



November 7, 2021

Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

Scripture for Meditation

A new command I give you: Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you must love one another. (John 13:34)

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

Graves into Gardens

Brandon Lake, Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, and Tiffany Hammer
CCLI #7138219 | 2019 Maverick City Publishing Worldwide

Prayer of Confession

God Really Loves Us

CCLI #7174815 | David Crowder, Dante Bowe, Jeff Sojka, and Ben Glover
@ 2021 Bethel Worship Publishing

Announcements

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

Scripture Reading

Mark 2:1-12

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

Sermon

Courage to Care

Song of Dedication

Less Like Me

CCLI #7136017 | Hank Bentley, Mia Fieldes, and Zach Williams
2019 Capitol CMG Amplifier (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Song

Stand in Your Love

CCLI #7107821 | Ethan Hulse, Josh Baldwin, Mark Harris, and Rita Springer
Be Essential Songs (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Blessing

Postlude

Traditional Service - 11:00 am

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Prelude

O God of Love
(John Corigliano)

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

I Come with Joy
(verses 1-4)

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Responsive Psalm

Psalm 103

Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**Praise the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—**

Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,

**Who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

**He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;**

He does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.

**For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;**

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

**As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord.

(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

#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

How Lovely are Thy Dwellings

(Samuel Liddle/ arr. Arthur Fagge)

How lovely are thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longeth, yea, fainteth for courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, And the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young, Even Thine altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God. O Lord of Hosts, hear my prayer, I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of the wickedness; For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Courage to Care

Musical Reflection

Ayre

(G.P. Telemann)

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.

The Lord's Supper

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Communion of the People

Communion Response Improvisation on "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"
(Sharon R. Peterson)

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the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Closing Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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Benediction

Postlude

Gavotte
(Samuel Wesley)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Communion
Sermon
Worship Leader/Liturgist
Scripture Readers
Worship Band (9:30)

Pianist (9:30)
Director of Music
Organist/Pianist (11:00)
Anthem (11:00)
Soloists (11:00)

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Rev. Greg Buell
Luke Stoner, Pastoral Intern
Rick and Richie Stuckey
Carl Tobias (electric guitar); Christine Cheung (synthesizer)
Renate Graham, Ellen Westel, and Matt Parks (vocals)
Jim Peterson
Ruth G. Heald
Sharon Peterson
Village Church Choir
Loren Myers

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Reflection Questions

Opening Discussion

- Share a time when you experienced loving care from someone in a deeply meaningful way. What made it so impactful?

Digging Deeper

- Read Mark 2:1-12.
- What was Jesus doing in Capernaum and how would you describe the scene in your own words? (See verses 1-2)
- What did the men described in verses 3 & 4 do to bring their friend to Jesus to be healed? Why do you think they went to such lengths to do this?
- Compare and contrast how you would have responded to these men compared to how Jesus did. (v. 5)
- Why were the teachers of the law upset with Jesus? And how does Jesus respond? (verses 6-9)
- Why did Jesus heal the paralyzed man? (v. 10) What does he say to the man? (v. 11)
- How did people respond to the healing of the man? (v. 12)

Life Application

- Describe a time when you went to great lengths to care for someone. How about to share Jesus with them? What made you willing to do this for them?
- What things in our lives or the world can keep us from extending loving care to others?
- How is bringing someone to Jesus the ultimate sign of care for someone? What are ways we can do this in our lives today?
- Who are the people in your life, who need healing and/or don't know the saving love of Jesus Christ? How might you help them take a step closer to Christ?

Suggestions for Prayer

- Pray for those on your heart who don't know Jesus.
- Pray for opportunities to extend care for others in bold ways.