

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

My Soul Hath a Longing...

(Composer: George Oldroyd)

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Opening Hymn

Lord, Listen to Your Children

#896

Praying

(Sing Twice)

Responsive Reading

Psalm 55:1-8, 16-19, 22

Listen to my prayer, O God,

do not ignore my plea;

hear me and answer me.

My thoughts trouble me and I am distraught

because of what my enemy is saying,

because of the threats of the wicked;

for they bring down suffering on me and assail me in their anger.

My heart is in anguish within me;

the terrors of death have fallen on me.

Fear and trembling have beset me;

horror has overwhelmed me.

I said, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove!

I would fly away and be at rest.

I would flee far away and stay in the desert;

I would hurry to my place of shelter,

far from the tempest and storm."

As for me, I call to God,

and the LORD saves me.

Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress,

and he hears my voice.

He rescues me unharmed from the battle waged against me,

even though many oppose me.

God, who is enthroned from of old, who does not

change—

he will hear them and humble them, because they have no

fear of God.

Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you;

he will never let the righteous be shaken

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, forgive us for not trusting you in difficult times and for responding to current hardships as though we were entirely alone and on our own. Forgive us for not entrusting to you our deepest concerns and most difficult situations. May the example of Jesus who remained faithful to you even when he felt forsaken and was dying on the cross, strengthen us and give us hope that you will respond to our cries in your timing, and that joy will come in the morning.

(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

Assurance

(Composer: N. Beck)

Scripture Readings

Exodus 2:11-25

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

When God Takes Notice

Set Free: A Study of the Book of Exodus

Musical Reflection

Lord, Be Glorified

(Composer: arr. Lynette Maynard)

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

Day by Day

#437

Benediction

Postlude

The God of Abraham Praise

(Composer: Hebrew trad. /Raney)

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Cathy Burnham (9:30)

Sandy Mauk (11:00)

Prayers of the People

Roger Smith (9:30)

Organist (11:00)

Sharon Peterson

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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Questions for Discussion

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

There's Nothing that Our God
Can't Do

Prayer of Confession

God So Loved

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 Reading

Exodus 2:11-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

When God Takes Notice

*Set Free: A Study of the Book of
Exodus*

Closing Song

Same God

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Opening Discussion:

Think of times in your life when you impulsively responded to a difficult or stressful situation without thinking about the consequences of your actions. What happened?

Read: Exodus 2:11-25

Digging Deeper:

1. Why do you think Moses went out to watch his people laboring? What thoughts were going through his head? (See v. 2:11)
2. What led Moses to kill the Egyptian? What do think his reason was? Was he justified in his actions? (See 2:11-12)
3. What caused Moses to flee Egypt and go so far away (the Land of Midian was over 100 miles away)? What events led to his decision to do so? (v. 13-15)
4. What did Moses do by the well of Midian? Who did he help and why? What does this say about his character? (Think back to his actions in Egypt as well.) (v.16-17)
5. When Reuel heard what Moses had done for his daughters, what was his response? (v.18-20)
6. How did Moses respond to Reuel's hospitality? (v.21-22)
7. How long did Moses stay in Midian? What was going on in Egypt at the same time? (v. 22-23)
8. What four things did God do with regard to the Israelites in Egypt? (Exodus 2:11 NIV)

Application for Life

1. Like Moses, who had strong feelings about the oppression of his people and took matters into his own hands, how do verses 24-25 shape your perspective about the difficult situations of life that you find yourself in?
2. Instead of responding impulsively, what might a better response be?
3. How do you know when to stand up to injustice or oppression, or when to simply cry out to God?
4. How does knowing that God hears your cries and sees your situation, change how you view your life?

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