Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude Cappriccio

(verses Johann J. Froberger)

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Come and worship Christ,

the visible image of the invisible God.

the firstborn of creation.

the eternal God:

the one through whom all things were created.

and in whom all things are held together.

This is our God!

Let us Worship God.

Come, You Thankful People, #473 Opening Hymn Come

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 underestimate the battle before us. We often view discipleship as just another activity of life. We charge forward toward the front lines of faith, proudly declaring our loyalty, only to find ourselves overwhelmed by the cosmic powers arrayed against us. We attempt to fight with untested words, inspirational memes, and hollow wisdom from secular voices. Our pride blinds us. Forgive us, O God. Grant us humility to receive your Holy Spirit, shaping and molding us in the likeness of your Son, 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.

Joining God's Missions

Frontier Fellowship Ethan Collins

Passing the Peace

The Day of Resurrection **Anthem**

(arr. Danyew)

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:24-2:5

Thanks be to God!

This is the Word of the Lord

Sermon

Mature in Christ

More than Enough: A Study of the Book of

Colossians

Musical Reflection Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

(Composer: Stanton)

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

#187 Thine is the Glory **Closing Hymn**

Benediction

Postlude **Voluntary in C**

(Composer: Anonymous (18th Century, British)

Worship Participants

Luke Stoner

Logan Henke

Village Church Choir

Village Church Worship Band

Welcome & Sermon Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard Announcements & Liturgy Rev. Greg Buell

Contemporary Worship Leader

Praise Music

Director of Traditional Music

Choral Music

Village Church Bell Choir Frontier Fellowship, Ethan Joining God's Mission

Collins

Scripture Reader Prayers of the People

Sherry Maloney (9:30) Elaine Holmquist (9:30) Darvl Erickson (11:00)

Organist Sharon Peterson (11:00)

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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome & Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Take You at Your Word

Come As You Are

Prayer of Confession

Only Ever Good

Baptism

Walker Kane Brennan Son of Michael and Coleen Brennan

Passing the Peace

Announcements

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

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Closing Song

Christ Be Magnified

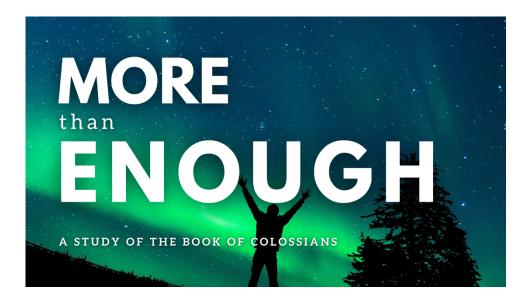
Blessing

Questions for Discussion

Read Colossians 1:24-2:5.

Digging Deeper:

- 1. Why was Paul rejoicing in his sufferings for the Colossians? How was he suffering? (v.24-25)
- 2. How does Paul describe his calling in verses 25-26? What is the mystery that Paul refers to in verse 26 (and 2:2)? What does that mystery mean to you personally? (See v. 27)
- Why is it significant that this mystery is being revealed to the Gentiles?
- 4. Who is Paul and his colleagues in ministry proclaiming, and why does he
- 5. Why does Paul work so hard and for whose benefit is he striving? (v. 29-
- What is hidden "in Christ" and what does Paul contrast that with? (2:2-4)
- What does Paul mean when he says "I am present with you in the spirit?"
- 8. How can we be present with other brothers and sisters in Christ who are not with us physically?
- Who among your family, friends, neighbors, work colleagues and community need to know the Good News of Christ? In what ways are you working to make it known to them? What might God be calling you to do?



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