

# Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

We Praise You

God So Loved

Prayer of Confession

His Mercy is More

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    Good Friday Preview

Scripture Reading    Revelation 22:1-5, 12-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon    **Dear Church, Evil is Defeated, Christ Wins**  
Ninth in the series, *"Dear Church, Seven Messages for Today"*

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song    Hymn of Heaven

Blessing



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

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**March 26, 2023**

# Traditional Service

11:00 am

**Prelude** **Largo**  
(Composer: Frederic Chopin)

**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** **Come Down, O Love Divine** #234

**Responsive Reading** **Psalm 148**

Praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!  
**Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his host!**  
Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars!  
Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!  
**Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for he commanded, and they were created.  
He established them forever and ever;  
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**  
Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,  
fire and hail, snow and frost,  
storming wind fulfilling his command!  
Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!  
Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!  
Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!  
Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!  
**Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.  
He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him.  
Praise the Lord!**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

We confess, o God, that we frequently rob our faith of its future. We dwell upon the past or focus on the present in our quest for a meaningful life. But we forget that our risen Lord is the One who will come to us in the fulness of time and will establish his kingdom over all the earth. So we live day-to-day without the assurance of your ultimate victory over sin and death. And where there is no faith in the future, there is no power in the present. Forgive us, Father God, for limiting the horizon Jesus creates for us. Lift up our eyes to the future of Christ, and grant us a sense of keen expectation that we may live today in light of his coming in great glory. 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**

**Minute for Ministry** **Good Friday Preview**

**Anthem** **Introit & Kyrie from Son of God Mass**  
(Composer: James Whitbourn)

**Scripture Reading** **Revelation 22:1-5, 12-21**

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

**Sermon** **Dear Church, Evil is Defeated, Christ Wins**  
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**Musical Reflection** **Kyrie Meditation from Son of God Mass**  
(Composer: James Whitbourn)

**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** **Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers** #477

**Benediction**

**Postlude** **Song Without Words, Op. 53, #19**  
(Composer: Felix Mendelssohn)

## Worship Participants

Sermon	Spencer Lundgaard
Worship Leader	Luke Stoner (9:30)
Liturgist	Greg Buell (11:00)
Scripture Reader	Spencer Lundgaard
Prayers of the People	Gerri Kirby (9:30)
	Elaine Holmquist (11:00)
Minute for Ministry	Jesse Borower
Director of Music (Traditional)	Jesse Borower (11:00)
Organist	Sharon Peterson (11:00)
Saxophonist	Andrew Carpenter
Anthem & Musical Reflection	Village Church Choir

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