

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude **Earth and All Stars**
(Composer: Alec Wyton)

Welcome

Announcements

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

Opening Hymn **Earth and All Stars** #271
(Choir sings first verse solo,
congregation joins in on verse 2)

Responsive Reading **Psalm 119:10-16 (NRSVUE)**
With my whole heart I seek you;
do not let me stray from your commandments.
I treasure your word in my heart,
so that I may not sin against you.
Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.
With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.
**I delight in the way of your decrees
as much as in all riches.**
I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.
**ALL: I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Good and Gracious God, we confess that we do not always use the gifts of technology wisely and faithfully. We have allowed them to distract us from your presence, and to consume our time and energy in unwise ways. We have neglected to seek your guidance and discernment in how we interact with technology. Lord, we desire to shape our lives around you, not technology. To that end, we have often failed to honor you as the source of all wisdom and the giver of all good things. Forgive us, O God, for our misplaced priorities and our lack of self-control. Remind us that you are the Lord of our lives, not the devices we use or the information we consume. Teach us to use technology in ways that glorify you, serve our neighbors, and enrich our faith. Remind us to rest in your grace, to listen to your voice, and to follow your will.

*(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 **Pancake Festival**

Anthem **God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens**
(HOLY MANNA, from The Southern Harmony Hymnal)

Scripture Reading **Psalm 20:7 (NIV), 1 Corinthians 6:12 (NRSV), Philippians 4:8 (NRSV)**
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon **Centered on Jesus in a Tech-Centered World**
Christ Centered

Musical Reflection **God Be in My Head**
(Composer: Robert Young, accompaniment by Fred Bock)

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 **When We Walk with the Lord** #327

Benediction

Postlude **Before Thee, Lord, We Bow**
(Composer: Ronald Arnatt)

Worship Participants

Welcome & Sermon	Ed Burton
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
Joining in God's Mission	Pancake Festival – Dave Owen
Scripture Reader	Sherry Maloney (9:30)
Prayers of the People	Storm Metzger (11:00)
Organist	Sharon Peterson (11:00)

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Contemporary Service
Welcome and Call to Worship

9:30 am

Questions for Discussion

Logan Henke, Director of Traditional Music

Praise and Prayer

Great Things

Fresh Wind

Prayer of Confession

Only Ever Good

Passing the Peace

Joining in God's Mission

Pancake Festival

Announcements

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Scripture Reading

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

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Closing Song

Build My Life

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

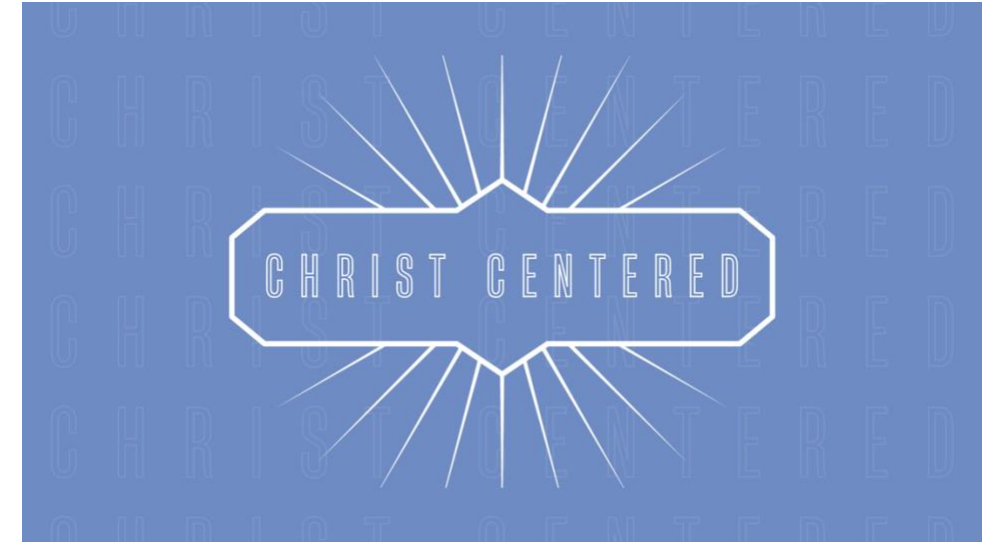
Blessing

Opening Discussion

When you think of issues related to living in a technological world, what concerns do you have? What challenges have you experienced? In what ways has technology influenced your spiritual life – either positively or negatively?

Digging Deeper:

1. Psalm 20:7 says, "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." How do people put their trust in technology over God? What does it mean regarding our everyday use of technology, to put our trust in the Lord instead?
2. For 1 Corinthians 6:12 (NRSV), says: "All things are permitted for me, but not all things are beneficial. All things are permitted for me, but I will not be dominated by anything." Where might this verse connect with using technology in your everyday, personal life? What is an example of technology not being beneficial in your own life?
3. Read Philippians 4:8 (NRSV): "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." How does this command affect the way you should think about technology? What about the way you use technology?
4. What are some ways you can use technology to build Christian community, grow as a disciple, or join in God's mission in the world?



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