

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

Prelude: Impression Gregorienne

(Composer: Alexandre Guilmant 1837-1911)

Introit

A Choral Flourish

(Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams)

Call to Worship

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, the flock under  
his care.  
This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Hymn #521

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Responsive Reading

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those  
who live in it;  
for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the  
rivers.  
Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his  
holy place?  
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift  
up their souls to what is false, and do not swear  
deceitfully.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have  
called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our  
lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic  
than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,  
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have  
mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing  
us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts  
to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.  
(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.

Baptism

Nolan Scott Peeler

(son of Scott and Keeley Peeler)

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Joining God’s Mission

Stewardship

United by the Spirit. Faithful in Giving.

Hymn #904

Lord, Make Us Servants

(verses 1 - 4)

Scripture Reading

Acts 4:31-37

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

Sermon

Unleashed to Give

Unleashed

The Spirit at Work through Ordinary People

Musical Reflection

Lord, Here Am I

(Music by John Ness Beck)

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 #869

Here I Am, Lord

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in Seven

(Composer: John Rutter b. 1945)

| Worship Participants          |                                                  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Welcome & Sermon              | Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard                       |
| Announcements & Liturgy       | Wally Kelley                                     |
| Contemporary Worship Leader   | Luke Stoner                                      |
| Praise Music                  | Village Church Worship Band                      |
| Director of Traditional Music | Dr. Yongmin Kim                                  |
| Choral Music                  | Village Church Choir                             |
| Organist                      | Larry Baade                                      |
| Kids Time                     | Ed Burton                                        |
| Joining God's Mission         | Jeff St. John, Stewardship<br>Committee Chair    |
| Scripture Reader              | Sherry Maloney (9:30)<br>Kevin Vanhoozer (11:00) |
| Prayers of the People         | Roger Smith (9:30)                               |

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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Great Things

All Hail King Jesus

Prayer of Confession

Kids Time

Passing the Peace

Announcements

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Mission

Stewardship  
*United by the Spirit. Faithful in Giving.*

Scripture Reading                      **Acts 4:31-37**  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

Sermon                                      **Unleashed to Give**  
                                                      ***Unleashed***  
                                                      *The Spirit at Work through Ordinary People*

Closing Song                              The Church

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

Questions for Discussion

Opening Discussion

- How do you think people would describe the community at the Village Church? What are we known for?

Read Acts 4:31-37

Digging Deeper:

- What do you think it meant for all the believers to be of one heart and soul? (v.32)
- According to Acts 2:41, there were about 3,000 believers in Jerusalem at this time. What did you think Acts 4:32 means when it says that “no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common?”
- How is the fellowship of believers described in verse 33?
- How were the needy cared for in this fellowship? (v.34-35)
- What do we know about Joseph in verse 36 and 37? How is he described?

Application for Life

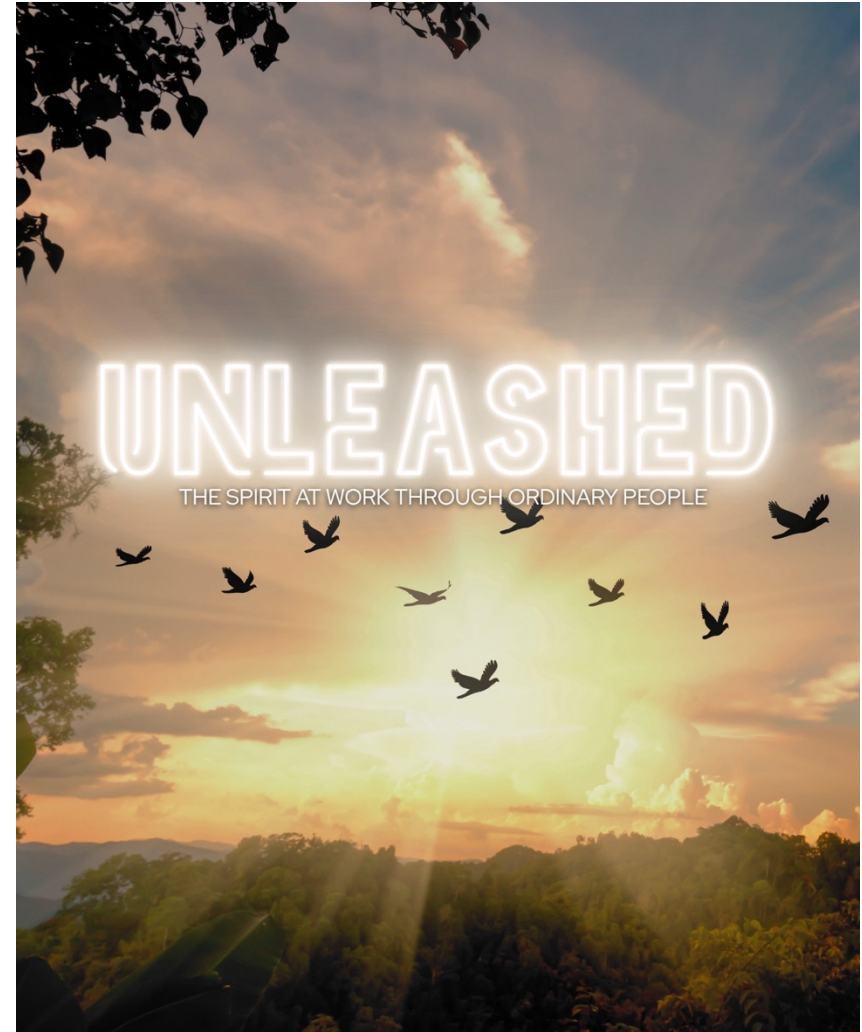
- How do you show concern for the needs of those in your church? What steps could you take to better serve them?

Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

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**October 18, 2026**

  
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