

***I Can Only Imagine***

I can only imagine what it will be like  
When I walk by Your side;  
I can only imagine what my eyes will see  
When Your face is before me;  
I can only imagine.

*Chorus* Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel?  
Will I dance for You Jesus or in awe of You be still?  
Will I stand in Your presence or to my knees will I fall?  
Will I sing hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all?  
I can only imagine. I can only imagine.

I can only imagine when that day comes  
And I find myself standing in the Son  
I can only imagine when all I will do  
Is forever, forever worship You.  
I can only imagine. I can only imagine.

*Chorus 2* Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel?  
Will I dance for You Jesus or in awe of You be still?  
Will I stand in Your presence or to my knees will I fall?  
Will I sing hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all?  
I can only imagine, yeah. I can only imagine.  
I can only imagine, yeah. I can only imagine.  
I can only imagine. I can only imagine.

*Ending* I can only imagine when all I will do  
Is forever, forever worship You.  
I can only imagine.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Cindy Liggett

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Keith Hansen

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, preferring to hide in the darkness rather than walk in your light. We have coveted what is not ours, been prideful and angry, disrespectful towards authority, and ungrateful towards your love. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your lordship, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. In his name we pray. 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**

Praise Team



**~WE MEET GOD THROUGH THE WORD~**

*Message: “The Resurrection of the Dead”*

Pastor Jeff Ogden

*Scriptures: Daniel 12:1-13*

Pew Bible Pages: 1393-1394

**~ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER ~**

**INVITATION**

**SERVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**WORSHIP SONG**

***\*I Will Rise***

There's a peace I've come to know  
Though my heart and flesh may fail  
There's an anchor for my soul,  
I can say it is well

*Pre-Chorus* Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed  
The victory is won - He is risen from the dead

*Chorus* I will rise when He calls my name  
No more sorrow no more pain  
I will rise on eagle's wings  
Before my God fall on my knees and rise;  
I will rise

There's a day that's drawing near  
When this darkness breaks to light  
And the shadows disappear  
And my faith shall be my eyes

*Pre-Chorus*

*Chorus*  
*Bridge 2* And I hear the voice of many angels sing:  
Worthy is the Lamb  
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart:  
Worthy is the Lamb  
And I hear the voice of many angels sing:  
Worthy is the Lamb  
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart  
Worthy is the Lamb; Worthy is the Lamb

*Chorus*

*End* I will rise; I will rise

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

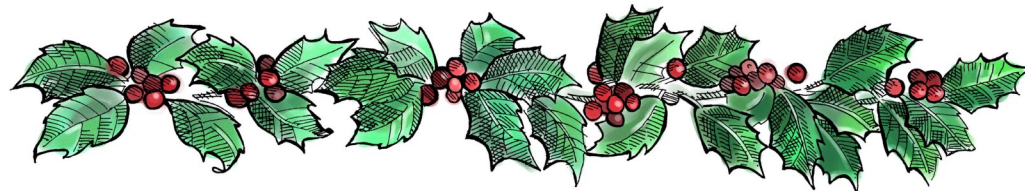
**\*BENEDICTION**

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

***\*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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WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Keith Hansen

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**FLOWERS**

*In Our Prayers:* Annie Payne - a safe birth of their baby boy, Rex; Doug Baker - continued healing; Renee Taylor - death of her brother; John Morris - healing; 2020 mission trips; those suffering with cancer; missionaries; 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**

**CHRISTMAS HAM POTLUCK - TODAY!** Today we will be sharing a potluck lunch following our 10:00 a.m. worship service. Join us in the Fireside Room for ham and trimmings. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and to get to know each other.

**DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS - TODAY.** We will be decorating the church after the potluck today. Join us as we prepare the sanctuary and church for Advent and Christmas.

**THANK YOU TO ALL** who provided boxes full of goodies for Operation Christmas Child. We took 199 boxes to the distribution center this past week. Thanks to all who contributed to this wonderful ministry to children throughout the world.

**CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG AND CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE— DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>.** Join us for a time of singing our favorite Christmas carols starting at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> in the Sanctuary. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served in the Fireside Room following the singing. Free admission. Also, if you would like to participate in a cookie exchange, please bring a dozen cookies to share with everyone following the sing-along and a few dozen more to exchange.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS.** Each year we look forward to the beauty the poinsettia flowers bring to our Sanctuary during this Advent/Christmas season. If you would like to purchase a plant through our church and dedicate it in celebration of a special occasion or person, or in memory of a loved one, forms are available on the Narthex Counters. The cost of each plant is \$10.00 and you may take them home after the last Christmas Eve service. Please make your check out to The Village Church and designate “poinsettia” on the memo line.

**UNABLE TO ATTEND A WORSHIP SERVICE?** Pastor Jeff’s 10:00 a.m. sermon is recorded each Sunday. Check out our website at <http://www.thevillagechurchny.org/sermons/> to hear the sermon you missed.

*A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST... “When He returns is not as important as the fact that we are ready for Him when He does return.”* A.W. Tozer

