

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming

(Composer: Max Drischner)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Introit

Gloria

(Composer: Frances Callahan)

Advent Candle Lighting: Love

Hymn #81

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Responsive Reading

Psalm 105:1-7 (NIV)

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done.  
**Sing to him, sing praise to him;  
tell of all his wonderful acts.**  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
**Look to the Lord and his strength;  
seek his face always.**  
Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,  
you his servants, the descendants of Abraham,  
his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.  
**All Together: He is the Lord our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, in this season of waiting, we confess that our lives are often hurried and distracted. We have not always done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You. We choose what is easy instead of what is right, comfort instead of compassion, and self-reliance instead of trust in your will for us. Forgive us, O God. Prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Renew us by your mercy, that we may live as people of faith, hope, and love, watching and waiting for Your promised return.  
*(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

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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.

Welcoming New Members

Passing the Peace

Hymn #87

Once in Royal David's City

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:1-8

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

Sermon

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Hope in Uncertainty: An Advent Series  
Through the Book of Micah

Musical Reflection

Angels' Carol

(by John Rutter)

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 #80

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Benediction

Postlude

Holy Light

(Composer: Adolphe Adam)

Worship Participants	
Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements & Liturgy	Rev. Greg Buell
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Kids Time	Ed Burton
Candlelighters	The Ardrey Family
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Director of Traditional Music	Dr. Yongmin Kim
Introit	Chancel Bell Choir
Choral Music	Village Church Choir
Organist	Sharon Peterson
Pianist	Hyewon Kim (11:00)
Scripture Reader	Roger Smith (9:30)
	Dave Owen (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Elaine Holmquist (9:30)
	Wally Kelley (11:00)
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Contemporary Service9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise SongHope for Everyone

Advent Candle Lighting: Love

Praise and PrayerHymn of JoyPrayer of Confession

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.)

Welcoming New Members

Scripture ReadingMicah 6:1-8  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

SermonWhat Does the Lord Require of You?  
*Hope in Uncertainty: An Advent Series  
Through the Book of Micah*

Song of ReflectionNoel

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

Questions for Discussion

Read Micah 6:1–8 (NRSV)

- Digging Deeper:
1. Who is the Lord upset with in verses 1-2, and why does Micah call them to appear before mountains and hills to plead their case?
  2. What are the Lord’s feelings toward his people? How do they regard his faithfulness and acts of salvation in the past? (v.3-5)
  3. In verses 6-7, what are the ways Micah suggests we respond to God’s faithfulness and love toward us? Why would they make meaningful offerings? What do they show?
  4. In contrast, however, what response does the Lord want instead? How are the three actions different and related to one another? (v. 8)
  5. What does a response like that described in verse 8 reveal about one’s heart?

- Application for Life
1. In what ways might God be calling you personally to “do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with him?”

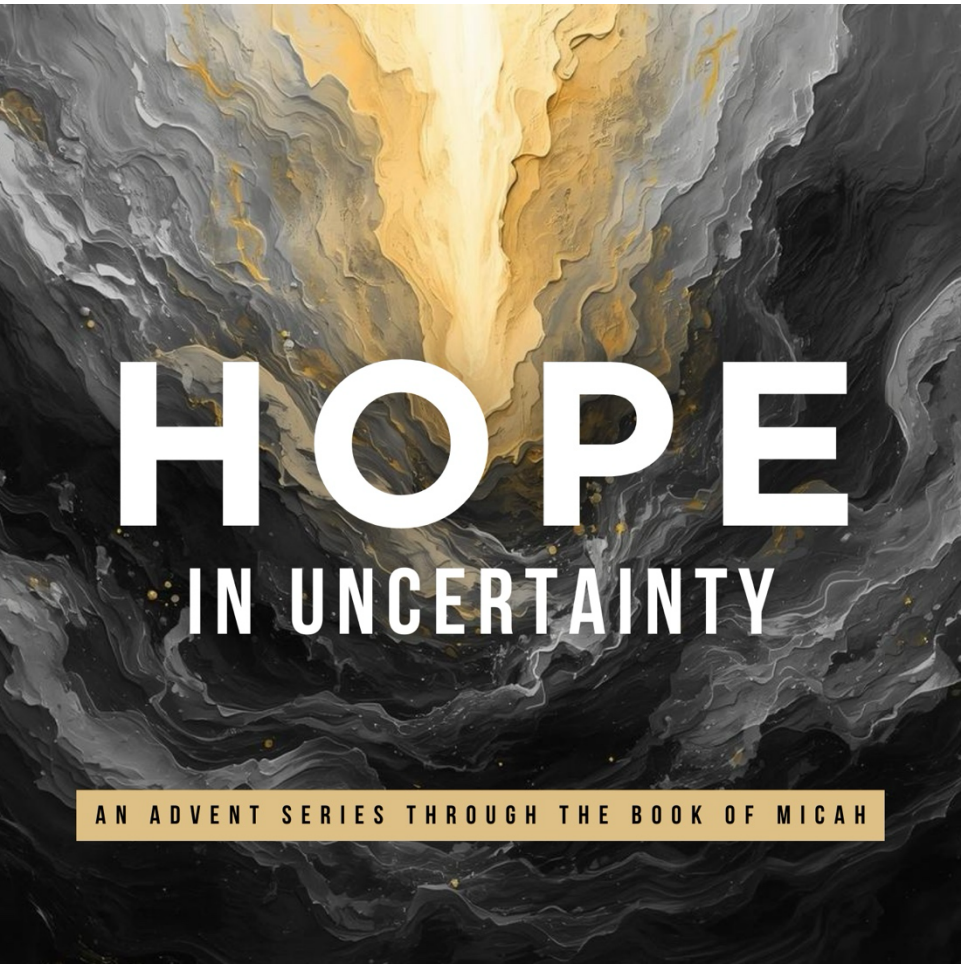
Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

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