



**October 31, 2021**

# Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

## Scripture for Meditation

Do not neglect your gift, which was given you (1Timothy 4:14)

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you

**People: And also with you.**

## Praise and Prayer

### We Praise You

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## Prayer of Confession

### King of Kings

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## Announcements

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## Scripture Reading

### Romans 12:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

### Courage to Use Your Gifts

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

## **Song of Dedication**

## **Build My Life**

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## **Blessing**

## **Postlude**

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# Traditional Service - 11:00 am

## Scripture for Meditation

Do not neglect your gift, which was given you (1Timothy 4:14)

## Prelude

**Holy, Holy, Holy**  
(Piet Post)

## Welcome

## Announcements

## Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

## Opening Hymn

**All Creatures of Our God and King**  
(Verses 1-3, 6)

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## Responsive Psalm

## Psalm 148

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens!

Praise him from the skies!

**Praise him, all his angels!**

**Praise him, all you heavenly hosts!**

Praise him, sun and moon!

Praise him, all you twinkling stars!

**Praise him, skies above!**

**Praise him, vapors high above the clouds!**

Let every created thing give praise to the LORD,  
for he issued his command, and they came into being.

**He set them in place forever and ever.**

**His decree will never be revoked.**

Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you creatures of the ocean depths,

**Fire and hail, snow and clouds,  
wind and weather that obey him,**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,  
wild animals and all livestock, small scurrying animals and birds,

**Kings of the earth and all people,  
rulers and judges of the earth,**

**Young men and young women, old men and children.  
Let them all praise the name of the LORD.**

For his name is very great;  
his glory towers over the earth and heaven!  
**Praise the Lord!**

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

Wondrous God, who sets suns and moons above us, mountains and valleys beneath us, and friends and strangers among us: how often have we tried to hide from your presence, how seldom have we looked for your creating face and your fashioning hand! Wondrous God, who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother, and made the ultimate disclosure of yourself, how often we have forgotten you, how seldom have we really loved and followed you! Wondrous God, who pours out freely the Holy Spirit: how often have we ignored your promptings, how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts!

*(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**

### **Praise the Lord**

*(Florence B. Price)*

Praise the Lord, all ye nations;  
Praise the Lord, all ye people.  
Praise the Lord for His merciful kindness is great toward us.  
And the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

### **Scripture Reading**

### **Romans 12:1-8**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon**

### **Courage to Use Your Gifts**

### **Offertory**

### **Upon This Rock**

*(Text by Sally K. Albrecht; music by Jay Althouse)*

Upon this rock we will build Thy church, for here Thy temple stands.  
How lovely this, Thy dwelling place, built with loving hands.

Upon this rock we will build Thy church, and we shall be the stone.  
This strong foundation shall survive til we see Thy throne.  
Those in need of grace shall find this holy place.  
Upon this rock Thy church will stand until we see Thy face.  
Upon this rock we will build Thy church and praise Thy holy name.  
This house shall flourish with Thy love; to heav'n Thy pow'r proclaim.  
Upon this rock we will build Thy church, for here Thy temple stands.  
How lovely this, Thy dwelling place, built with loving hands.  
How lovely this, Thy dwelling place, built upon this rock.  
Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe in me.

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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.

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Hymn**

**I Surrender All**

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**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**O Trinity of Blessed Light**

(Michael Praetorius)

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Worship Lead/Prayer of Confession	Rev. Greg Buell
Scripture Reader	Elaine Holmquist (9:30)
	Ron Mantegna (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Lois Morris (9:30)
	Luke Stoner, Pastoral Intern (11:00)
Worship Band (9:30)	Carl Tobias (acoustic ), Luke (bass)
	Christine Cheung (synthesizer)
	Susan Mathein & Greg Dill (vocals)
Pianist (9:30)	Jim Peterson
Director of Music	Ruth G. Heald
Organist/Pianist (11:00)	Sharon Peterson
Anthem	Village Church Choir
Soloist	Angela DeVenuto

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# Reflection Questions

## Opening Discussion

- When you think about the essence of worship, what comes to mind?

## Digging Deeper

- Read Romans 12:1-8.
- How does Paul describe “true and proper worship”?
- What does “offering our bodies as living sacrifices” look like? How does it compare to the traditional understanding of worship?
- In verse 2, what does Paul instruct people in the church at Rome to do? How is conforming and being transformed different from one another? How does this relate to our worship?
- How does humility as described in verse 3 relate to our spiritual worship?
- What metaphor does Paul use for the church in verses 3 and 4? How does this type of membership differ from how people might normally think about church membership?
- What does Paul say about spiritual gifts in the final verses of this passage?

## Life Application

- To what degree is your life a living sacrifice being offered up to God? What helps you live out this lifestyle? What gets in the way?
- How are you challenged to conform to the patterns of this world?
- What actions and Christian habits have helped transform you by the renewing of your mind?
- Of the spiritual gifts referred to in this passage, which ones do you possess? What other gifts not mentioned here might you have? How are you using your unique gifts?

## Suggestions for Prayer

- Over the course of the next week (and beyond!), intentionally offer your life each day to be used for God’s purposes.
- Lift up areas of your life where you have hopes, questions, doubts, and dreams, and ask God to reveal his will about them.
- Pray for a deeper awareness of your spiritual gifts and for opportunities to use them in your personal life and in the life of the church.