

### Good, Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like,  
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night;  
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone;

*Chorus* You're a Good, Good Father -  
It's who You are; it's who You are; it's who You are;  
And I'm loved by You -  
It's who I am; it's who I am; it's who I am.

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide,  
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide.  
Because You know just what we need before we say a word.

*Chorus x2*

*Bridge* You are perfect in all of Your ways;  
You are perfect in all of Your ways;  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.  
(Repeat)

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still,  
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love

*Chorus x2*

*O Sing a Song* Hymn #208

O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,  
And of the news that came to them from angels in the air.  
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today;  
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing alway.

O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy;  
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, and of the sinless Boy.  
For now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow;  
Now spreads the fame of His dear name on all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill,  
Of Him who walked upon the sea and bade the waves be still.  
For though like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll,  
When faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay,  
Of Him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away.  
For He who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,  
And Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Don Ferrell

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Patti Boxeth  
Holy God, in your presence you tolerate nothing sinful, yet through the blood of Jesus you make it possible to cleanse ourselves of sin and share the joy of your household. We come to you now in search of the mercy won for us on the cross. We have failed to love you with all our hearts, all our souls, all our minds, all our strength. It is clear, even to us, that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In the silent chambers of our hearts, we confess those sins that trouble us most: (At this time, take a moment for silent confession.) For Jesus' sake, grant us pardon, and release us from our bondage to sin. Grant us time for amendment of life; and the testimony of a conscience free from guilt. As we receive forgiveness from you, make us quick to reconcile with those who ask forgiveness from us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### 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**

~~WE MEET GOD THROUGH THE WORD~~

*Message: "Invitation to a Party"* Pastor Jeff Ogden

*Scripture: Luke 14:12-24* Pew Bible Pages 1622-1623

### WORSHIP SONG

*\*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Hymn #318

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

This my glad commemoration  
That 'til now I've safely come:  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee;  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love:  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*\*May the Lord, Mighty God*  
May the Lord, mighty God,  
Bless and keep you forever.  
Grant you peace, perfect peace,  
Courage in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes, and see His face,  
And His grace forever.  
May the Lord mighty God,  
Bless and keep you forever.

*\*Those who are able will please stand.  
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USHERS Paul & Vickie Twichell  
WORSHIP ASSISTANT Patti Boxeth  
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Don Ferrell

*In Our Prayers:* Nancy Irwin - health issues; Rob Robins - still in lots of pain;  
Tom Donat - continued healing from pneumonia and knee surgery; Pastor Tony  
Conragan - healing from knee surgery; safe travels; loss of loved ones; the home-  
less; Veterans; those serving our nation and their families; the New Year.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**DEACON'S MEETING - TODAY** Deacons will be meeting in Room A following the potluck.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** from our various ministry areas within our church are due in our Church Office by Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Please provide your reports electronically either on flash drive or e-mail to Pastor Jeff or to Annie Payne at [apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org](mailto:apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org).

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES BOARD MEETING.** The Women's Ministries Board will be meeting on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Fireside Room.

**SESSION MEETING** Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Our Session will be meeting Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Pastor's Study.

**VISION COMMITTEE MEETING** will be on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Pastor's Study.

**2017 FLOWER CALENDAR** is on the bulletin board in the church lobby. 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!

**MISSION SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES.** As you look forward to 2017, prayerfully consider joining one of our mission trips. We will be joining with YouthCompass again to send a mission crew to Slovakia from April 7<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a dental and construction mission trip to Belize from May 19<sup>th</sup> to May 27<sup>th</sup>. Both trips are open to all - a heart to serve the Lord is the only requirement. If you have questions or are interested in signing up please speak with Jane Dykstra.

*A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PRESENT... "Jesus, unlike the founder of any other major faith, holds out hope for ordinary human life. Our future is not an ethereal, impersonal form of consciousness. We will not float through the air, but rather will eat, embrace, sing, laugh, and dance in the kingdom of God, in degrees of power, glory, and joy that we can't at the present imagine."*  
Timothy Keller



