



August 8, 2021

Traditional Service – 8:30 am

Scripture for Meditation

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And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus,
the pioneer and perfecter of faith.” (Hebrews 12:1b-2)

Prelude

Simple Gifts
(from Michael Haskell)

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all
People: And also with you
Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Announcements

Opening Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

#426

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away.
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.
As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee,
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide.
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

When life's swift race is run, death's cold work almost done, be near to me.
Blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove.
O bear me safe above, redeemed and free!

Psalm Response

Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8, 11-12

Truly my soul finds rest in God;
my salvation comes from him.
**Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.**
Yes, my soul, find rest in God;
my hope comes from him.
**Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.**
My salvation and my honor depend on God;

he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
**Trust in him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.**
Power belongs to you, God,
and with you, Lord, is unfailing love"
**You reward everyone according to
what they have done.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious Lord, we confess that it is difficult to forgive others even though we have been forgiven. Help us to be as merciful and gracious to others as you have been to us. Release us from our selfish use of resources, our grumbling against one another, and our inability to be patient with your will. Forgive us and refresh us with the knowledge that we are your people through Jesus Christ.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

Assurance of Pardon

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.

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

(arr. Craig Courtney)

Scripture Reading

James 5:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Centering on the Right Things

Offertory

Blest Are They

(David Haas/Mark Hayes)

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<https://villagechurchnorthbrook.org/give/>. Those attending live worship can
leave their donations in the offering plates in the Narthex.)

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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

Blest Are They

#117

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, Theirs is the kingdom of God
Blest are they, full of sorrow; They shall be consoled.

Rejoice and be glad; Blessed are you; holy are you
Rejoice and be glad; Yours is the Kingdom of God.

Blest are they, the lowly ones; They shall inherit the earth
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; They shall have their fill. [refrain]

Blest are they who show mercy; Mercy shall be theirs
Blest are they, the pure of heart; They shall see God. [refrain]

Blest are they who seek peace; They are the children of God
Blest are they who suffer in faith; The glory of God is theirs. [refrain]

Blest are you who suffer hate; All because of me
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; Shine for all to see. [refrain]

Benediction

Postlude

They'll Know We Are Christians

(Wilbur Held)

Contemporary Service - 10:00 am

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Praise and Prayer

God So Loved

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Prayer of Confession

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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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Offering

Build My Life

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Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Yes I Will

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Blessing

Postlude

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Greg Buell
Scripture (8:30)	Sue Blue
Scripture Reader (10:00)	Gerri Kirby
Prayers of the People (10:00)	Roger Smith
Director of Music	Ruth G. Heald
Pianist (8:30)	Sharon Peterson
Soloist (8:30)	Laura Boguslavsky
Pianist (10:00)	Jim Peterson
Worship Band (10:00)	Luke Stoner, Carl Tobias (guitar); Christine Cheung (synthesizer) Greg Dill, Matt Parks, and Deb Valkenaar (vocals)
Audio/Visual Team	Ed Burton, Kyle Johnston, Barunka Szamaranszky

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Reflection Questions

Connecting with One Another:

What have you had difficulty being patient for in life?

Listening and Acting upon the Text:

Read James 5:1-11

Background:

James is the head of the church in Jerusalem and writing this letter to the scattered Christians who are facing hardship, suffering illness, and enduring persecution for their belief in Jesus Christ. He is providing them guidance and wisdom to endure in the faith. In this section of Chapter 5, James is challenging the rich to be cautious of focusing on storing up their wealth because it can take the focus away from our ability to join in the Jesus life during these last days.

Questions of the Text:

1. Why are the rich people weeping and wailing?
2. What does James want people to focus on instead of their accumulation of riches and wealth? (vs. 3)
3. What are some ways in which laborers are taken advantage of in our society today?
4. How can wealth and riches sidetrack people from focusing on what Jesus is teaching?
5. When you think about your wealth, what do you use as a comparison? As a disciple, what is a good standard to use? How does this make a difference?
6. Why is the spiritual discipline of patience so important as a disciple of Jesus?
7. Who are those lifted up as examples of patience? Vs. 10-11.
8. What is it about God that might allow you to be patient?

Talking with God:

- Spend some time praising and thanking God for his grace and mercy.
- Confess your need for God to free you from any unhealthy focus on wealth and security through riches.
- Lift in prayer those people in your life who are struggling to get by due to the lack of monies and ask God to help you have the courage to do something about it.
- Seek God's wisdom for being patient and waiting on his return in life.