

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

Morning Has Broken
(Composer: Franklin D. Ashdown)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Hymn #590

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Responsive Reading

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or
take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers
**But their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they
meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their
fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they
do, they prosper.

**The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives
away.**

Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners
in the congregation of the righteous;

**All: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but
the way of the wicked will perish.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too
deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts
can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of
judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a
future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and
more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the
world.

(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.

Passing the Peace

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Hymn #351

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
(verses 1-3)

Sermon

Growing in Faith and Love
Keep Going: How to Live with Enduring Hope
1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Musical Reflection

Hail, Holy Light
(Composer: Howard Helvey)

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 #251

The Church's One Foundation
(Verses 1, 2, 4, & 5)

Benediction

Postlude

A Charge to Keep I Have
(Composer: Seth Bingham,
based on hymn by Charles Wesley)

*A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,
a never-dying soul to save,
and fit it for the sky.*

Worship Participants

Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Director of Traditional Music	Dr. Yongmin Kim
Choral Music	Village Church Choir
Joining in God's Mission	Chris Holmquist, Erin Gosser
Song Leader	Elaine Holmquist
Organist	Sharon Peterson
Prayers of the People	Mary Dukes (9:30)
Prayer & Liturgy	Wally Kelley (11:00)

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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Questions for Discussion

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

I Thank God

The Lord Will Provide

Prayer of Confession

Kids Time

Passing the Peace

Announcements

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Closing Song

Faith More Precious than Gold

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Read 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Digging Deeper:

1. What was the good news that Timothy brought back to Paul about the Thessalonians? (v.6)
2. What about the Thessalonians is an encouragement to Paul even in the midst of persecution? (v. 6-7)
3. Why do the Thessalonians bring such joy to Paul? Have you ever experienced something similar? (v.8-9)
4. What is Paul's earnest desire? What is his motivation? (v.10)
5. What are the key points of Paul's prayer to God for himself? For the Thessalonians (v.11)

Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

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