

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

Reformation Suite: I. & II.
(Composer: Gerhard Krapf)

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Opening Hymn

This Holy Covenant was Made #847

Responsive Reading

Psalm 147:1-11

Praise the Lord!
How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

He heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.

**He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

**The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.**

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.

**He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.**

He gives to the animals their food,
and to the young ravens when they cry.

**His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his
pleasure in the speed of a runner;
but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and have used your name for causes inconsistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to reflect your abundance in our lives to bless the world.

(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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
(Composer: Lloyd Larson)

Scripture Readings

Exodus 16:4-21, 31

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

Sermon

Unexpected Generosity
Set Free: A Study of the Book of Exodus

Musical Reflection

Reformation Suite: III
(Composer: Gerhard Krapf)

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

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer #43

Benediction

Postlude

**Reformation Suite: IV. A Might
Fortress is Our God**
(Composer: Gerhard Krapf)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon
Liturgy
Worship Leader (9:30)
Praise Music
Director of Music
Scripture Reader

Prayers of the People
Organist (11:00)

Rev. Spencer Lundgaard
Rev. Greg Buell
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Village Church Worship Band
Logan Henke
Carolyn Nyren (9:30)
Fred Weber (11:00)
Elaine Holmquist (9:30)
Sharon Peterson

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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Questions for Discussion

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Great Things

King of Kings

Prayer of Confession

Gratitude

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

Exodus 16:4-21, 31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Unexpected Generosity

Set Free: A Study of the Book of Exodus

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Morning by Morning

Blessing

Read: Exodus 16

Digging Deeper:

1. What was the primary issue about which the Israelites complained to Moses in this reading? (v.1-3)
2. How did God answer the cries of the Israelites and meet their needs? What did he give them at night? What did he give them in the morning? (v. 4-11)
3. In addition to providing them with food – what else did God do? (v.7 &10) Why did God do this?
4. What special instructions did Moses give the Israelites about collecting the manna? What would happen if they didn't follow the instructions? (v. 15-20)
5. What instructions were given about collecting food around the Sabbath day? (v.23-26)
6. What was the purpose for not collecting food on the Sabbath? And why did some people not follow the Lord's instructions? (v. 27-29)
7. How is the manna described? (v. 30-31)
8. What special instructions was Moses given about keeping some manna? Why was this important? (v. 32-34)
9. How long did God provide manna for the Israelites? What does this say about the character of God? (v.35)

Application:

1. In what ways does this story help you trust in God's provision for your own life? In what ways do you need to trust him more? What makes it hard or challenging to trust that God will provide?
2. What lesson for our own lives might we learn from the Israelites keeping more than they needed?
3. What steps can you take to grow in gratitude for the Lord's provision in your life?

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