

Amazing Grace! (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Chorus My chains are gone; I’ve been set free!
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Chorus My chains are gone; I’ve been set free!
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Chorus Bless the Lord O my soul,
O my soul worship His holy name.
Sing like never before O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus
You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus
And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus x2
Ending I'll worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Don Ferrell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Logan Hoopes

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

~~WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD~~

PASTORAL PRAYERS, SILENT PRAYERS AND LORD’S PRAYER

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.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Prayer & Offering

Offertory

Choir

~~WE MEET GOD THROUGH THE WORD~~

Message: “The Hard Way”

Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP

Scripture: Matthew 7:13-29

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~~ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER~~

INVITATION

Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP

SERVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

WORSHIP SONG

**The Solid Rock*

Hymn #92

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus’ Name.

Chorus On Christ the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

Chorus

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

Chorus

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (Please join hands with the people next to you.)

**Those who are able will please stand.*

Thank you for silencing your cell phones during worship

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Ted & Lynn Bandaruk

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Logan Hoopes

COMMUNION SERVERS

Gary & Patti Boxeth; Ted & Lynn Bandaruk

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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In Our Prayers: Vickie Twichell’s mom Eloise - healing for cancer; Alex Baker - healing from illness; Bill Slocumb - healing from heart and lung complications; Carole Averkin - healing for her back; youth in our community; those with family difficulties; those mourning the death of loved ones; the homeless; Veterans; those serving our nation and their families.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR LORD’S SUPPER this morning. Membership is not a requirement to share in communion at The Village Church. All those who repent and profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and baptized children being raised in the faith are invited to participate in this Sacrament. If you are not able to receive communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

A PRAYER OF PERSONS SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

A PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR TONY CONRAGAN is sharing God’s word with us this morning. Tony is a **Commissioned Lay Pastor and our church’s youth pastor. He also helps manage our Thrift Shop. His wife, Stephanie, serves as a Preschool teacher at our Preschool.**

COVERED DISH POTLUCK LUNCH - TODAY. We will gather for a potluck with a “comfort food” theme today after the 10:00 a.m. service. Folks have brought their favorite casserole, crockpot dish, and etc. Join us for good food and fellowship.

UNDECORATING THE CHURCH TODAY. Following the potluck we will be taking down the Christmas decorations around the church. Your help would be appreciated in getting this task done quickly.

SPECIAL DEACON FUND OFFERINGS are received each Sunday we share in our Lord’s Supper. Funds received are used to assist members of The Village Church family and others in times of serious need--such as medical emergencies. One of the ministries supported through these funds is our Food Closet.

WOMEN’S MINISTRIES BOARD MEETING. The Women's Ministries Board will be meeting on Tuesday, January 9th at 9:00 a.m. in Fireside Room.

SESSION MEETING Wednesday, January 10th. Our Session will be meeting Wednesday, January 10th at 1:00 p.m. in the Pastor’s Study.

JOIN US FOR A JOURNEY THROUGH THE STORY! *The Story* is a book of selections from the Bible, arranged chronologically, that reads like a novel. During this unique 31-week experience, every member of the family reads their own version of *The Story*. Come discover together with us how our story is found in God’s story! The Story launch is on Sunday, January 21st.

A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST... “Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer.”
John Bunyan



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DEACON'S MEETING - NEXT SUNDAY. Deacons will be meeting in Room A next Sunday following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP! We are starting a new High School Youth Group! Lead by Pastor Tony Conragan. The new group will be called Elements. Tuesdays at 6:00-7:30pm. Starting, Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT! We are having another Parents' Night Out.. The Village Church's Incline Small Group is offering to watch the preschool children and your children for an evening so you can get out and recharge - at no cost to you on Friday, January 12th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30p.m. Trustworthy, adult church members are offering to care for your children in the familiar surroundings of the Village Christian Preschool! Sign up forms are available at the Church Office. Space is limited. Also, if you would like to volunteer to help out with this event please contact Annie Payne apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org.

ANNUAL REPORTS from our various ministry areas within our church are due in our Church Office by Wednesday, January 10th. Please provide your reports electronically either on flash drive or e-mail to the church office at apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org.

2018 FLOWER CALENDAR is on the bulletin board in the church Narthex. Remember and honor a loved one or special event in your life by providing flowers for worship. Ann or another volunteer in the church will purchase your flowers, arrange them and deliver them to the church for only \$25. Sign up early and often!

ECO NATIONAL CONFERENCE January 23rd-25th in Houston, Texas. Please be in prayer as those from our church will be travelling to attend the conference.

SUNDAY TRANSPORTATION NEEDS? Do you need a ride to church on Sundays? If so, please let our church office know at 775.831.0784.

