

# 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.**

### Opening Hymn

**Come, You Thankful People, Come** #473

### 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

## Anthem

**The Day of Resurrection**  
(arr. Danyew)

## Scripture Reading

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

**Colossians 1:24-2:5**

## 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

## Closing Hymn

**Thine is the Glory** #187

## Benediction

## Postlude

**Voluntary in C**  
(Composer: Anonymous (18th Century, British))

### 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
	Village Church Bell Choir
Joining God's Mission	Frontier Fellowship, Ethan Collins
Scripture Reader	Sherry Maloney (9:30)
Prayers of the People	Elaine Holmquist (9:30)
	Daryl 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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Joining God's  
Missions

Frontier Fellowship  
Ethan Collins

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:24-2:5

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Mature in Christ  
*More than Enough: A Study of the Book of Colossians*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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)
3. 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 do it? (v. 28)
5. Why does Paul work so hard and for whose benefit is he striving? (v. 29-2:2)
6. What is hidden "in Christ" and what does Paul contrast that with? (2:2-4)
7. 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?
9. 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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