

## Traditional Service

11:00 am

### Prelude

**Sonata IV: I. Allegro con brio**

(Composer: Felix Mendelssohn)

### Welcome

### Announcements

### Call to Worship

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

### Opening Hymn

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** #521

### Responsive Reading

**Psalm 105:1-6**

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,

**O offspring of his servant Abraham,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We confess, O God, that we are tempted to worship at many altars in life. Our hearts are divided in their loyalties, and we give a piece of ourselves to the idols we serve. We worship our earthly treasures and make them the home of our hearts. We idolize people and their ideas and put them on a pedestal. We prioritize society's expectations of what is the "good life" over the abundant life You give us in Christ. Forgive us for worshiping at the altar of these idols. Free us from their power to capture our hearts and minds and help us trust in your sovereign care in life. Enable us to live from your love in Christ and avoid the alternatives that come our way.

*(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

### Joining in God's Mission

**Stewardship Committee**

### Anthem

**Go Down, Moses**

(Composer: Arr. H.T. Burleigh)

### Scripture Readings

**Exodus 7-11 (A Condensed Version)**

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

### Sermon

**Set Free From What Captivates Us**

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

### Musical Reflection

**Deep River**

(Composer: Arr. M. Hogan)

### 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

**I Will Be Your God** #40

### Benediction

### Postlude

**Redeemer of Israel**

(Composer: Gilbert M. Martin)

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon  
Announcements & Liturgy  
Worship Leader (9:30)  
Praise Music  
Director of Music  
Joining in God's Mission  
Scripture Readers

Prayers of the People  
Organist (11:00)

Rev. Spencer Lundgaard  
Greg Buell  
Luke Stoner  
Village Church Worship Band  
Logan Henke  
Gordon Scott  
Jill Nevil, Paul Nelson, Ron Mantegna,  
Gerri Kirby, Austin Rowan  
Lois Morris (9:30)  
Sharon Peterson

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## Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Less Like Me

Prayer of Confession

Way Maker

Passing the Peace

Joining in God's  
Mission

Stewardship Committee

### 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 7-11 (A Condensed Version)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

**Set Free From What Captivates Us**

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Gratitude

Blessing

Great Are You Lord

## Questions for Discussion

Read: Exodus 7-11

Digging Deeper:

1. Read Exodus 7:1-7. What is the primary message Aaron is to give Pharaoh (v.2)? What is the main purpose of hardening Pharaoh's heart and performing the 10 plagues against Egypt (v.5)?
2. In looking over the entire narrative, why was Pharaoh supposed to let the Israelites go? (see 7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1; 9:13; 10:3)
3. What were the 10 different plagues? Which three would be the worst for you to endure, why?
4. What was different about the 4th plague from the previous 3? (see 8:22-23) What does this say about God's character?
5. In what ways did Pharaoh begin to negotiate with Moses and Aaron? (v.9:8, 10; 10:10, 24) What was Pharaoh's primary concern?
6. The Israelites were in bondage under Pharaoh. Ultimately, they were freed in order to worship the Lord. What things have a hold on you and keep you from worshipping the Lord completely and freely? What gets in the way between you and your worship of the Lord?

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**October 8, 2023**

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