

Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Reflection Questions

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

God So Loved

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Stand in Your Love

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Prayer of Confession

Passing the Peace

Baptism

Sloane Grebenschikov

Daughter of Max Grebenschikov and Pamela Russell

Kids' Time

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 Luke 10:25-37

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Jesus and the Bridge to Hope

The Walk: Crossing the Bridges Jesus Built

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Great are You Lord

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Blessing

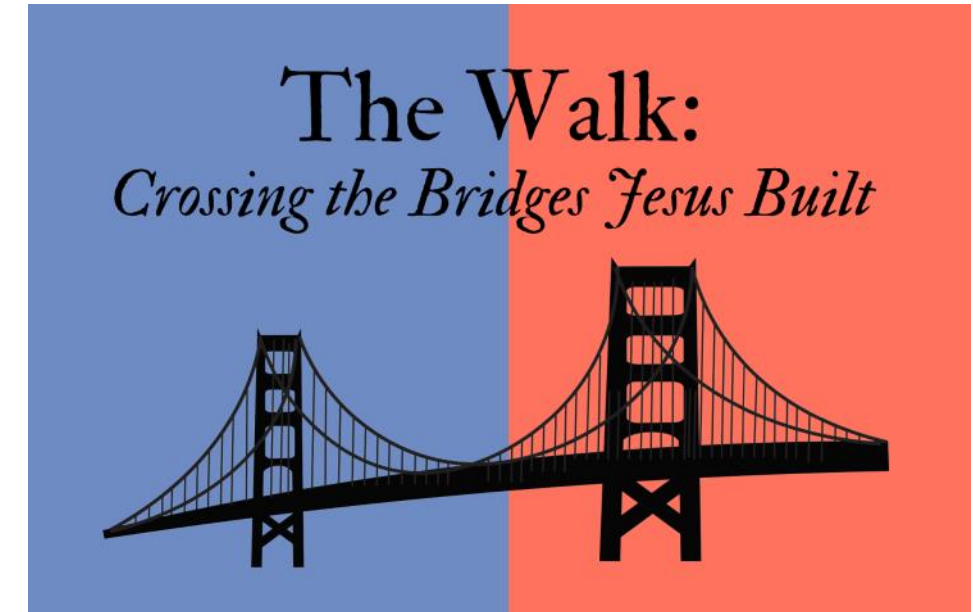
The Walk: Crossing the Bridges Jesus Built

Jesus and the Bridge to Hope

Luke 10:25-37

1. How do you define the term "neighbor?"
2. How did Jesus respond to the "expert in the law" who was testing him? Why do you think he replied this way? (See vs. 25-26.)
3. Why did the man want to justify himself in verse 29?
4. In the parable, who are the people who pass by the man on the road? Why do you think they each passed by? What caused the Samaritan to stop and help the person in need? (see vs. 30-33)
5. In looking at verses 34-35, how would you describe the Samaritan's response?
6. How did Jesus define a neighbor in this passage? (See vs. 36-37)
7. Which was more important to Jesus: knowing your neighbor or being a neighbor? What's the difference?
8. Jesus, by lifting up the virtues of compassion and mercy, provided a bridge for us to reach out and love our neighbors. In looking at the Samaritan's example, what are key aspects of loving one's neighbor?
9. Are there certain neighbors that the Lord has put on your heart to reach out to? If so, what are the challenges to following the Samaritan's example?
10. Who are the neighbors in your life that you may be overlooking, and how might you best reach out to them?

Bonus: In the end, who was testing whom in this conversation?



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September 18, 2022

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

Simple Gifts
(Traditional/arr. Virgil Fox)

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the Day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Opening Hymn **Now with Joyful Expectation** #512

Responsive Reading **Psalm 37:1-9**

Do not fret because of those who are evil
or be envious of those who do wrong;

**For like the grass they will soon wither,
Like green plants they will soon die away.**

Trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

**Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him and he will do this:

**He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
your vindication like the noonday sun.**

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.

**Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;
do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

For those who are evil will be destroyed,
But those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, you love us with an everlasting love, but we have not loved you in word and deed. You call, but we have not listened. You speak, but we pretend we are deaf. You send your Spirit, but we harden our hearts. We turn from the reconciling power offered to us in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We seek to build a bridge instead of trusting the bridge you built for us to cross. Forgive us, God, for abandoning the ministry of reconciliation. Help us turn to the way of Jesus' teaching and living of life toward the Samaritans in our lives. Enable us to join in your mission in our everyday lives. In Jesus Name, Amen.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: 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.

Passing the Peace

Baptism **Joy Elizabeth Sayad**
Daughter of Ramsen and Jennifer Teleback Sayad

Anthem **I Choose Love**
(Composer: Mark Miller)

Scripture Reading **Luke 10:25-37**
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon **Jesus and the Bridge to Hope**
The Walk: Crossing the Bridges Jesus Built

Music for Reflection **O God Beyond All Praising**
(Composer: Jeffrey Honore)

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

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** #351

Benediction

Postlude **Holy God, We Praise Your Name**
(Composer: Flor Peeters)

Worship Participants

Sermon	Spencer Lundgaard
Worship Leader	Luke Stoner (9:30)
Baptism/Announcements	Greg Buell
Scripture Readers	Gerri Kirby (9:30)
	Cathy Burnham (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Beth Dill (9:30)
	Ed Burton (11:00)
Organist	Sharon Peterson (11:00)

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