## **Traditional Service**

11:00 am

Prelude Alleluias (Composer: Robert Lau)

**Welcome and Announcements** 

**Call to Worship** 

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

Opening Hymns Come, Christians, Join to Sing #599

(Verses 1-3)

Holy, Holy, Holy #538

(Verses 2-4)

Responsive Reading Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and do not forget all his benefit

Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

Who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

All: who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God.

our sins are too heavy to carry,

too real to hide,

and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,

what our hearts can no longer bear,

and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;

open to us a future in which we can be changed;

and grant us grace

to grow more and more in your likeness and image;

through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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**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 Now the Green Blade Riseth

(Composer: Carter)

Colossians 1:1-14

Scripture Readings

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

Sermon Giving Thanks for People of the

Gospel

More than Enough: A Study of the Book of Colossians

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Musical Reflection This Joyful Eastertide

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 Beautiful Savior #17

**Benediction** 

Postlude Sinfonia, BWV 29, "We Thank You,

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

Organist

Choral Music Village Church Choir

Scripture Reader Cathy Burnham (9:30)

Ron Mantegna (11:00)

Logan Henke

Prayers of the People Rich Blue (9:30)

Wally Kelley (11:00)

Sharon Peterson (11:00)

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# **Contemporary Service**

9:30 am

**Welcome and Call to Worship** 

**Praise and Prayer** 

**Great Things** 

**Goodness of God** 

**Prayer of Confession** 

Gratitude

### **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** 

Colossians 1:1-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

**Giving Thanks for People of the** Gospel

More than Enough: A Study of the Book of Colossians

**Closing Song** 

**Christ Be Magnified** 

**Blessing** 

## **Questions for Discussion**

#### Read Colossians 1:1-14

#### **Digging Deeper:**

- 1. How does Paul identify himself and the people in the congregation at Colossae? What is the source of these identities? How does this shape how you think about yourself? (v.1-2)
- 2. In general, what are Paul's feelings toward the Colossians and why? What are Paul and Timothy's reasons for giving God thanks and praying for them? (v.3-5)
- 3. What is especially significant about the Gospel in the world (v. 6). How is the Gospel spreading? How did it spread in Colossae? (v. 7-8)
- 4. List at least five key parts of Paul's prayer for the Colossians. (v. 9-12) To what extent does this describe your walk with the Lord? To what degree do you need to grow in the areas of the Christian life highlighted in this prayer?
- 5. How does Paul summarize the Gospel at the end of this passage? (v.12b-14) Is this something that will happen in the future or has it already happened? How does this shape your worldview and the paradigm by which you live your life today?

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