

Traditional Service

8:30 am

Prelude

Our Great Savior

(Composer: Rowland H. Prichard)

Crown Him King

(Composer: Jolene Boyd)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Hymn #492

Come, Thou Almighty King

Responsive Reading

Psalm 96

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day
after day.

**Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds
among all peoples.**

For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be
feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

**Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are
in his sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the
LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due
his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

**Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble
before him, all the earth.**

Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." The world is firmly
established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with
equity.

**Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea
resound, and all that is in it.**

Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees
of the forest sing for joy.

**Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes, he
comes to judge the earth.**

**ALL: He will judge the world in righteousness and the
peoples in his faithfulness.**

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. 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 and only hope who will come again and restore all things.

(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

Joining God's Mission

Pilgrimage Weekend

Hymn #490

Here from All Nations

(verses 1 – 4)

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 (NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Encouraged by Our Hope

*Keep Going: How to Live with Enduring
Hope*

Musical Reflection

I Know Not Why God's Wonderous Grace

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 #466

Abide with Me

Benediction

Postlude

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

(Composer: Spiritual/Carter)

Worship Participants

Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Greg Buell
Announcements & Liturgy	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Director of Traditional Music	Dr. Yongmin Kim
Pilgrimage Testimony	Carl Tobias
Keyboard	Sharon Peterson
Scripture Reader	Stacy Carver (10:00)
Prayers of the People	Elaine Holmquist (10:00)

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Contemporary Service

10:00 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Only Ever Good

His Mercy Is More

Prayer of Confession

This Is How I Thank the Lord

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.)

Joining God's Mission

Pilgrimage Weekend

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Encouraged by Our Hope

Keep Going: How to Live with Enduring Hope

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Hymn of Heaven

Blessing

Questions for Discussion

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:11

Digging Deeper:

1. Why is it important for Paul to explain what happens to followers of Jesus who die? (v.13)
2. What is our hope in Jesus Christ according to verse 14?
3. How is Christ's return described in verses 15-17? Who will "rise first?" Who will follow?
4. What is our ultimate hope in v.17b and why is this an encouragement?
5. How is Christ's return described in 5:1-3? How does this make you feel? How should we live our lives in light of this?
6. How can we ensure that we are not surprised when he comes again? (v.4-6)
7. What does life look like for those who "belong to the day." (v.8)
8. As we look to Christ's coming when he comes to judge the living and the dead, what should our overall perspective be – positive or negative? Why? (9-10)

Application for Life

1. How are you encouraged as you think about Christ's return and your eternal destiny?
2. Can you think of people in your life who would be encouraged by this message? How can you share this good news with them?

Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

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