

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude **Pastorale, Op. 26**
(Composer: Alexandre Guilmant)

Welcome & Announcements

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

Opening Hymn **Beautiful Savior** #17

Responsive Reading **Psalm 96**

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.

**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.**

For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.

**Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

Worship the Lord in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

**Say among the nations, "The Lord is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity."**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord God, in the presence of Christ's strength, we become aware of our weakness. In the light and warmth of his love, our love seems dark and cold. Alongside his gift of a new and abundant life, our lives seem self-centered and shallow. We confess that we are only broken people without Him as our center. Forgive us and heal us for Jesus' sake. Help us center everything in life around Him.

(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 **Our Mission Is to Follow Jesus**
(Composer: J. S. Cool)

Scripture Reading **Colossians 1:15-17; 3:23-24 (NRSV)**
Ephesians 4:1-6 (NIV)

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

Sermon **Christ Centered Work**
Christ Centered: The Abundant Life

Musical Reflection **Work, For the Night is Coming**
(Composer: Lowell Mason)

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 **In God, My Faithful God**
(Composer: J. S. Bach)

Worship Participants

Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements & Liturgy	Greg Buell
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Director of Traditional Music	Logan Henke
Choral Music	Village Church Choir
Prayers of the People	Elaine Holmquist (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

Great Things

King of Kings

Prayer of Confession

Living Hope

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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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Ephesians 4:1-6 (NIV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Christ Centered Work
Christ Centered: The Abundant Life

Closing Song

Build My Life

Blessing

Read Colossians 1:15-17 & 3:23-24; and Ephesians 4:1-6

Digging Deeper:

1. In reading Colossians 1:15-17, what is Christ's relationship to the creation, and what implications does that have for us as human beings and our relationship to Christ?
2. According to Colossians 3:23-24, how should we view our work? Why should we work "as if our soul depends on it?" (see v. 24) How is this different from trying to earn our way into heaven?
3. How should we live out our lives according to Ephesians 4:1? What do you believe your calling to be?
4. What virtues are emphasized in verses 2-3? Why are these so important for us as disciples of Jesus and with our calling in life?
5. In what ways are we united with other believers according to verses 5-6?
6. In your own words, how do these three passages help us center our lives on Jesus Christ? How do they inform our work?

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