

Traditional Service

8:30 am

Prelude

Largo
(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

Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness #766

Responsive Reading

Psalm 119:97, 103-112

Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.
I have not departed from your laws,
for you yourself have taught me.

**How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

**I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate
every wrong path.**

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.
I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your
righteous laws.

**I have suffered much; preserve my life, LORD,
according to your word.**

**Accept, LORD, the willing praise of my mouth
and teach me your laws.**

Though I constantly take my life in my hands,
I will not forget your law.
The wicked have set a snare for me,
but I have not strayed from your precepts.

**Your statutes are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.**

My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love is inconstant, our obedience is incomplete. You call us to make disciples and teach them to obey all your commandments, but all too often we ourselves fail to follow your teachings. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(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

Pavane
(Composer: Gabriel Fauré)

Scripture Readings

Matthew 7:24-29

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

Sermon

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

Musical Reflection

La Montagnard
(Composer: Napoleon Coste)

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

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 & 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.

Words of Institution

Communion Music

I Am the Bread of Life

(Composer: John Bernthal)

Closing Hymn

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less #772

Benediction

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress is our God

(Composer: arr. Wellman)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon
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Director of Music
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Scripture Reader

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Paul Nelson (8:30)
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Contemporary Service

10:00 am

Questions for Discussion

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Take You at Your Word

Goodness of God

Prayer of Confession

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

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 7:24-29

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Living on Solid Ground

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

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Closing Song

Build My Life

Blessing

Read: Matthew 7:24-29

Digging Deeper:

1. What "words" are Jesus referring to? Do you think that there are other words we need to hear and act on as well? (v.24)
2. In this metaphor, what do you think the house signifies? What about the rain, floods, winds, etc.? What, then, is the rock? (v.25)
3. In what way do the words of Jesus act as a foundation for our lives? What might this look like in an everyday situation?
4. What did the foolish man build his house on? What might this be a metaphor for? What other foundations do people build their lives on? (v.26)
5. When Jesus refers to the house falling – what is he talking about? How have you seen this played out in your own life or the lives of others? (v.27)
6. What's the difference between the way Jesus taught and the way the Scribes taught? Who was Jesus' authority when he taught? Who/what was the Scribes' authority based on?
7. What are some next steps you can take in your own life to strengthen the foundations you are building your life on? Are there certain spiritual disciplines that you can practice to keep your life focused and built on the right things

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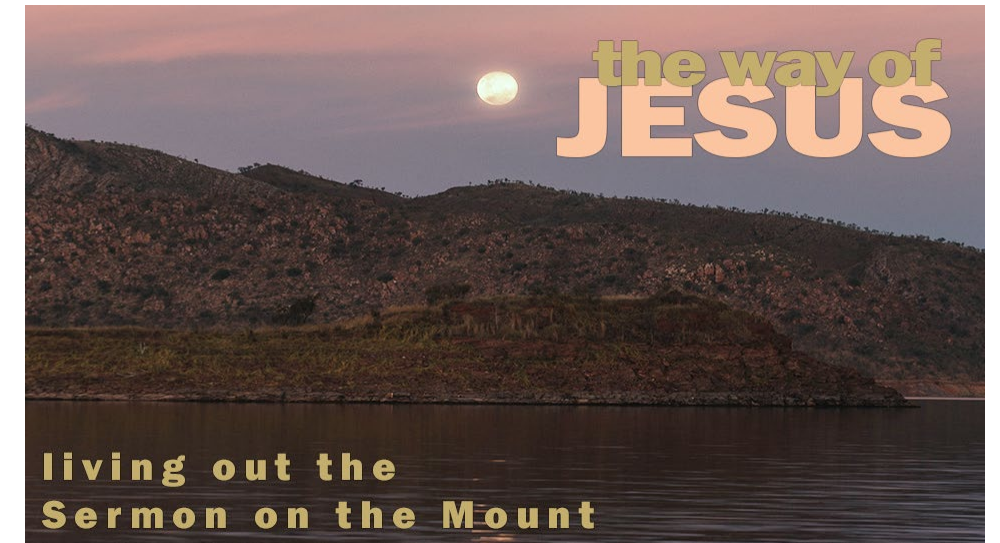
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