



**October 24, 2021**

# Contemporary Service – 9:30 am

## Scripture for Meditation

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”  
(Matthew. 28:19)

## 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

### Great Things

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## Prayer of Confession

### God Really Loves Us

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## Announcements

## Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

## Scripture Reading

### Acts 1:3-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

### Courage to Join God’s Mission

**Closing Song**

**God With Us**

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**Blessing**

**Postlude**

# Traditional Service – 11:00 am

## Scripture for Meditation

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## Prelude

## Grand Piece Symphonique: Finale

(César Franck)

## Welcome

## Announcements

## Call to Worship

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all

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Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

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## Opening Hymn

## Lift High The Cross

(verses 1, 3, 5 & 7)

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## Psalm Response

## Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face shine on us—

**So that your ways may be known on earth,  
your salvation among all nations.**

May the peoples praise you, God;  
may all the peoples praise you.

**May the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you rule the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations of the earth.**

May the peoples praise you, God;  
may all the peoples praise you.

**The land yields its harvest;  
God, our God, blesses us.**

May God bless us still,  
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**The LORD will watch over your coming and going  
both now and forevermore.**

## **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved. Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you -- only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.

*(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**

### **This Little Light of Mine**

*(arr. William E. Moats)*

## **Scripture Reading**

### **Acts 1:3-11**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Sermon**

### **Courage to Join God's Mission**

## **Offertory**

### **Surely it is God Who Saves Me**

*(David Cherwien)*

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## **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

Closing Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Benediction

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

(Piet Post)

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Welcome and Sermon  
Worship Leader/Liturgist  
Prayers of the People (11:00)  
Scripture Readers

Prayers of the People (9:30)  
Pianist (9:30)  
Worship Band (9:30)

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

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard  
Luke Stoner  
Rev. Greg Buell  
Gerri Kirby (9:30)  
Sandra Mauk (11:00)  
Roger Smith  
Jim Peterson  
Carl Tobias, Christine Cheung  
Renate Graham, Ellen Westel, Erik Sealund  
Chancel Bell Choir  
Ruth G. Heald  
Sharon Peterson

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# Reflection Questions

## Opening Discussion:

- Think of a person who is very important to you but no longer here. Do you remember their last words to you? Why do you think someone's final words are so important?

## Digging Deeper:

- Read Acts 1:4-11. These are Jesus' final words, according to Luke, before he ascended into heaven.
- This story takes place after Jesus' resurrection, near the end of his 40 days with them. What was Jesus doing when he spoke to them in v. 4? Why might this be important?
- What does Jesus tell the disciples in verses 4 and 5? Why was the gift of the Holy Spirit important?
- Why were the disciples concerned with Jesus' restoring the Kingdom? (see v. 6)
- How does Jesus respond, and what does he promise?
- What will the Holy Spirit supply His followers according to verse 8? What will the Spirit help them accomplish?
- Looking at verse 8 where are the followers of Jesus supposed to go and be witnesses?
- What happens in the final verses and what are they told and who told them this? (see verses 9-11)

## Life Application:

- How do non-Christians view the church? What do you think the witness of the Church has been like lately in Northbrook, Chicago, America and around the world?
- How is witnessing "in word" and witnessing "in deed" different from each other? Why are both essential to an effective witness?
- Considering Jesus' command in v. 8, what is your personal "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and ends of the earth?"
- How have you experienced the Holy Spirit empowering you to be a witness?
- Who are the people Christ is calling you to be a witness to?

## Suggestions for Prayer:

- Pray for those groups of people closest to you, in your community, your country and around the world who need a positive witness for Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to equip you and empower you to be a loving witness in the world.
- Pray for the Lord to give you clear opportunities to be a witness.