

Traditional Service

8:30 am

Prelude **Prelude from Cello Suite No. 1**
(Composer: J. S. Bach)

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Opening Hymn **All Things Bright and Beautiful** **#20**

Responsive Reading **Psalm 96**

Sing a new song to the LORD!
Let the whole earth sing to the LORD!
Sing to the LORD; praise his name.
Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.
Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.
Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise!
He is to be feared above all gods.

The gods of other nations are mere idols,
But the LORD made the heavens!

Honor and majesty surround him;

Strength and beauty fill his sanctuary.

O nations of the world, recognize the LORD;
Recognize that the LORD is glorious and strong.
Give to the LORD the glory he deserves!
Bring your offering and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in all his holy splendor.

Let all the earth tremble before him.

Tell all the nations, "The LORD reigns!"
The world stands firm and cannot be shaken.
He will judge all peoples fairly.

Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice!

Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise!

Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy!

Let the trees of the forest rustle with praise
before the LORD, for he is coming!
He is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with justice,
and the nations with his truth.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

In Jesus' name we pray, 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 **Guardame las Vacas**
(Composer: Luys de Narvaez)

Scripture Readings **Matthew 6:7-15**

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

Sermon **Praying Like Jesus**

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Musical Reflection **Prelude No. 3**
(Composer: Hector Villa-Lobos)

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.

Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and was born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Communion Music **Draw Near the Table of the Lord**
(Composer: Thomas Jefferson)

Closing Hymn **Great is Thy Faithfulness** **#348**

Benediction

Postlude **I Will Sing the Wondrous Story**
(Composer: Prichard/Thomas)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon	Ed Burton
Announcements & Liturgy	Greg Buell
Communion	Spencer Lundgaard
Worship Leader (10:00)	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Scripture Reader	Joan Shaw (8:30)
	Lois Morris (10:00)
Organist (8:30)	Sharon Peterson
Guitar Soloist (8:30)	Rossman Palfrey

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Contemporary Service

10:00 am

Questions for Discussion

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Raise A Hallelujah

I Speak Jesus

Prayer of Confession

Living Hope

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.)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:7-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Praying Like Jesus

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

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Closing Song

Forever & Amen

Blessing

Opening Discussion:

- How would you define prayer? What is the essence of prayer?

Read: Matthew 6:7-15

Digging Deeper:

1. Why does Jesus criticize the way that pagans pray? If God knows what we need, why pray at all? (v.7)
2. When Jesus says, "And this is how you should pray," is he commanding people to pray this exact prayer? If not, what might he be suggesting?
3. How does addressing God as "Our Father in Heaven" shape your understanding of who God is and how we should relate to him? (v. 9b)
4. What does hallowed mean? Why is it important to regularly acknowledge that God's name is hallowed? (v.9c)
5. Why do you think Jesus placed the petition "Your Kingdom come" as the 1st petition of the prayer? (v.10a) Why is the coming of God's Kingdom important, why is this something we should desire?
6. Why do we need to pray for God's will to be done on earth "as it is in heaven?" In what areas of life and the world do we need more of God's will to be done? (v.10b)
7. What is the petition for "daily bread" about? Besides food, what other ways do we need God to provide for us every day? (v.11)
8. Why is confession and asking for forgiveness important? (v.12)
9. Why is temptation and the plans of "the evil one" such a danger to our spiritual lives? (v.13)
10. What is the condition for being forgiven? Why is this significant for how we live out our daily lives? (v.12, 15)
11. Having studied Jesus' model for prayer a little more closely, now what would you say the purpose of prayer is?

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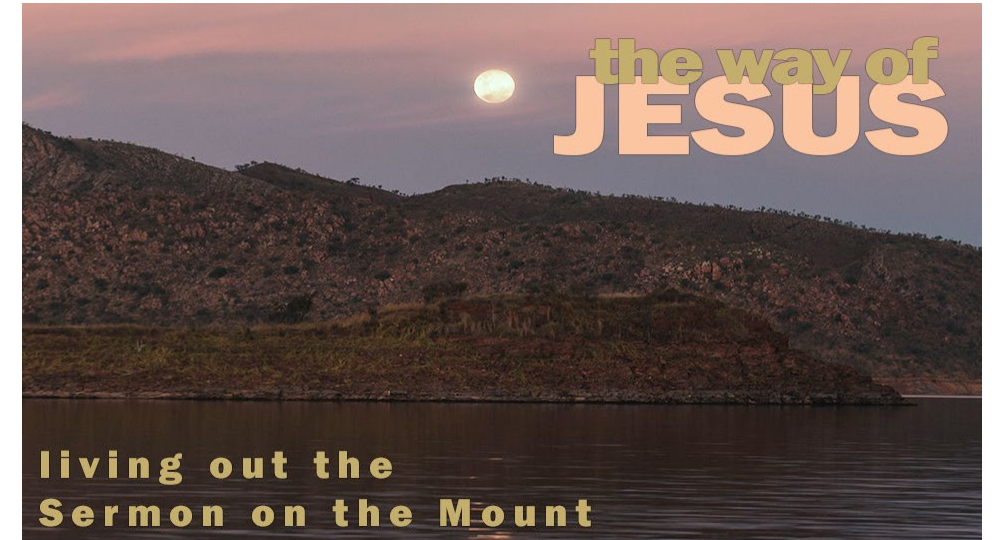
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