

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**
(Composer: Wayne L. Wold)

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Opening Hymn **For the Fruit of All Creation** **#396**

Responsive Reading **Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
He restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We confess, O God, that we say we are free but we are not. We think of ourselves as independent and not tied down by the rules, but the truth is, we're controlled by other things. We like to avoid life's challenges, thinking we're in a safe spot, but then we wonder why we're still not happy. Please forgive us for not facing the truth that we're always tied to the idols that we serve. Free us from being too focused on ourselves and guide us to live a life serving others with Christ at the center. Help us accept the freedom you offer each of us through Jesus Christ.

(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 Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem**
(Composer: H. Howells)

Scripture Readings **Exodus 32:1-14**

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

Sermon **When Freedom Doesn't Seem Enough**
Set Free: A Study of the Book of Exodus

Musical Reflection **Before the Throne of God**
(Composer: Bancroft & Cook/arr. Shackley)

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 **Jerusalem the Golden** **#488**
(Choir sings first verse)

Benediction

Postlude **Let All Things Now Living**
(Composer: "Ash Tree"/arr. Larson)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Spencer Lundgaard
Liturgy	Ed Burton (11:00)
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Director of Traditional Music	Logan Henke
Kids Time	Ed Burton
Scripture Reader	Sherry Maloney (9:30)

Prayers of the People	Rich Blue (9:30)
Organist	Sharon Peterson (11:00)

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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Questions for Discussion

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Alive & Breathing

O Come to the Altar

Prayer of Confession

Passing the Peace

Kids Time

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Scripture Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

When Freedom Doesn't Seem Enough

Set Free: A Study of the Book of Exodus

Praise Song

Christ Be Magnified

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Cornerstone

Blessing

Read: Exodus 32:1-14

1. Why did the Israelites ask Aaron to make them an idol? What was wrong with this request? (See 32:1 and chapter 20)
2. How did Aaron respond to their request? Why do you think he did this? (32:2-8)
3. What was God's initial reaction to the Israelites' idolatry? (32:9-10)
4. What was Moses' argument for showing mercy instead? (32:11-12)
5. What promise of God did Moses appeal to? (32:13)
6. How does God's ultimate response show his faithfulness to his Covenant Promises? (32:14)

Application:

1. What types of idols do people have in their lives today? Why do you think they turn to them instead of God?
2. Is there any idolatry in your own life that you need to repent of?
3. What promises in Christ can we rely on when we are in need of mercy and forgiveness? What is the source of that forgiveness?

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