

# Traditional Service

11:00 am

## Prelude

## Celebration

(Composer: Cecilea McDowall)

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

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

## Hymn #521

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

## Responsive Reading

## Psalm 66:1-9 (NLT)

Leader: Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth!  
Sing about the glory of his name!  
Tell the world how glorious he is.

**People: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
Your enemies cringe before your mighty power.**

Leader: Everything on earth will worship you;  
they will sing your praises,  
shouting your name in glorious songs."

**People: Come and see what our God has done,  
what awesome miracles he performs for people!**

Leader: He made a dry path through the Red Sea,  
and his people went across on foot.  
There we rejoiced in him.

**People: For by his great power he rules forever.  
He watches every movement of the nations;  
let no rebel rise in defiance.**

Leader: Let the whole world bless our God  
and loudly sing his praises.

**All Together: Our lives are in his hands,  
and he keeps our feet from stumbling.**

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We confess, O God, that we are tempted to worship at many altars. Our hearts are often divided, and we give ourselves to the idols of earthly treasures, people, and society's expectations. Forgive us for placing our trust in these things and free us from their hold on our hearts and minds. Help us to trust in your sovereign care and live from your love in Christ, avoiding the alternatives that distract us.

*(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

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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

## Hymn #859

## Be Thou My Vision

## Sermon

## Living a Life that Points to Jesus

*Keep Going: How to Live with Enduring Hope*  
1 Thessalonians 1:6-10

## Musical Reflection

## And Can It Be?

(Composer: Dan Forrest)

## 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 in heaven,  
hallowed be your name;  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Hymn #482

## Soon and Very Soon

## Benediction

## Postlude

## Let Them Praise His Name in the Dance

(Composer: Doug Wagner)

### Worship Participants

Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements & Liturgy	Rev. Greg Buell
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Kids Time	Ed Burton
Director of Traditional Music	Dr. Yongmin Kim
Choral Music	Village Church Choir
Organist	Sharon Peterson
Prayers of the People (11:00)	Kevin Vanhoozer

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## Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Only Ever Good

His Glory and My Good

Prayer of Confession

Kids Time

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.)

Sermon

**Living a Life that Points to Jesus**  
*Keep Going: How to Live with Enduring Hope*  
1 Thessalonians 1:6-10

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

I Speak Jesus

Blessing

## Questions for Discussion

Read: 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10

### Discussion Questions

1. According to verse 6, how did the Thessalonians imitate Paul and his co-workers?
2. What kind of suffering do you imagine them going through, and how did the Holy Spirit bring them joy in the midst of it?
3. How did they become a "model to all believers"? What became known through them? (v.7-8)
4. Why didn't Paul feel the need to mention or lift up the faith of the Thessalonians to others? (v.8b-9)
5. When the Thessalonians put their faith in the gospel, how did their lives change? (v.9)
6. How does putting your faith in Jesus bring hope in life even in the midst of hardship or suffering? (v.10)

### Application for Life

1. What kind of suffering do people go through today that has the potential of discouraging them or pull away from the Lord?
2. What practices can you put in place in your own life to remind you of the Gospel and your hope in Jesus and his return?

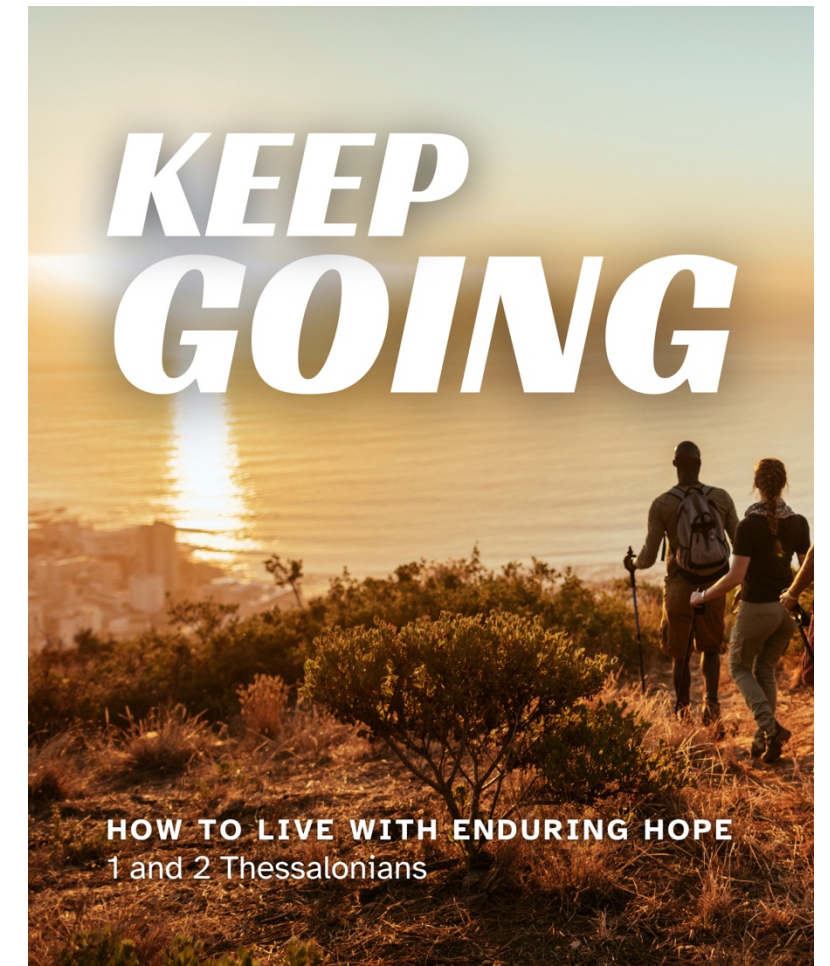
### Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

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