

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

Cantilene

(Composer: Gabriel Pierre)

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Opening Hymn **Jesus Heard With Deep Compassion #127**

Responsive Reading **Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
**He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters;
He restores my soul.**

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
(ALL) AND I SHALL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD
MY WHOLE LIFE LONG.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious and Loving God, we struggle to be obedient and faithful men and women in Christ. You ask us to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger. Instead, we find ourselves speaking without listening, filling the silence with hurtful words, and letting our anger get the best of us. Too many times the words that come out of our mouths tear down, break apart, and separate us from one another and ultimately from you. We offer no excuse and ask for your forgiveness. Forgive us for not speaking and extending grace and mercy to our neighbors and those whom you put in our path. Set us free for future victories when we relate with others. Help us extend and reflect the joy and kindness you offered us through the wonderful Word, Jesus Christ.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God) *In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: 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 **C24/7 Father's Arms Ministries**

Anthem

Summerland

(Music by William Grant Still)

Scripture Readings **Ephesians 4:31-32**

Mark 14:3-9

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

Sermon

Kindness

The Fruitful Life: Cultivating the Character of Christ

Musical Reflection

Immortal Love, Forever Full

(Composer: Healy Willan)

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.

Closing Hymn **Blest Be the Tie That Binds #257**

(verses 1-4)

Benediction

Postlude **Symphony in D, Op. 2, V: Allegro**

(Composer: William Boyce)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Spencer Lundgaard
Worship Leader (9:30)	Luke Stoner
Liturgist (11:00)	Ed Burton
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Minute for Ministry	James Crocket
Scripture Reader	Elaine Holmquist (9:30)
	Ron Mantegna (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Roger Smith (9:30)
	George Zubulake (11:00)
Director of Music (Traditional)	Jesse Borower (11:00)
Organist (11:00)	Sharon Peterson
Flautist (11:00)	Kim Fleuchaus

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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;
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Praise and Prayer

Great Things

Raise A Hallelujah

Prayer of Confession

Goodness of God

Passing the Peace

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(Offerings are received weekly via mail and online giving at <https://villagechurchnorthbrook.org/give/> . Those attending live worship can leave their donations in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary.)

Minute for Ministry C24/7 Father's Arms Ministries

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Sermon Kindness
The Fruitful Life: Cultivating the Character of Christ

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song Living Hope

Blessing

Questions for Discussion

Opening Discussion

Ephesians 4:32 says, "Be kind and compassionate to one another." Describe a time in your life when you remember someone being exceptionally kind or compassionate toward you. Why does this moment stand out so much in your memory?

Read Mark 14:3-9

Digging Deeper:

1. What did Jesus ask the Pharisees and why? (v.3) Why do you think they were silent and didn't respond?
2. Why did Jesus heal the man without the Pharisees' permission? (v.4) What was his reasoning? (v.5) Why do you think the Pharisees were still silent?
3. What is the main point of Jesus' parable about people sitting in places of honor? Why do you think he gave this lesson? (v.7-9)
4. How does honoring other people as better than yourself related to being kind and compassionate.

Application for Life

1. Who are the people you are generally kind or compassionate toward? What groups of people in your everyday life seem to be overlooked?
2. When is it challenging for you to be kind or compassionate to others?
3. What are some ways you can honor other people and who might the Lord be putting on your heart to reach out to this week?

Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

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