



**November 21, 2021**

# Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

## Scripture for Meditation

Praise the LORD! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!  
His faithful love endures forever. (Psalm 106:1 NLT).

## 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

### Alive & Breathing

CCLI #7138680 | Elle Limebear and Matt Maher  
2019 Be Essential Songs (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)

### Goodness of God

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

### Prayer of Confession

### Thank You Jesus

CCLI #7004672 | Hannah Hobbs and Matt Crocker  
2013 Hillsong Music Publishing

## Announcements

(Offerings are received weekly via mail and online giving at  
<https://villagechurchnorthbrook.org/give/>. Those attending live worship can  
leave their donations in the offering plates in the Narthex.)

## Scripture Reading

### Acts 9:10-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

### Courage to Step Out in Faith

## Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

## Closing Song

### O Praise the Name

CCLI #7037787 | Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, and Marty Sampson  
2015 Hillsong Music Publishing (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing)

## **Blessing**

## **Postlude**

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Welcome & Sermon

Worship Leader/Liturgist

Scripture and Prayer (9:30)

Scripture Reader (11:00)

Worship Band (9:30)

Pianist (9:30)

Director of Music

Organist/Pianist (11:00)

Anthem (11:00)

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard

Luke Stoner, Pastoral Intern

Elaine Holmquist

Jack West

Carl Tobias (electric guitar); Christine Cheung (synthesizer)

Renate Graham, Sarah Lee, Susan Mathein (vocals)

Jim Peterson

Ruth G. Heald

Sharon Peterson

Chancel Bell Choir

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# Traditional Service - 11:00 am

## Scripture for Meditation

Praise the LORD! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!  
His faithful love endures forever. (Psalm 106:1 NLT).

## Prelude

## Thanks Be to Thee

(G. F. Handel)

## Welcome and 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

## We Praise You, O God

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## Responsive Psalm

## Psalm 92:1-4

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
**to sing praises to your name, O Most High;**  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
**and your faithfulness by night,**  
to the music of the lute and the harp,  
**to the melody of the lyre.**

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;  
**at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, In your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. We confess the ways we have failed to give thanks, for the times we have forgotten your goodness and love toward us. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, and in running away from your light. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)*

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**



# Reflection Questions

## Opening Discussion

- What does “stepping out in faith” mean to you? Describe a time when you took a step of faith. What happened?

## Digging Deeper

- Read Acts 9:10-19.
- Who were the two men who each had a vision from the Lord? What did the Lord tell each person? (See verses 10-12.) Who is the Lord identified as in 17?)
- Why was Ananias reluctant to go to Saul’s home? (See verse 13.) And what convinced him to go? (See verses 15 and 16.)
- What does Ananias do and say to Saul? Why would Saul have been surprised to hear Ananias’ words? (See verses 17 – 18.)

## Life Application

- Have you ever had the sense that the Lord wanted you to do something? How did you hear the from the Lord – was it a vision or something else? What happened when you obeyed?
- What’s an example in your own life of someone coming to faith in the Lord, one whom you never thought would do such a thing? How do stories like this give you courage to reach out and share to others? What concerns do you still have?

## Suggestions for Prayer

- Pray for the Lord to lead you into opportunities to serve others, share Christ with others, and help others take a step closer to Christ.
- Pray specifically for those in your life who seem to be the least likely to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.