

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

God is Here!
(Composer: Taylor/Powell)

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Opening Hymn

Lord, You Have Searched Me #337

Responsive Reading

Psalm 139 1:10

You have searched me, LORD,
and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

**You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.**

Before a word is on my tongue
you, LORD, know it completely.
You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.**

Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

**If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,

**Even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

(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

Hymn of Fire
(Composer: E. Butler)

Scripture Readings

Exodus 3:1-15

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

Sermon

You are on Holy Ground
Set Free: A Study of the Book of Exodus

Musical Reflection

We are Standing on Holy Ground
(Composer: arr. N. Williams Jr.)

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

The God of Abraham Praise #39

Benediction

Postlude

All Praise & Thanks for God Most High
(Composer: Helmut Walcha)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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Announcements & Liturgy	Ed Burton
Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Director of Music	Logan Henke
Scripture Reader	Elaine Holmquist (9:30)
	Ron Mantegna (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Rich Blue (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

Take You at Your Word

Fresh Wind

Prayer of Confession

I Speak Jesus

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

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

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Closing Song

Great are You Lord

Blessing

Read: Exodus 3:1-15

Digging Deeper:

1. In the preceding chapter, where did Moses flee to? Why was he on the run? (See chapter 2) Where was Moses at the beginning of this passage, and what was he doing? (See 3.1)
2. Why did the angel tell Moses to take off his shoes? What makes a place holy? (v.2-5)
3. What is unique about the way God identifies himself to Moses in v.6, and why is this significant?
4. Why was Moses afraid to look at God? (See previous chapter for clues!)
5. Considering why Moses killed the Egyptian task master in chapter 2, why would Moses have found God's words in v.7 affirming and comforting?
6. What does God intend to do about the suffering of the Israelites in Egypt and how does he intend to do it? (See v. 8-10)
7. Why do you think Moses responded the way he did in v. 11? What was God's response in v.12? Does this answer Moses' question or not?
8. Why was it important to Moses to know the name of God? What three ways does God identify himself? What do each of these names signify? (See one name in v. 14 and 2 names in v.15).

Application for Life

1. In what ways do people "run from God" today? Have you ever done this? If so, in what way?
2. Knowing that God can speak to you anywhere, what keeps you from listening to his voice? What helps you listen better?
3. In what ways do you feel, like Moses, unfit to serve God? How does knowing that God is with you help?

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