

# Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

He Lives

We Praise You

Prayer of Confession

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Passing the Peace

Announcements

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Minute for Ministry

Pancake Breakfast

Scripture Reading

Revelation 2:8-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Dear Church, Don't Give Up

Third in the series, "Dear Church, Seven Messages for Today"

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Hymn of Heaven

Blessing



## Program Staff

Spencer Lundgaard, Senior Pastor  
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Jesse Borower, Director of Music (Traditional)



February 12, 2023

# Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude **Tone Piece, Op. 22, #2**  
(Composer: Niels Gade)

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 **Abide With Me** #466  
(Verses 1-3)

Responsive Reading **Psalm 46**

God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.  
**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**

Though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.  
**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.

**Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**

The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**Come and see what the LORD has done,  
the desolations he has brought on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.

**He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."**

The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Sovereign Lord, you are the ruler of the universe, and God of all time, yet we confess to you our lack of trust that you are in control and will not forsake your people. We praise you when blessings abound and life is good, yet our faith falters when difficulties and troubles rise. Forgive us, Lord, for these and all our sins, and give us strength to persevere through the pain and suffering we experience. This we pray through Jesus Christ, who overcame that we might have eternal life.

*(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

Minute for Ministry **Pancake Breakfast**

Anthem **Come Unto Me**  
(Composer: Mary Kay Beall)

Scripture Reading **Revelation 2:8-11**

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All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon **Dear Church, Don't Give Up**  
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Musical Reflection **Be thou my vision**  
(Composer: Bob Chilcott)

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 **How Firm a Foundation** #427

Benediction

Postlude **All Glory Be to God on High**  
(Composer: Flor Peeters)

## Worship Participants

Sermon  
Worship Leader  
Minute for Ministry  
Scripture Reader

Prayers of the People

Director of Music (Traditional)  
Organist  
Tenor Soloist  
Anthem

Greg Buell  
Luke Stoner (9:30)  
Matt Parks  
Jennifer Brejcha (9:30)  
Matt Morgan (11:00)  
Roger Smith (9:30)  
Elaine Holmquist (11:00)  
Jesse Borower (11:00)  
Sharon Peterson (11:00)  
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Village Church Choir

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