is hidden from your sight. We confess to you that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your power and unfailing love. On Sunday we can lift our voices to you in praise, but for the rest of the week, we might rarely think of you. Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship, and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. We pray, Lord, that you forgive the insincerity of our faith; heal us and cleanse us of all unrighteousness so that we may authentically and joyfully live out the Gospel in our everyday lives

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)
All these things we pray in the precious and powerful name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

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

Response

Glory be to the Father

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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 Andante

(Composer: J. Guy-Ropartz)

Scripture Readings Matthew 6:1-6 and 16-18

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

Sermon Seen in Secret

The Way of Jesus: Living out the Sermon on the Mount

Musical Reflection Hyfrydol Aspects

(Composer: Terry Everson)

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 and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn God Whose Giving Knows No #876 Ending

Benediction

Postlude Allegro

(Composer: J. Guy-Ropartz)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon
Announcements & Liturgy
Worship Leader (10:00)

Praise Music Scripture Reader

Prayers of the People

Ron Mantegna (8:30) Joe Clemens (10:00)

Sue Blue (8:30)

Luke Stoner

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Village Church Worship Band

Greg Buell

Elaine Holmquist (10:00)

Organist (8:30) Sharon Peterson Trumpet Soloist (8:30) A. C. Buehler

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Contemporary Service

10:00 am

Questions for Discussion

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

God So Loved

Fresh Wind

Prayer of Confession

King of My Heart

Passing the Peace

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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.)

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:1-6 and 16-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

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The Way of Jesus: Living out the Sermon on the Mount

Closing Song

Come as You Are

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Digging Deeper:

Opening Discussion:

Read: Matthew 6:1-6; 16-18

1. What are "acts of piety" and what's wrong with wanting to be seen by others as you do them? (v.1)

When you think of hypocrites, what characteristics come to mind?

- 2. What's the motivation for doing our acts of piety secretly? Who should we be mindful of when do them? (see verses 1, 4, 6 and 18)
- 3. What are the ways hypocrites live piously to be seen by others? (verses 2, 5, and 16) What is their reward for doing this?
- 4. How should we give to the poor according to verse 3? How about praying (v.6)? How about fasting (v.17-18)? How do these methods show our sincerity or authenticity towards God?
- 5. What do you think our reward will be for practicing our piety "secretly"?

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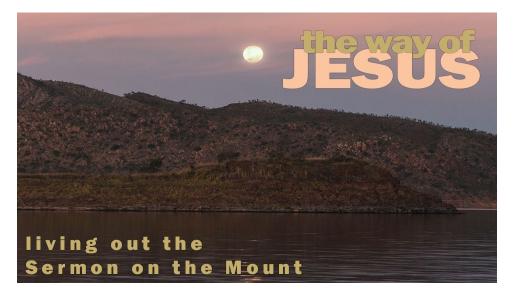


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