

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

Prelude in Classic Style
(Composer: Gordon Young)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.
Come, let us bow down in worship,
Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.
For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture.
ALL: We are the flock under his care.

Hymn #251

The Church's One Foundation

Responsive Reading Psalm 118: 19-29

Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord
through which the righteous may enter.
I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.
The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.
Lord, save us!
Lord, grant us success!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.[b]
The Lord is God,
and he has made his light shine on us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.
All Together: You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We confess, O Lord, that we deny the loving community you have created. We live in isolation or cautious friendship, even when our hearts cry out for a vital communion with others. We live in a spirit of individualism rather than in the Spirit of the new community in You. We are afraid to open ourselves to one another in faith, fearful that others will reject us if they know us too well, worried that they will take advantage of us if we are open and authentic. Forgive us for our fears, O Lord, and deliver us from every form of loneliness so that we may know the joy of communion in 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

Joining God’s Mission Stewardship Drive Kickoff

Hymn #256

They'll Know We Are Christians

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:4-6 and 2:19-22 (NIV)

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

Sermon Jesus the Cornerstone

Deeply Connected: Fostering
Christ-Centered Fellowship

Musical Reflection Proclaim the Glory of the Lord

(Words and Music by Dwight Liles and Niles Borop
Choral Setting by Jack Schrader)

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

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn #266

The Church of Christ Cannot
Be Bound

Benediction

Postlude Dance

(Composer: Alan Ridout)

Worship Participants	
Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements	Rev. Greg Buell (9:30)
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Liturgy & Prayers	Ed Burton (11:00)
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Director of Traditional Music	Dr. Yongmin Kim
Choral Music	Village Church Choir
Organist	Sharon Peterson
Joining God's Mission	Gordon Scott
Scripture Reader	Sherry Maloney (9:30)
	Stacy Carver (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Roger Smith (9:30)
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Contemporary Service9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Take You at Your Word

Lord I Need You

Prayer of Confession

Worthy of It All

Kids Time

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.)

Joining God’s Mission

Stewardship Drive Kickoff

Scripture ReadingEphesians 4:4-6 and 2:19-22 (NIV)
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

SermonJesus the Cornerstone
Deeply Connected: Fostering Christ-Centered Fellowship

Praise SongCornerstone

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

Questions for Discussion

Read Ephesians 4:4-5

1. What did Paul mean when he said there is one body? And what is the connection between the body and the Spirit? (v.4a)
2. What does it mean to be called, and who called us? Why did we receive hope when we were called? (v.4b)
3. As believers, who is our Lord? What does it mean to have faith in him? What is the connection between faith and baptism? (v.5)
4. How does verse 6 describe God the Father?
5. How does this passage highlight a trinitarian faith? In what ways do you receive comfort and challenge from each person of the Trinity?

Read Ephesians 2:19-22

1. What is the significance of being considered a citizen of the Kingdom of God? (v.19a)
2. How does knowing that you are a member of God’s household both comfort you and challenge you? (v.19b)
3. In addition to being a citizen of the Kingdom and a member of God’s household, what is the 3rd way that Paul describe those redeemed by Christ? (v.20-21)
4. What does it mean to have Jesus as the cornerstone or the foundation on his apostles and prophets? Knowing this, what should our response be to their teachings? (v.20)
5. What does it meant to have Christ dwelling within you? How have you personally experienced the Holy Spirit’s presence in your life? Where have you seen it active in the lives of others? (v.22)

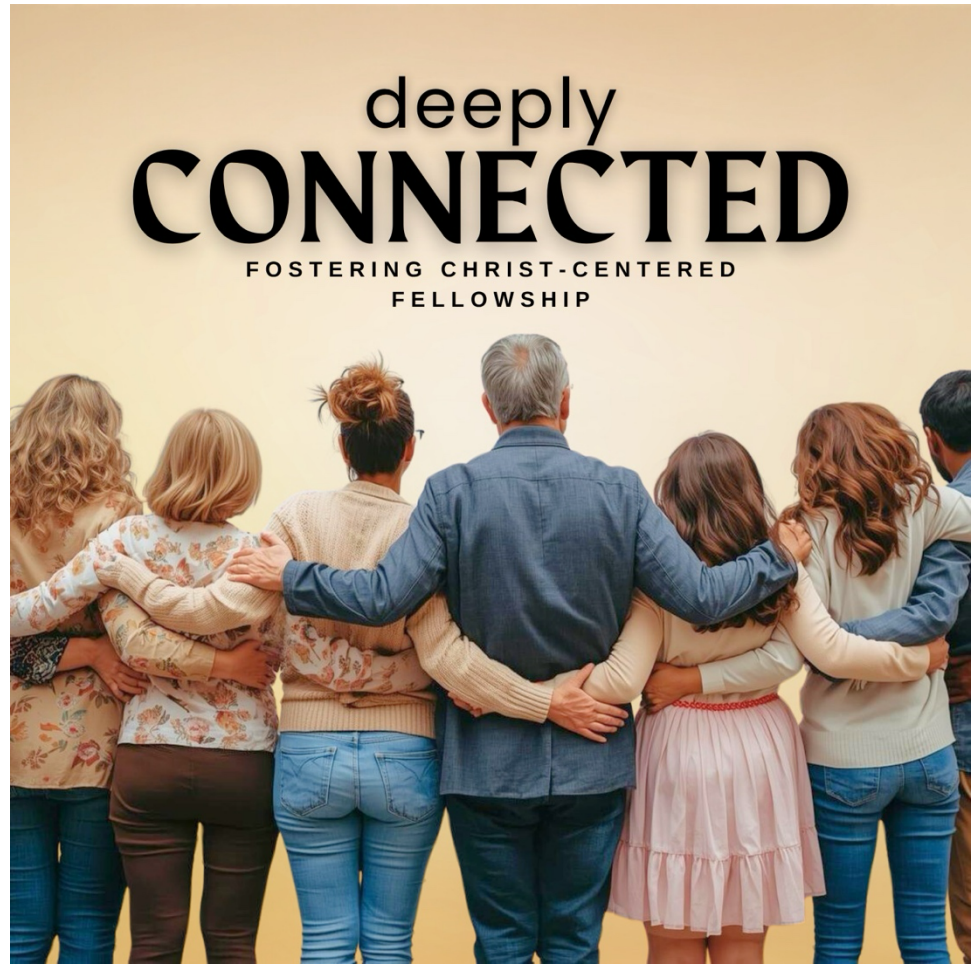
Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

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