

# Traditional Service

11:00 am

**Prelude**                      **Blest Are They**  
(Composer: Jeff Honore)

**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**    **I Waited Patiently for God**                      **#670**

**Responsive Reading**    **Psalm 46:1-7, 10-11**  
God is our refuge and strength,  
    an ever-present help in trouble.  
**Therefore we will not fear,**  
    **though the earth give way**  
    **and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**  
Though its waters roar and foam  
    and the mountains quake with their surging.  
**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,**  
    **the holy place where the Most High dwells.**  
God is within her, she will not fall;  
    God will help her at break of day.  
**Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;**  
    **he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**  
The LORD Almighty is with us;  
    the God of Jacob is our fortress.  
**He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;**  
    **I will be exalted among the nations,**  
    **I will be exalted in the earth."**  
The LORD Almighty is with us;  
    the God of Jacob is our fortress.

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. We confess our lack of patience to forbear with others or persevere through difficult circumstances. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. *(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**

**Anthem**                                      **Melodie**  
(from *Orfeo and Euridice* by Christoph Willibald Gluck)

**Scripture Reading**                      **James 5:7-11**  
Leader:        This is the Word of the Lord  
All:              **Thanks be to God!**

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

**Musical Reflection**                      **Let Us Come**  
(Karen Morelli)

**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.

**Communion**  
**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Apostles' Creed**  
I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
    and was born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
    was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven and is seated  
    at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
    the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
    the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.

**Words of Institution**

**Communion Music**    **Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread**  
(Composer: Johann Pachelbel)

**Closing Hymn**                      **How Firm a Foundation**                      **#427**  
(verses 1, 2, & 5)

**Benediction**

**Postlude**                                      **Postlude**  
(Composer: Eric H. Thiman)

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Communion	Rev. Spencer Lundgaard
Sermon	Rev. Greg Buell
Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Scripture Reader	Gordon Scott (11:00)
Director of Music (Traditional)	Jesse Borower (11:00)
Organist & Pianist (11:00)	Sharon Peterson
Piano Soloist	Angela Yoffe
Violinist	Vadim Gluzman
Anthem & Reflection	Village Church Choir
Soloist	Angela Yoff

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## Contemporary Service

9:30 am

### Welcome and Call to Worship

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

### Praise and Prayer

**There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do**

**Lord, I Need You**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Cornerstone**

### Passing the Peace

### Announcements

(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.)

### Scripture Reading James 5:7-11

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All: Thanks be to God!

### Sermon

**Patience**

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### Communion

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### Closing Song

**The Same God**

### Blessing

## Questions for Discussion

### Opening Discussion

Describe a time in your life when everything seemed chaotic. What were your primary feelings during this time?

### Read Colossians 1:3-14

### Digging Deeper:

1. Why was Paul so grateful when he thought about the Colossians? (v. 3-5)
2. How does the Gospel spread and how did the Colossians receive the Good News? (v. 6-8)
3. In verses 9-10, what is Paul's primary reason for praying for the church at Colossae?
4. In verses 11-12, what is the way in which this prayer will be answered?
5. What paradigm does Paul bring to mind which undergirds the type of life that he wants for the Colossians? (verses 13-14)

### Application for Life

1. What are some examples in your life where you had to patiently endure hardship or uncertain times? What challenges are you facing in life right now?
2. Looking at the various aspects of Paul's prayer, what is most needed for you personally to endure your circumstance with patient endurance?

### Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer



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## Program Staff

Spencer Lundgaard, Senior Pastor  
Greg Buell, Associate Pastor for Discipleship & Caring Ministries  
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Jesse Borower, Director of Music (Traditional)

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**May 7, 2023**