



January 23, 2022

# Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

## Scripture for Meditation

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! (1 John 3:1)

## 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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### Good Good Father

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## Prayer of Confession

### God Really Loves Us

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## Announcements

(Offerings are received weekly via mail, Realm, 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

### Mark 10:13-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

### You Are Cherished

3<sup>rd</sup> in the series "What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?"

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

## Closing Song

## Who You Say I Am

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## Blessing

## Postlude

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon  
Worship Leader/Liturgy  
Contemporary Pianist  
Worship Band Members

Rev. Greg Buell  
Luke Stoner, pastoral intern  
Jim Peterson (piano)  
Carl Tobias (electric guitar), Christine Cheung (synthesizer)  
Ellen Westel and Susan Mathein (vocals)  
Ruth G. Heald  
Sharon Peterson  
Village Church Choir

Director of Music  
Organist/Pianist (11:00)  
Choral Music (11:00)

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# Traditional Service - 11:00 am

## Scripture for Meditation

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## Prelude

**Sinfonia**  
(G.F. Handel)

## 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

**This Is My Father's World**

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## Responsive Reading:

**Ephesians 1:3-7**

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing  
in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.  
**Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ  
to be holy and without fault in his eyes.**  
God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family  
by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.  
**This is what he wanted to do,  
and it gave him great pleasure.**  
So we praise God for the glorious grace  
he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.  
**He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom  
with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.**

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Our heavenly Father and Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconsistent, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus 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**

### **Christians, We Have Met to Worship**

(arr, Lloyd Larson)

Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.  
Will you pray with all your power as we seek the Living Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;  
Christians, pray and God's great blessing will be showered all around.  
Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.  
Let us love and pray for others till our God makes all things new,  
When God calls us home to heaven, at the table we sit down;  
There our loving Lord will serve us with great blessings all around.  
O worship the King, all glorious above; and gratefully sing God's wonderful love.

## **Scripture Reading**

### **Mark 10:13-16**

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

## **Sermon**

### **You Are Cherished**

3rd in the series "What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?"

## **Hymn Response**

### **Children of the Heavenly Father**

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

## **Music for Reflection In Peace, in Peace, Through Christ the Door**

(Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, Music: Linda Cable Shute)

In peace, in peace, through Christ the Door, we cross where Christ has passed before  
And journey to that holy place to worship God in courts of grace.  
Lift up our hearts, with worship fill, and draw us to that center still  
Where Holy, Holy, Holy rends, Earth rises up and heav'n descends.  
Come, Holy Spirit, come, O Christ, and strengthen us for sacrifice  
That we may become what we are fed: God's living Word, Christ's blessed bread.  
We give you thanks, Most Holy One, Who wondrous work in us has done;  
Arising, may we serve and Christlike live for all your world.

**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.

**Closing Hymn**

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

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**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Let All Together Praise Our God**

(J.S. Bach)

# Questions for Reflection

## The Chosen

### Season 1, Episode 3

#### Read the Scripture:

Mark 10:13-14 <sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup> And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Matthew 18:3-5

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Isaiah 61:1-2

#### Key Characters in Season 1, Episode 3:

Jesus and the Children

#### Reflection Questions for Episode 3 from Season 1:

1. What type of experience did you have with the Christian faith when you think of your childhood?
2. What did you think of the way Jesus related to the children?
3. In the episode, how does Jesus engage with the children? What are some lessons to be learned about passing along the faith to our children/grandchildren?
4. When the children walk away from meeting with Jesus, do they express different opinions about Him? What are some examples? How does this reflect how we think about Jesus?
5. What is the unique nature of children and their faith? Why do they have an easier time listening and understanding what Jesus is teaching them than adults?
6. How does Jesus teach the children to pray?
7. When the children ask why Jesus is here, he quotes Isaiah 61. Please look it up; what does this tell us about one of the purposes of Jesus coming to be with us?
8. What gets in your way of trusting Jesus with childlike faith?

**Pray:** Pray the prayer in Matthew 6:9-15.