

# Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

House of the Lord

Goodness of God

Prayer of Confession

Great are You Lord

Passing the Peace

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.)

Minute for Ministry    A Taste of Pilgrimage

Scripture Reading    Revelation 3:7-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon    Dear Church, I've Opened the Door For You  
*Seventh in the series, "Dear Church, Seven Messages for Today"*

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayers

Closing Song    Build My Life

Blessing



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## Program Staff

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

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March 12, 2023

# Traditional Service

11:00

Prelude Prelude on "St. Mary's"  
(Composer: Elizabeth Stirling)

Welcome

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## Call to Worship

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

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Opening Hymn O God Our Help in Ages Past #405  
(Verses 1-4)

Responsive Reading Psalm 96

Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.  
**Sing to the LORD, praise his name;  
proclaim his salvation day after day.**  
Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.  
**For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;  
he is to be feared above all gods.**  
For all the gods of the nations are idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.  
**Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**  
Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering and come into his courts.**  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth.  
**Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."  
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity.**  
Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.  
**Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;  
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.**  
Let all creation rejoice before the LORD,  
for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord, you are the Light of the World who redeemed and delivered us from darkness and brought us into your kingdom, and yet we often go through life as if we lived only for ourselves. You have called us to be your light in the world, sharing the good news of salvation with others, and yet we choose to keep our faith to ourselves. Forgive us for neglecting to take hold of the opportunities to share Christ with others, which you lay before us every day. Grow our compassion and concern for the lost and broken, that your Spirit would compel us to go as agents of hope, love, and healing in the world. 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

Minute for Ministry A Taste of Pilgrimage

Musical Solo I'll Walk With God  
(Composer: Nicholas Brodzky)

Scripture Reading Revelation 3:7-13  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;  
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Dear Church, I've Opened the Door for You  
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Musical Reflection Jesus, Refuge of the Weary  
(Composer: Thomas W. Jefferson)

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 Blessed Assurance #363

Benediction

Postlude A Lenten Meditation  
(Composer: Eric H. Thiman)

## Worship Participants

Sermon	Greg Buell
Worship Leader	Luke Stoner (9:30)
Liturgist	Spencer Lundgaard (11:00)
Scripture Reader	Andrea Giannini (9:30)
	Fred Weber (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Roger Smith (9:30)
	Spencer Lundgaard (11:00)
Minute for Ministry	Bridget Kadolph
Director of Music (Traditional)	Jesse Borower (11:00)
Organist	Sharon Peterson (11:00)
Alto Soloist	Laura Boguslavsky

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