

# Contemporary Service

9:30 am

# Reflection Questions

## Welcome and Call to Worship

## Praise and Prayer

### Alive and Breathing

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## Prayer of Confession

### Same God

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## Passing the Peace

## Announcements

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## Prayer of Dedication

## Scripture Reading Luke 15:25-32

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: Thanks be to God!

## Sermon Jesus and the Bridge to Hard Hearts *The Walk: Crossing the Bridges Jesus Built*

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

## Closing Song Good Good Father

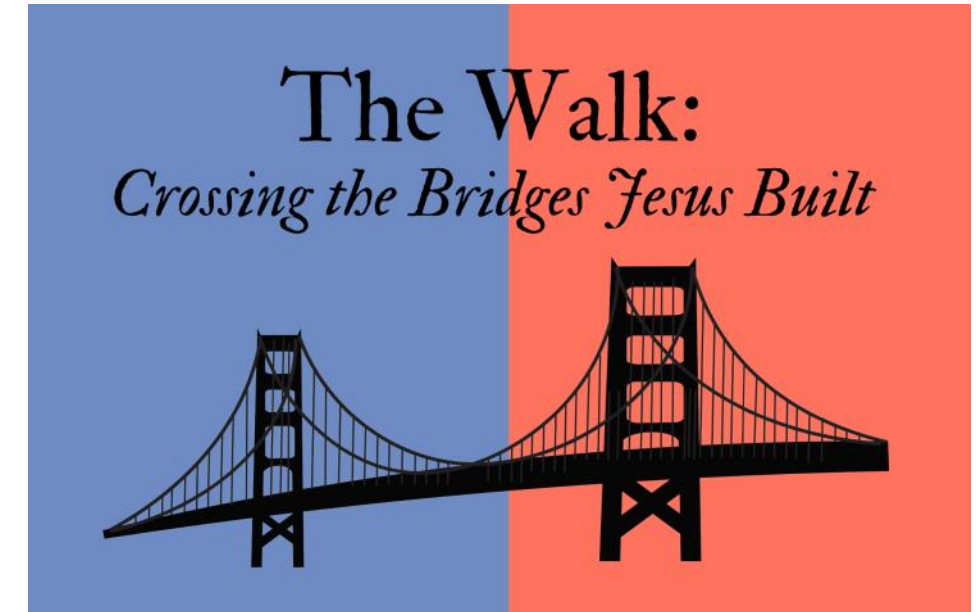
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## Blessing

## *The Walk: Crossing the Bridges Jesus Built* Jesus and the Bridge to Hard Hearts

### Read Luke 15:22-32.

1. Why did the father want to have a celebration? What were some key components to this party? Where was the older son at the beginning of the party?
2. Why was the older brother angry when he learned that all of this rejoicing was because his brother had returned home?
3. What did the father do when he learned that his older son wasn't at the party? What might this indicate about our heavenly Father's heart toward us?
4. What reason did the father give for celebration the return on the younger brother? How does this demonstrate how we should view others outside the Kingdom of God?
5. How does the story end? What is the older son's final response? Why do you think the story ends this way?
6. In what ways are the two brothers similar in their relationship with the Father? What did each want from him? How did they go about obtaining this from him?
7. In what ways do you seek the blessings that your heavenly Father can provide you, rather than seeking a deeper relationship with him?
8. Who are you more like, the older or the younger brother? What steps can you take to grow in your relationship with your heavenly Father?



## Program Staff

Spencer Lundgaard, Senior Pastor  
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The Village Church of Northbrook



October 30, 2022

# Traditional Service

11:00 am

**Prelude**                    **Now Thank We All Our God**  
(Composer: David N. Johnson)

**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**            **Great is Thy Faithfulness**                    **#348**

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

Don't worry about the wicked  
or envy those who do wrong.  
For like grass, they soon fade away.  
Like spring flowers, they soon wither.

**Trust in the Lord and do good.**  
**Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.**  
**Take delight in the Lord,**  
**and he will give you your heart's desires.**

Commit everything you do to the Lord.  
Trust him, and he will help you.  
He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn,  
and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun.

**Be still in the presence of the Lord,**  
**and wait patiently for him to act.**  
**Don't worry about evil people who prosper**  
**or fret about their wicked schemes.**

Stop being angry!  
Turn from your rage!  
Do not lose your temper—  
it only leads to harm.

**For the wicked will be destroyed,**  
**but those who trust in the Lord will possess the land.**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

We confess, O God, that You have accepted us and affirmed us in Christ with a love that cannot be won or lost. Yet we are still trying desperately to earn acceptance based on our good works. We still believe down deep that who we are depends upon what we achieve, what we earn, and what we possess. We still seek to prove to others and ourselves that we are worth being loved. Forgive us for our inability to accept ourselves as you have accepted us in Christ. Set us free from the obsessive desire to save ourselves by status, performance, or loyalty. Enable us to hear the Good News that redeems us from self-confidence so that we may have total confidence in Christ. 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**

**Anthem**                    **Grazioso**  
(Composer: G.P. Telemann)

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture Reading**            **Luke 15:25-32**

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

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

**Music for Reflection**    **Think About His Love**  
(Composer: Harrah/Hayes)

**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**                    **Day By Day**                    **#437**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**                    **Hyfrydol Aspects: III. Allegro**  
(Composer: Terry R. Everson)

## Worship Participants

Sermon  
Announcements  
  
Worship Leader  
Liturgist  
Scripture Readers

Prayers of the People

Organist  
Trumpet  
Anthem

Spencer Lundgaard  
Greg Buell (9:30)  
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Sherry Maloney (9:30)  
Ron Mantegna (11:00)  
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