

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

**Abide, O Dearest Jesus, Among Us
with Thy Grace**
(Composer: Flor Peeters)

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Opening Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns #223

Responsive Reading

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

**The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

**The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

**All: The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, We humbly come before You, acknowledging our shortcomings and our need for Your forgiveness. We confess that we have often allowed politics to overshadow our commitment to Christ. We have idolized leaders who prioritize power and might over the humble example of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. In our actions, we have neglected our calling to be agents of reconciliation and have instead contributed to division and hateful rhetoric. Forgive us, O Lord, for our sins and failure to acknowledge you as Lord. Teach us the way of Jesus Christ and grant us the wisdom to follow His example. Renew our hearts and minds with the transformative power of His love and grace. Help us to live boldly into Your preferred future, guided by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(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

Christ is the Morning Star

(Composer: John Rutter)

Scripture Reading

John 1:14 and Philippians 2:5-11

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Christ Centered Politics

Christ Centered

Romans 12:9-21

Musical Reflection

Lord Jesus, You Are Worthy

(Composer: Karl Kroeger)

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' #601

Name

Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare for the Common Man

(Composer: Aaron Copland)

Worship Participants

Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements & Liturgy	Rev. Greg Buell
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Director of Traditional Music	Logan Henke
Choral Music	Village Church Choir
Scripture Reader	Claire Roever (9:30)
	Clara Diamond (9:30)
	Jennifer Brejcha (11:00)
	Kathryn Brejcha (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Roger Smith (9:30)
	Peter Johnson (11:00)
Organist	Sharon Peterson (11:00)

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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Questions for Discussion

Logan Henke, Director of Traditional Music

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Take You at Your Word

His Mercy is More

Prayer of Confession

What A Beautiful Name

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 **John 1:14 and Philippians 2:5-11**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Christ Centered Politics

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Romans 12:9-21

Closing Song

Christ Be Magnified

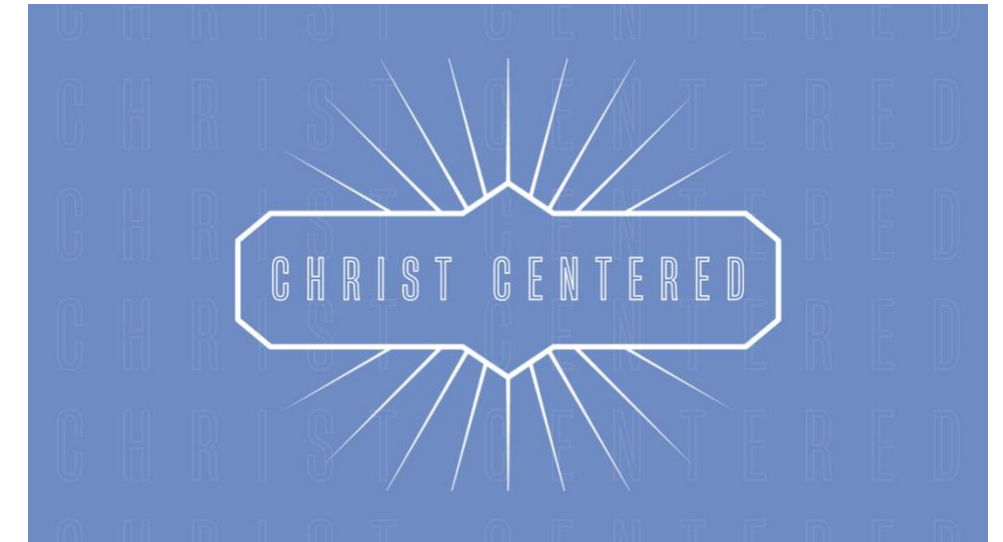
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Read Romans 12:9-21

Digging Deeper:

1. What does it mean to have genuine love and how does that relate to our views of evil and good? What does ingenuine love look like? (v.9-10)
2. According to v. 11 & 12, why is having the right attitude so important in how we live out a loving life? What are key aspects of this godly perspective and does it affect even the way we view the future?
3. What are some concrete ways that you personally can extend hospitality and serve the needs of others? (v.13)
4. How do verses 14-16 describe what "living in harmony with one another" looks like? Which is easiest for you to do? Which is most challenging?
5. According to verses 17-21, what are some key aspects of "living peaceably with all"? Where have you seen this type of peace-making take place?
6. Why is entrusting difficult situations and people to the Lord's will and justice so important in the life of a Christian?
7. Based on everything you've learned from this passage – what is the basic rule of thumb to guide how you relate to anyone? (see v.9)



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