



Philippians

Pressing On - Partners in Joy



6th Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022

Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

Scripture for Meditation

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made

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

Praise and Prayer

Alive & Breathing

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Jesus

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Prayer of Confession

Sacrament of Baptism

Elizabeth Anne Giannini

Daughter of Louis and Andrea Giannini

Eighth Grade Confirmation

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

Philippians 1:27-2:4

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Living a Life That Matters

Response

Build My Life

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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Great Are You Lord

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Blessing

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome

Worship Leader / Sermon

Scripture Readers

Prayers of the People

Worship Band Members

Confirmands

Organist

Anthem

Soloist

Spencer Lundgaard

Luke Stoner

Sherry Maloney (9:30); Jack West (11:00)

Rich Blue (9:30)

Jim Peterson (piano); Christine Cheung (synthesizer)

Luke Stoner (guitar); Michael Brennan (drums)

Ellen Westel, Erin Gosser, and Matt Parks (vocals)

Cooper Charcut, Kasey Kissner, Alexandra Lake

Sharon Peterson (11:00)

Village Church Choir (11:00)

Loren Myers (11:00)

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Traditional Service - 11:00 am

Scripture for Meditation

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Prelude

Gigue & Rondeau

(Composer: Jean Paul Rameau)

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Call to Worship

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Opening Hymn

Refuge and Rock

(verses 1, 3-5)

#194

Responsive Reading

Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity!

**It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,**

running down on Aaron's beard,
down on the collar of his robe.

**It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.**

For there the Lord bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Father, forgive us for the times we have failed to live our lives in a manner worthy of following you. You call us to live together in unity, to be a source of light and hope for a broken world. Yet we have often strived to get our own way, rather than seeking the good of others. We confess our desire to be right and prove others wrong, over our desire to seek your will and build one another up. As you forgive us, give us grace to forgive others. Humble our hearts so that we may live together in unity with you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Great Creator

(Composer: Karen Marrolli)

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:27-2:4

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

Sermon

Living a Life That Matters

Music for Reflection

An Offering

(Composer: Dan Forrest)

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 & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

We Give Thee But Thine Own

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Benediction

Postlude

Soli Deo Gloria

(Composer: Marianne Kim)

Reflection Questions

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Philippians 1:27-2:4

Psalms 133

In the scripture for this week, Paul addresses the dynamics of living in Christian unity which is counter to a non-Christian culture. When the church is united in Christ, this unity offers a witness that provides a way forward that is counter to a culture that is not necessarily Christian. For Paul, this new community in Christ exudes the joy, love, and similar thinking found in their shared faith.

Connecting:

1. Share what was meaningful to you from the message this week.
2. What do you think the surrounding community says or notices about The Village Church?

Listening and Acting in Faith:

1. In the Expository Bible Commentary, it states in vs. 1:27), "*Paul uses a verb that meant literally "to live as a citizen" instead of the phrase "live your life" in the NRSV. How does this phrasing help you understand your role in the community?*
2. What are the characteristics of the church which Paul wants us to focus on for life? (vs 2:2)
3. Why should Christians expect to suffer in the world?
4. Unity in a pluralistic culture is a challenge. Why is it so tricky and what is at stake for the church?

Listening and Acting:

1. To what degree have you experienced opposition in the world?
2. How does humility impact a conversation with someone you might disagree with on an issue?
3. In what ways can the church demonstrate unity in a world that isn't necessarily Christian? What is the first step?