



October 17, 2021

Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

Scripture for Meditation

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Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Praise and Prayer

The House of the Lord

CCLI #7168995 | Jonathan Smith and Phil Wickham
2020 Be Essential Songs (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)

Good Good Father

CCLI #7036612 | Anthony Brown and Pat Barrett
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Prayer of Confession

Announcements

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:41-44

Sermon

Courage to Be Generous

Song of Dedication

Take My Life

Louie Giglio, Frances Ridley Havergal, Henri Abraham Cesar Malan, and Chris Tomlin
CCLI #4162843 | © 2003 EMI Christian Music Publishing YEAR Publisher

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Goodness of God

CCLI #7117726 | Ed Cash and Jenn Johnson
2018 Alletrop Music (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)

Blessing

Postlude

Traditional Service – 11:00 am

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Symphony #5: Scherzo (Felix Mendelssohn)

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Opening Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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Psalm Response

Psalm 116:12-17 (NIV)

What shall I offer to the LORD for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants.

Truly I am your servant, LORD; I serve you just as my mother did;

You have freed me from my chains.

I will sacrifice a thank offering to you

I will call on the name of the LORD.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live our lives as offerings to you, striving to be like Jesus in thought, word and deed.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

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.

Anthem**Have Thine Own Way, Lord**

(Terre Johnson)

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay!
 Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.
 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way! Search me and try me, Master, today!
 Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now, as in thy presence humbly I bow.
 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
 Power, all power surely is thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.
 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
 Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me.

Scripture Reading**Mark 12:41-44****Sermon****Courage to Be Generous****Offertory****God is a Spirit**

(William Sterndale Bennett)

God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.
 For the Father seeketh such to worship him in spirit and in truth.

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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****Take My Life and Let it Be**

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(verses 1, 2, 4, & 6)

Benediction**Postlude****May the Mind of Christ My Savior**

(Jack Schrader)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome and Sermon
Liturgist/Worship Leader
Scripture Readers

Prayers of the People (9:30)
Contemporary Pianist (9:30)
Pastoral Intern; Guitarist
Worship Band (9:30)

Anthem (11:00)
Offertory (11:00)
Director of Music
Organist (11:00)

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Rev. Greg Buell
Sherry Maloney (9:30)
Pat Young (11:00)
Elaine Holmquist
Jim Peterson
Luke Stoner
Christine Cheung, synthesizer
Sarah Lee and Greg Dill, vocals
Village Church Choir
Damon Cole and Leo Radosavljevic
Ruth G. Heald
Sharon Peterson

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Reflection Questions

"He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Opening Discussion:

- What does it mean to you to be generous? When have you experienced the generosity of others in your life?

Digging Deeper:

- Read Mark 12:41-44.
- In the reading, who put their donations into the treasury? How are they different?
- Why would a widow be unexpected to contribute money back in the 1st century? How does that make her donation noteworthy?
- What's the difference between giving out of abundance vs. giving out poverty?

Life Application:

- Who are the people in our society today that we wouldn't expect to donate their money towards the needs of others? Why?
- Share an example where you or someone you know well gave out their poverty in an unexpected way.
- Would you say that you give more out of your abundance or your poverty? Explain, why?
- What steps can you take toward developing a habit of more generous giving?

Suggestions for Prayer:

- Give thanks for what you have and all the blessings in your life.
- Pray for the needs of the world, and those close to your heart.
- Ask God for opportunities to give freely and generously to impact others for the Kingdom of God.