

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

For Me to Live Is Jesus  
(Composer: Johann Pachelbel and Johann G. Walther)

Introit

Blessed Assurance  
(by Phoebe Knapp / Dennis Robert)

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 #351

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Responsive Reading

Psalm 80 1-5; 7-14; 16-19 (NIV)  
Hear us, Shepherd of Israel  
you who lead Joseph like a flock.  
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,  
shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.  
Awaken your might;  
come and save us.  
Restore us, O God;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.  
How long, Lord God Almighty,  
will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?  
You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.  
Restore us, God Almighty;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.  
You transplanted a vine from Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and planted it.  
You cleared the ground for it,  
and it took root and filled the land.  
The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.  
Its branches reached as far as the Sea,  
its shoots as far as the River.  
Why have you broken down its walls  
so that all who pass by pick its grapes?  
Boars from the forest ravage it,  
and insects from the fields feed on it.  
Return to us, God Almighty!  
Look down from heaven and see!

Watch over this vine,  
Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire;  
at your rebuke your people perish.  
Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,  
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.  
Then we will not turn away from you;  
revive us, and we will call on your name.  
All together: Restore us, Lord God Almighty;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord, we admit that our love does not always meet your expectations.  
You have said that people will know we are your disciples by how we love each other. We love when it is easy, but struggle when sacrifice is needed. We connect easily with those like us, but hesitate with those who are different. We claim to remain in you, but often fail to remain in your love. Forgive us, O God. Prune away our selfishness and fear. Teach us how to love others as you have loved us. By your Spirit, help us grow closer to you and to each other in genuine love. Let our actions clearly show the fruit of your love in the world, so others may encounter your grace through us.  
(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

Hymn #299

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Scripture Reading

John 13:34-35 and 15:9-17  
This is the Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Sacrificial Love  
Deeply Connected: Fostering Christ-Centered Fellowship

Musical Reflection

The Gift of Love  
(by Hal Hopson)

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.

Dedication of Our Pledges

Hymn #309

The Servant Song

Benediction

Postlude

We Give Thee but Thine Own  
(Monk/Giamanco)

Worship Participants	
Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements (9:30)	Rev. Greg Buell
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Liturgist & Prayer	Dr. Kevin Vanhoozer
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Director of Traditional Music	Dr. Yongmin Kim
Choral Music	Village Church Choir
Introit	Village Church Chancel Bells
Song Leader	Elaine Holmquist (11:00)
Organist	Sharon Peterson
Scripture Reader	Elaine Holmquist (9:30) Ron Mantegna (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Lois Morris (9:30)
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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

God So Loved

Run to the Father

Prayer of Confession

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

John 13:34-35 and 15:9-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Sacrificial Love

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Praise Song

Abide in Me

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Dedication of Our Pledges

Closing Song

Goodness of God

Blessing

Questions for Discussion

Read John 13:34-35 (NIV)

1. What instruction did Jesus give his disciples on his last night with them before his crucifixion? What example does he give them to follow? What do you think he meant? (v. 34)
2. What reason did Jesus give them for loving one another? (v.35)

Read John 15:9-17 (NIV)

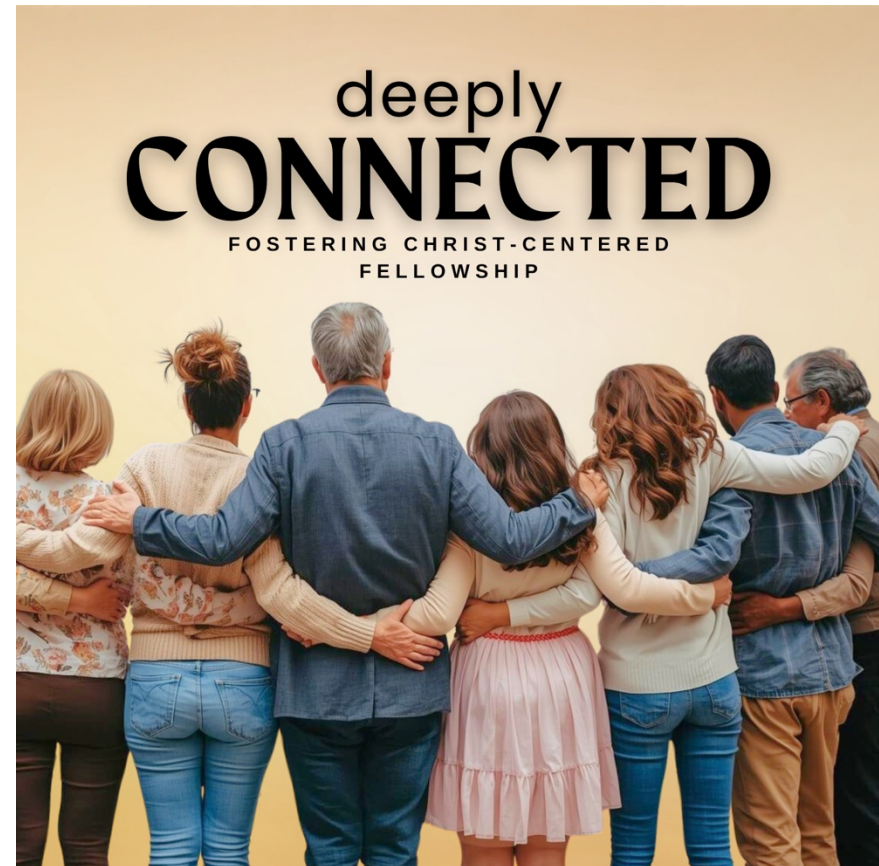
1. What did Jesus receive from the Father and what is he passing on to his disciples? (v.9)
2. What does it mean to remain in Jesus’ love? How are obedience and love related and how did Jesus demonstrate this? What examples from his life come to mind? (v.10)
3. Why did Jesus give this command; what did he want for his disciples? Is this how you normally think about obedience or following the Lord?
4. How does Jesus explain here what it means to love one another? (v. 12-13)
5. Why does Jesus call his disciples friends rather than servants? (v. 14-15)
6. How would you put verse 16 in your own words? Does this verse comfort you or challenge you? What questions do you still have after reading this passage?
7. How many times does Jesus tell his disciples to love one another in these two passages? Why do you think he said it so much?

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