

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

Prelude in Eb BWV 552 ("St. Anne")

(Composer: J.S. Bach)

Introit

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing

(Music by Gordon Young)

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

Hymn #543

Now Thank We All Our God

Responsive Reading

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my
God all my life long.
Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no
help.
When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that
very day their plans perish.
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is
in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the
hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those
who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and
the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
All: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all
generations. Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We confess, O God, our need for the presence and power of the Holy
Spirit in our hearts and minds. We seek our own direction rather than
listening to your voice in our lives. In our wandering, give us direction. In
our fear, give us love. In our guilt, give us cleansing. In our pride, give us
humility. In our brokenness, make us whole. In our anxiety, give us your
comfort. Forgive us, O Lord. Strengthen us through your power as the
Wonderful Counselor who dwells within us. Help us to live victoriously in
You.

(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

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn #876

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Scripture Reading

Acts 6:1-7

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

Sermon

Unleashed to Serve

Unleashed

The Spirit at Work Through Ordinary People

Musical Reflection

What Shall I Offer

(Music by Robert Wetzler)

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 #863

Take My Life and Let It Be

(verses 1, 2, 4, and 6)

Benediction

Postlude

I Thank Thee, Lord,
Through Thy Dear Son

(Composer: Sigfrid Karg-Elert)

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	Stacy Carver (9:30) Jim Page (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Mary Dukes (9:30)
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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Move of God

Only Ever Good

Prayer of Confession

This Is My Father’s World

Passing the Peace

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Scripture Reading

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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

Build My Life

Blessing

Questions for Discussion

- Opening Discussion
- What does it mean to be a servant, or to minister to others?
- Read Acts 6:1-7
- Digging Deeper:
- What’s the difference between Hellenistic Jews and Hebraic Jews? How might this cultural difference lead to some widows being overlooked?
 - How did the Twelve respond to the immediate situation, and what was their solution and why?
 - What was the primary calling of the Twelve, and how did commissioning 7 deacons to care the needs of others help the Twelve fulfil their duties and responsibilities?
 - How does the response of the Twelve lift-up the importance of lay ministry – and all people using their gifts to serve?
 - What was the result of the deacons’ service to the widows? (v.7) Who is specifically mentioned?
 - How does this passage speak into the idea of the priesthood of all believers?

- Application for Life:
- To what extent are you using your gifts and talents to serve others?
 - What keeps you from serving others more regularly and what steps can you take in your life to be more consistent and intentional about your service?

Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

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