Traditional Service 11:00 am

Prelude **For All the Saints**
(Composer: Ralph Vaughan Williams/ arr. Carolyn Hamlin)

Introit **Behold, Now, Praise the Lord**
(Music by Everett Titcomb)

Call to Worship
Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship,
People: let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
Leader: For he is our God
People: and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Hymn #579 **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

Responsive Reading **Psalm 103**
Leader (regular)
Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—
Leader: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
People: who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
Leader: who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
People: The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
Leader: He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
All: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)
Merciful God, we confess that we struggle to understand the depths of Your forgiveness. Too often, we withhold grace from others, forgetting how freely You offer it to us. We are scandalized by the thought that You forgive even the worst of sinners, yet we fail to see our own need for Your mercy. Forgive us for questioning Your authority to pardon and for clinging to judgment instead of love. Transform our hearts to reflect the boundless grace You have shown us through Jesus Christ.
(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

Mission Update **John Haspels**
Africa Inland Mission

Hymn #638 **Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive**

Scripture Readings **Acts 7:54-60; Ephesians 4:31-32**
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon **Unleashed to Forgive**
Unleashed
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Musical Reflection **Prayer of St. Francis**
(Music by Allen Pote)

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.

Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Apostles' Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and was born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.

Words of Institution

Communion Music **Now the Silence, Now the Peace**
(Composer: Carl F. Schalk)

Hymn **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**
(See insert)

Benediction

Postlude **For All the Saints**
(Composer - R. Vaughan Williams / arr. Charles Ore)

Worship Participants

Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements & Liturgy	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 (11:00)
Joining in God's Mission	John Haspels, AIM
Scripture Reader	Elaine Holmquist (9:30)
	Colleen Mackimm (11:00)

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Contemporary Service 9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Holy Spirit

Great Are You Lord

Run to the Father

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Closing Song **O Come to the Altar**

Blessing

Questions for Discussion

Read Acts 7:54–60

Digging Deeper

- Look back at the previous verses of this chapter. Why was the crowd enraged at Stephen?
- What happened to Stephen in the midst of the angry crowd? (V. 55-56)
- Why did his vision make them cover their ears and want to stone him? (v.57-58a; also, Leviticus 24:16)
- Who was present at the stoning of Stephen and what does this say about his character? (v.58b)
- What were the last things said by Stephen? (v.59-60) Whose death did he emulate?
- What enabled Stephen to forgive his persecutors?

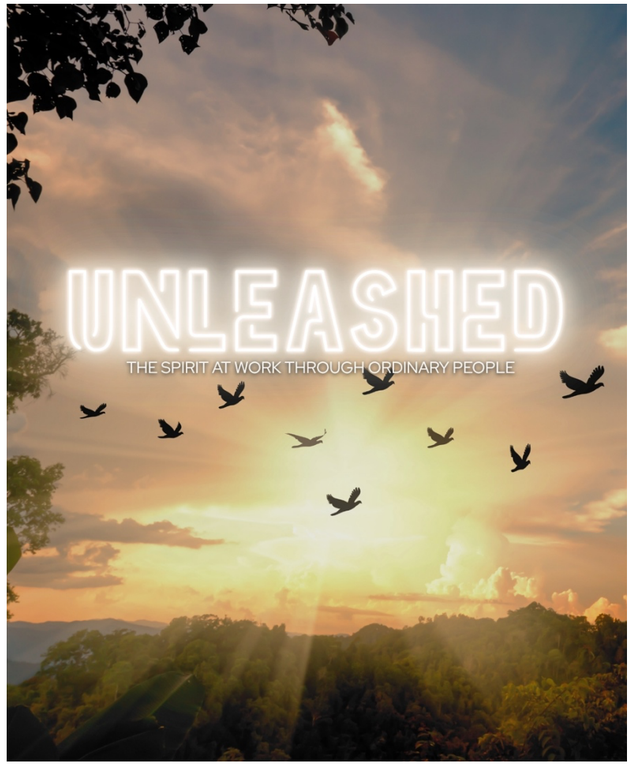
Read Ephesians 4:31–32

- When is it hardest to forgive?
- Are there people in your life who are hard to forgive?
- What makes it possible to forgive others? What is our example and motivation?
- How is forgiveness one of the most Christ-like things we can do?

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