

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

Exultate  
(Composer: Bryan Kelly)

Introit

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing  
(Music by Gordon Young)

Call to Worship

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

Hymn #551

All Creatures of Our God and King  
(verses 1, 2, 5, and 6)

Responsive Reading

Psalm 133  
Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!  
People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.  
Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
All: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, you have called us to be one body, united by your Holy Spirit. Instead, we often choose our own preferences over our shared life in Christ. We let differences become divisions, cling to our own opinions, withdraw from those we don't understand, and fail to forgive and love generously. Forgive us for not trusting in your Holy Spirit and relying on our own wisdom and strength. Fill us anew with your Presence. Unite us in Christ, that we may worship and serve together, united by your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
(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

Announcements

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Hymn #251

The Church’s One Foundation  
(verses 1, 2, 3, and 5)

Scripture Reading

John 17:20-23 and Ephesians 4:1-6  
This is the Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

United by the Spirit  
United by the Spirit

Musical Reflection

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord  
(Music by Craig Courtney)

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 #925

Go to the World

Benediction

Postlude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God  
(Composer: Matt Limbaugh)

| Worship Participants                           |                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Welcome & Sermon                               | Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard                         |
| Announcements & Liturgy                        | Rev. Greg Buell                                    |
| Contemporary Worship Leader                    | Luke Stoner                                        |
| Praise Music                                   | Village Church Worship Band                        |
| Director of Traditional Music                  | Dr. Yongmin Kim                                    |
| Choral Music                                   | Village Church Choir                               |
| Organist                                       | Sharon Peterson                                    |
| Scripture Reader                               | Elaine Holmquist (9:30)<br>Kevin Vanhoozer (11:00) |
| Prayers of the People                          | Sue Blue (9:30)                                    |
| Music done by permission CCLI license #1582552 |                                                    |

Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

I Thank God

Move of God

Prayer of Confession

King of Kings

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

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Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Closing Song

The Church

Blessing

Questions for Discussion

Opening Discussion:  
What does “United by the Spirit” mean to you?

- Read: John 17:20-23
- How would you summarize Jesus’ prayer in these verses? Who was it for?
  - How is unity described in these verses? How do people achieve this type of unity?
  - What are the core qualities that build unity between different people?
  - Why is unity so important to our witness in the world?

- Read Ephesians 4:1-6
- In verse 3 Paul makes an appeal to “maintain the unity of the Spirit.” According to verses 1-3, how are we to do this? What do we need to have unity with each other?
  - According to verses 4-6, what is the basis of our unity within the Church?
  - What is the relationship between experiencing unity as brothers and sisters in Christ, while at the same time celebrating our diversity within the Body of Christ?
  - What are some examples where you have experienced the type of unity described in this passage?
  - What are the challenges to attaining unity with others? Where have you experienced disunity within the church?
  - How might the Holy Spirit be leading you today to intentionally build unity with others?

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Worship

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