

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude	Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim (Composer: Elizabeth Stirling)	
Welcome and Announcements		
Call to Worship	This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it	
Opening Hymn	Be Thou My Vision	#859
Responsive Reading Psalm 37:1-9		
Leader: Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; For like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. All: Let's live as Disciples.		
Leader: Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. All: Let's live as Disciples.		
Leader: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. All: Let's live like Disciples.		
Leader: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; Do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. All: Let's live like Disciples.		
Leader: Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil. For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land. All: Let's live like Disciples.		

Prayer of Confession (Unison)
We confess, O God, that we underestimate the battle before us. We think discipleship is another activity of life. We run blindly toward the front lines of faith, proudly declaring our loyalty, only to be overrun by the cosmic powers against us. We try to fight with untested words, inspirational memes, and empty wisdom from the voices in our world. Our pride gets the best of us. Help us to trust in your life-giving Word revealed through the Holy Scriptures. Deepen within us an unending prayer life. Forgive us, O God. Help us to receive your Holy Spirit with humility as it shapes and molds us in the Son's likeness. <i>(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)</i> <i>In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.</i>
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

Discipleship Moment	Group Life	
Hymn	Will You Come and Follow Me?	#742
Scripture Reading	Ephesians 4:14-16 Ephesians 5:1-2	
This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God!		
Sermon	It Begins and Ends with Jesus <i>Discipleship: Life to the Fullest</i>	
Musical Reflection	Go Ye into All the World (Composer: Eugene Butler)	

Doxology		
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow		#965
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	Lead Me, Guide Me	329
Benediction		
Postlude	Toccata Festiva	
	(Composer: Richard Purvis)	

Worship Participants

Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements (9:30)	Rev. Greg Buell
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Discipleship Moment	Cathy Giometti
Scripture Reader	Cathy Burnham (9:30)
	Ron Mantegna (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Wally Kelley (11:00)
Organist	Sharon Peterson (11:00)
Choral Music	Village Church Choir
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Welcome and Call to Worship	
Praise and Prayer	Great Things
	Christ Be Magnified
	Prayer of Confession
	King of My Heart
Passing the Peace	
Discipleship Moment	Group Life
Announcements	
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Scripture Reading	Ephesians 4:14-16 Ephesians 5:1-2
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God	
Sermon	It Begins and Ends with Jesus <i>Discipleship: Life to the Fullest</i>
Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer	
Closing Song	Build My Life
Blessing	

Opening Discussion
A disciple is a follower of Jesus Christ who has centered their lives around him and are increasingly becoming more like him. What does it mean to become more and more like Jesus in life?

Read: Ephesians 4:14-19 & 5:1-2

Digging Deeper:

1. What is spiritual immaturity compared to in Eph. 4:14? How can the ways of the world cause us to waver in our faith? What are some examples?
2. What alternative does Paul provide to spiritual immaturity? According to verses 15-16, how is a Christian to grow in maturity?
3. What role does do fellow brothers and sisters in Christ have in helping each other grow in their faith? (v.16)
4. What are Christians called to do as children of God? (vs.1)
5. What is the “way of love” described in verse 2? How are we to imitate Jesus?

Application for Life

1. What steps can you take to grow in your faith with other believers?
2. What gifts has God given you to build up others in their faith?
3. In what ways might you be called to walk “the way of love” in your own life this upcoming week?

Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer



Worship
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