

# Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

I Thank God

Prayer of Confession

You Are My Peace

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.)

Scripture Reading **John 14:25-27**

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

Sermon **Peace**

*The Fruitful Life: Cultivating the Character of Christ*

Confirmation Video

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Prayer of Blessing

Closing Song **The Blessing**

Blessing

## Questions for Discussion

### Opening Discussion:

Describe a time in your life when you knew that your situation was about to change significantly and you were feeling apprehensive about the future.

### Read: John 14:25-27

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

### Digging Deeper:

1. Skim over chapters 13 and 14 of the Gospel of John which begins Jesus' discourse in the Upper Room. Why would the disciples feel apprehensive about the future? Do you think they fully understood what was about to happen to Jesus?
2. Jesus was leaving soon, but who was God sending in his place? What was its purpose in being sent to the disciples?
3. Looking at verse 27, what is peace an antidote for? Where does it come from? How is the peace that Jesus gives different from peace that the world offers?

### Application for Life

1. Was there been a time in your life when the Lord through the Holy Spirit gave you peace? What were the surrounding circumstances?
2. What are some areas in your life where you need peace right now?
3. What are the challenges to receiving Christ's peace? In past experiences, what has gotten in the way of feeling that peace in your own life?

### Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

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### Program Staff

Spencer Lundgaard, Senior Pastor  
Greg Buell, Associate Pastor for Discipleship & Caring Ministries  
Ed Burton, Minister of Family Ministries  
Luke Stoner, Minister of Contemporary Worship/Sr. High Youth  
Jesse Bower, Director of Music (Traditional)

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**3rd Sunday after Easter  
April 30, 2023**

# Traditional Service

11:00 am

**Prelude**                      **Gather Us In**  
(Composer: Jeffrey Honore)

**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**    **Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord**                      #22

**Responsive Reading**                      **Psalm 34:1-8**  
We will bless the Lord at all times.  
**God's praise is always on our lips;**  
**in the Lord our souls shall make their boast.**  
The humble shall hear and be glad.  
Glorify the Lord with us.  
Together let us praise God's name.  
**We sought the Lord and were heard,**  
**from all our terrors set free.**  
Look toward God and be radiant;  
let our faces not be ashamed.  
When the poor cry out, the Lord hears them  
and rescues them from all their distress.  
**Taste and see that the Lord is good.**  
**They are happy who seek refuge in God.**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**  
Lord God, we confess that our doubts and fears override your call on our lives. We say that we love you only to fall short of our confession. We focus our attention on busyness rather than your presence with us. We spend our days fishing for achievement, affirmation, or busyness rather than trusting in your abundant life. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be open to your invitation to sit with you; content with your presence, and trusting your guidance in our lives. Give us the peace that passes all understanding and the courage to tend your sheep and follow you. Forgive us, restore us, and renew us.  
*(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)* In Jesus' name, Amen.

**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.

**Confirmation Video**

**Confirmation**

**Passing the Peace**

**Anthem**                      **A Canticle of Peace**  
(Composer: Joseph Clokey)

**Scripture Reading**                      **John 14:25-27**  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;  
All: Thanks be to God!

**Sermon**                      **Peace**  
*The Fruitful Life: Cultivating the Character of Christ*

**Musical Reflection**                      **I Am the Holy Vine**  
(Composer: John Ireland)

**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 and 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**                      **Great is Thy Faithfulness**                      #348

**Benediction**

**Postlude**                      **Voluntary in D**  
(Composer: William Croft)

## Worship Participants

Sermon	Rev. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements	Greg Buell
Worship Leader	Luke Stoner (9:30)
Liturgist	Greg Buell (11:00)
Scripture Reader	Blake Haravon (9:30)
	Elaine Holmquist (11:00)
Prayer of Blessing	Greg Buell (9:30)
Prayers of the People	Bill McDowell (11:00)
Director of Music (Traditional)	Jesse Borower (11:00)
Organist	Sharon Peterson (11:00)
Anthem & Reflection	Village Church Choir (11:00)

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