

Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

The Lord Our God

Prayer of Confession

I Thank God

Passing the Peace

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 Revelation 2:12-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Dear Church, I See You
Fourth in the series, "Dear Church, Seven Messages for Today"

Response What a Beautiful Name

Officer Installation

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Blessing



Program Staff

Spencer Lundgaard, Senior Pastor
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Ed Burton, Minister of Family Ministries
Luke Stoner, Minister of Contemporary Worship/Sr. High Youth
Jesse Borower, Director of Music (Traditional)



February 19, 2023

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude **Concerto in G, BWV 592, I.**
(Composer: J.S. Bach)

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.
People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Introit **Seek Ye First**
(Composer: Karen Lafferty)

Opening Hymn **He Leadeth Me** **#440**

Responsive Reading **Psalm 62:5-12 (NIV)**

Yes, my soul, find rest in God;
my hope comes from him.
Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.
My salvation and my honor depend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
Trust in him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to him,
for God is our refuge.
Surely the lowborn are but a breath,
the highborn are but a lie.
If weighed on a balance they are nothing;
together they are only a breath.
Do not trust in extortion
or put hope in stolen goods;
Though your riches increase,
do not set your heart on them.
One thing God has spoken,
two things I have heard:
"Power belongs to you, God,
And with you, Lord, is unfailing love";
and, "You reward everyone
according to what they have done."

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we have not always been faithful to your call. We have compromised with the unhealthy and selfish ways of the world, and followed after false teachings and pursuits unworthy of our hope and devotion. We often neglect your Word and your Spirit. We have not held fast to your name and your truth. Forgive us, O Lord, and call us back to yourself... remind us of the power of the cross, the only power that cleanses all sins. Help us to repent and to overcome

the temptations that surround us. Transform us, and make us to be faithful witnesses of your love and your power. In the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior, we pray. 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

Officer Installation

***Anthem** **Credo**
(Composer: Jane Marshall)

Scripture Reading **Revelation 2:12-17**

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

Choral Response **Wisdom Calls**
(Composer: Carol Bechtel)

Sermon **Dear Church, I See You**
Fourth in the series, "Dear Church, Seven Messages for Today"

Musical Reflection **Adoration**
(Composer: Florence Price)

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 Can I Keep From Singing** **#443**

Benediction

Choral Benediction **The Lord Bless You**
(Composer E. Fred Morris, arr TenClay)

Postlude **Partita on "Thy Majesty"**
(Composer: Karl Kroeger)

Worship Participants

Sermon	Ed Burton
Worship Leader	Luke Stoner (9:30)
Scripture Reader	Paul Nelson (9:30)
	Sandy Mauk (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Spencer Lundgaard
Officer Installation	Andy Roane
Kids' Time	Spencer Lundgaard
Director of Music (Traditional)	Jesse Borower (11:00)
Organist	Sharon Peterson (11:00)
Anthem	Village Church Choir

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*Florence Price's *Adoration* is an example of this prolific, Chicago-based, female Black composer. Price, (1887-1953) was an organist and wrote many pieces for the instrument. The Chicago Symphony Orchestra premiered her 1st Symphony in E minor in 1933. It was the first time a major American orchestra performed a symphony written by a Black woman.

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