INTERESTED IN STARTING OR JOINING A RENO SMALL GROUP? We would like to start a new Reno Small Group bible study. If you are interested in leading, hosting, or attending a Reno small group please reply to this email or let us know on the signup sheet that is on the counter in the church Narthex.

SERMON NOTES

SAVE THE DATE!

- January 9th: Women's Ministry Board Meeting
- January 10th: Annual Reports Due; Session Meeting
- January 12th: Parent's Night Out
- January 14th: Choir Off; Deacons Meeting
- January 21st: "The Story" Launch; Ordination and Installation
- January 23rd: New High School Youth Group Launch
- January 23rd - 25th: ECO National Gathering



The Village Church is affiliated with ECO:
A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.
For more information, see our website:
www.TheVillageChurchNV.org or www.eco-pres.org.

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK
January 7, 2018 - January 14, 2018

TODAY

8 & 10 a.m. *Worship Service in the Sanctuary*
8:15 a.m. *Choir Practice - Fireside Room*
9:15 a.m. *Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary*
10:15 a.m. *Sunday School*
11:30 a.m. *Covered Dish Potluck - Fireside Room*
12:30 p.m. *Un-decorate the Church*

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. *Women's Ministry Board Meeting - Fireside Room*
2:37 p.m. *Staff Meeting - Pastor's Study*
6:30 p.m. *Incline Small Group - Jim and Jane Dykstra's Home*

WEDNESDAY

6:30 a.m. *Christ, Coffee, and Cinnamon Rolls Men's Study - Fireside Room*
10:00 a.m. *Intercessory Prayer - Pastor's Study*
1:00 p.m. *Session Meeting - Pastor's Study*
3:00 p.m. *Youth Girls' Bible Study - Fireside Room*
6 to 8:00 p.m. *Upper Room Group - Middle School - Y/R*

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. *AL-ANON Meeting - Room A*
7:00 p.m. *AA Meeting - Fireside Room*

SUNDAY

8 & 10 a.m. *Worship Service in the Sanctuary - Pastor Jeff Ogden Preaching*
No Choir Practice
9:15 a.m. *Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary*
10:15 a.m. *Sunday School*
11:45 a.m. *Deacon's Meeting - Room A*
12:00 p.m. *Special Ops Outreach*

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Church Leadership:

<i>Doug Baker - Deacon</i>	<i>Darlene Nilsson - Elder</i>
<i>Ted Bandaruk - Deacon</i>	<i>Ann O'Keefe - Deacon</i>
<i>Patti Boxeth - Deacon</i>	<i>Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor</i>
<i>Gary Boxeth - Elder</i>	<i>Vicki Ogden - Preschool Staff & Deacon</i>
<i>Stephanie Conragan - Preschool Staff</i>	<i>Annie Payne - Office Manager</i>
<i>Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV & Youth Pastor</i>	<i>Tom Payne - Deacon</i>
<i>Chuck Dowd - Elder</i>	<i>Linda Robins - Elder, Thrift Shop Manager</i>
<i>Jane Dykstra - Elder</i>	<i>Allie Sacci - Preschool Staff</i>
<i>Jim Dykstra - Deacon Moderator</i>	<i>Nathalie Sacci - Assistant Preschool Director</i>
<i>Jon Fay - Choir Director</i>	<i>Ann Schofield - Financial Admin. & Clerk of Session & Elder</i>
<i>Roxanne Fernandez - Preschool Staff</i>	<i>Jason Stanton - Accompanist</i>
<i>Don Ferrell - Elder</i>	<i>Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon</i>
<i>Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon</i>	<i>Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager</i>
<i>Mary Gilbert - Christian Education Director</i>	<i>Debby Wiens - Pianist</i>
<i>Tim Gilbert - Elder & Custodian</i>	<i>Michele Young - Elder, Treasurer, Women's Ministries Moderator</i>
<i>Janet Howell - Preschool Staff</i>	
<i>Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director</i>	
<i>Terri Nielsen - Preschool Staff</i>	

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) is available at our church office to assist in case of a heart attack for those trained in its use.

The Village Church Vision
We're growing closer to Christ, one step at a time, as we increase our participation in the congregation, community and beyond.



The Lord's Supper
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
January 7, 2018
10:00 A.M.

~~WE WORSHIP THE LORD~~

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP

Welcome to the Village Church! If you have a prayer request for the prayer team or would like more information about life here at The Village Church please fill out the blue Connection Card and place it in the offering plate. You can also update your contact information and sign up to receive our weekly news updates. We're glad you're here with us today!

OPENING PRAYER

SONGS OF WORSHIP

***Blessed Be Your Name**

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow; blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
When I walk through the wilderness; blessed be Your name.

Pre-Chorus Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say:

Chorus Blessed be the name of the Lord.
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.
Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be; blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering;
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

Bridge You give and take away. You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name."
Repeat

Chorus x2