

Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Great Things

Graves into Gardens

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 3:14-22**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon **Dear Church, Let Me In**

Eighth in the series, *"Dear Church, Seven Messages for Today"*

Response Song **Lord I Need You**

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song **Back to Life**

Blessing



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Spencer Lundgaard, Senior Pastor
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March 19, 2023

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude **Sonata in F minor: I. Allegro moderato e serio**
(Composer: Felix Mendelssohn)

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!

Introit **My Jesus I Love Thee**
(Composer: Adoniram J. Gordon, arr. Cota)

Opening Hymn **O Worship the King** #2

Responsive Reading **Psalm 42**

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and behold the face of God?
My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me continually,
"Where is your God?"
These things I remember, as I pour out my soul,
how I went with the throng and led them
in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude-keeping festival.

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.

My soul is cast down within me,
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and
of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your torrents;
all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully
because the enemy oppresses me?"

As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we have acted as if we do not need you. We have relied on our own wisdom and strength instead of trusting in your guidance and power. We have been self-sufficient and proud instead of humble and dependent. We often ignore your voice and your will for our lives. Forgive us, O God, for our foolishness and arrogance. Remind us of our need for you and your grace. Convince us that we are to come to you as those who are in need, because that is the truth. Help us to seek you first in all that we do and to rely on you alone as our source of life and hope. In Jesus' name 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

Anthem **Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake**
(Composer: Richard Farrant)

Scripture Reading **Revelation 3:14-22**

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

Sermon **Dear Church, Let Me In**
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Musical Reflection When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
(Composer: Lowell Mason, arr. Cota)

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 **Guide Me O My Great Redeemer** #43

Choral Benediction **Peace Before Us**
(Composer: David Haas)

Postlude **O Lamb of God Most Holy**
(Composer: G. Ph. Teleman)

Worship Participants

Sermon	Ed Burton
Worship Leader	Luke Stoner (9:30)
Liturgist	Spencer Lundgaard (11:00)
Scripture Reader	Sue Blue (9:30)
	Spencer Lundgaard (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Elaine Holmquist (9:30)
	Spencer Lundgaard (11:00)
Director of Music (Traditional)	Jesse Borower (11:00)
Organist	Sharon Peterson (11:00)
Anthem & Benediction	Village Church Choir
Introit & Reflection	Village Church Bell Choir

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