

Traditional Service

8:30 am

Prelude **Sing Unto the Lord/I Will Sing of the Mercies**
(Composer: arr. Mark Hayes)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Opening Hymn **Come, Thou Almighty King** **#492**

Responsive Reading **Psalm 92:1-5, 8**

It is good to praise the LORD
and make music to your name, O Most High,
**to proclaim your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night,**
to the music of the ten-stringed lyre
and the melody of the harp.
**For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD;
I sing for joy at the works of your hands.**
How great are your works, O LORD,
how profound your thoughts!
All: You, O LORD, are exalted forever

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord, you have called us to worship you. We gladly gather! As we praise you, though, our inadequacy reminds us of how we have broken our relationship with you. Because we have sinned against you, even our worship fails to be what it could be. We often treat it as a show. We go through the motions, failing to recognize that you want to engage us deeply. Renew us, we pray, according to your steadfast love. Remind us of your covenant faithfulness and have mercy on us in the name of 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.

Passing the Peace

Anthem **O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**
(Composer: arr. Richard Walters)

Scripture Reading **Psalm 98**

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

Sermon **Praising God**
On Repeat: Dwelling in God's Playlist

Musical Reflection **Still, Still with Thee**
(Composer: John Ness Beck)

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 **Joy to the World** **#92**

Benediction

Postlude **Ain-a that Good News!**
(Composer: Spiritual/ arr. Carter)

Worship Participants

Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements & Liturgy	Rev. Greg Buell
Kids Time	Ed Burton
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Scripture Reader	Cathy Burnham (8:30) Lois Morris (10:00)
Prayers of the People	Karen Schlueter (8:30) Carolyn Vogel (10:00)
Keyboardist	Sharon Peterson (8:30)
Soloist	Anna Donnelly (8:30)

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Contemporary Service

10:00 am

Questions for Discussion

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Song

House of the Lord

Kids Time

Praise and Prayer

Alive & Breathing

Great Are You Lord

Prayers of the People

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

Psalm 98

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Praising God

On Repeat: Dwelling in God's Playlist

Closing Song

The Blessing

Blessing of the Backpacks

Blessing

Read Psalm 98

Digging Deeper:

1. What is the reason given in verse 1 for singing God's praises? What is the significance of singing a NEW song? What marvelous things come to your mind when you think about what God has done for you or in the world?
2. What is the victory of God referred to in v. 2-3? How did the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ show vindication for God's people and his steadfast love and faithfulness?
3. Who does the psalmist encourage to "make a joyful noise" in v. 4-6 and how are they to express that joy in worship?
4. How is all of creation encouraged to join in the praises of God in v. 7-8?
5. According to verse 9, what is the reason for making a joyful noise of praise? How does the fact that God will come and judge the world bring joy and comfort in your life? What about that judgment is good?
6. What is our response to God being our "refuge and strength"? What calamities are described in verses 2 and 3; what calamities in our age would you add to that list?
7. What is the "river" referring to in verse 4? Why does God's presence make all the difference when we face difficulties? (see v. 4-5)
8. What is our comfort even if the "earth melts" (v. 6-7)?
9. How do you respond to the thought that God can make wars end and bring peace and judgment to the earth?
10. What is the reason given in verse 10 and 11 for "being still?"
11. What things keep you from being still in your heart and soul? What things shake you in life? How does knowing that God is with you, bring peace in difficult times?

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Ed Burton, Minister of Family Ministries
Luke Stoner, Minister of Contemporary Worship/Sr. High Youth
Jonathan Kim, Director of Music



PSALM 139: GOD REALLY KNOWS ME

PSALM 32: DELIGHTING IN GOD'S FORGIVENESS

PSALM 42: LONGING FOR GOD

PSALM 23: LED BY GOD

PSALM 46: GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WHIRLWIND

PSALM 98: PRAISING GOD

PSALM 22: TRUSTING IN MY DELIVERER

PSALM 1: ROOTED IN GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

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