

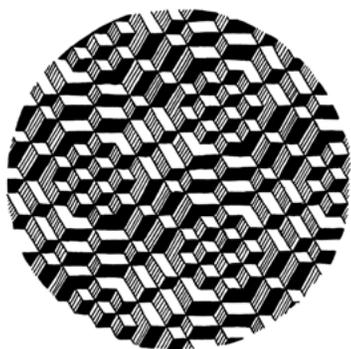
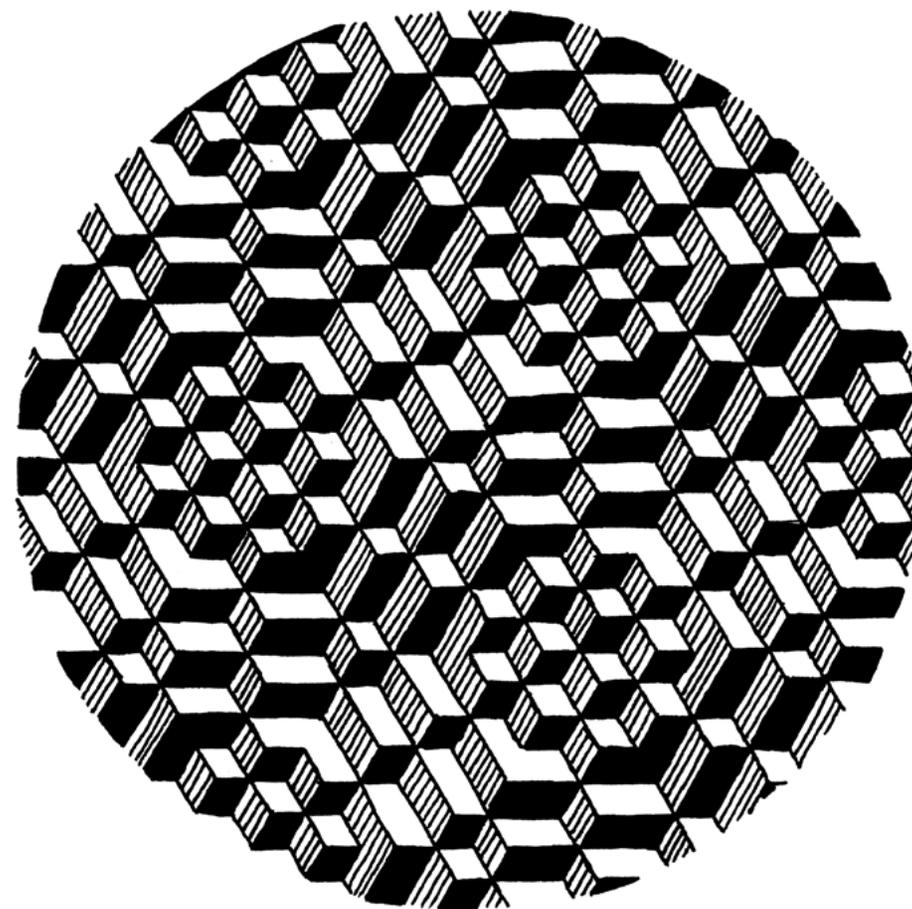
# SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

Chanhassen  
8:15, 9:30, 11:00am  
& 5:00pm

Minnetonka  
9:30 & 11:00am

LIVE WITH OPEN HANDS...  
AND BE AWAKENED,  
BE PREPARED AND  
BE A BLESSING.

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through the people of Westwood visit  
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The drawing on the cover is part of an art show in conjunction with the Paradox series. Art by Billy Sveen is displayed in the tall hall and outside the Woodside room at the Chanhassen Campus, and in the main hallway at the Minnetonka Campus. We hope you spend some time taking in the art and take home a response sheet as you ponder the paradoxes of faith.

If you're interested in meeting the artist, join us after the 5pm service today for treats and a meet and greet in the Tall Hall at the Chanhassen Campus.

*Meditation 13*, pen and ink drawing, 2013



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# P A R A D O X

Coming to Grips With the Contradictions of Jesus

## Welcome to Westwood!

### Is this your first time here? So glad you came!

Welcome to Westwood! If you are unfamiliar with the flow of our service, here's the scoop: We begin with a few worship songs. The lyrics are found on the big screens. The songs are followed by a couple announcements, a time of prayer and offering. The sermon message is given, and the service typically concludes with a song.



Stop by the Info Spot before or after the service. We'd love to meet you, answer any questions you have, and give you some handy information. For kids and students, we offer great programs specially tailored to their ages. Our Westwood Kids' desk would be glad to help you. Come, let's give our love to God, who first loved us.



### RESPONDING TO THE REFUGEE CRISIS

Join us next Sunday for a special refugee event. Richard Stearns, president of World Vision will be speaking at all of our services. You'll have the opportunity to tour a refugee tent and step into the experience of being a refugee. Children in our Kids' Ministry will be packing Promise Packs for refugees. These packs contain personal care supplies that were purchased with the money they brought in for Vacation Bible School this summer. The whole day promises to educate and inspire us to understand God's heart for refugees.



### CHILD DEDICATION

Child Dedication is our special way of celebrating the gift of a new baby through birth or adoption. As a church family, we stand with parents in praying for their child and committing to help them raise their young one to grow to know Jesus. For information on having your child dedicated, head to our website.

### Message Notes

**Paradox: Coming to Grips with the Contradictions of Jesus**  
*Humble Yourself to be Honored*

**Small Group Discussion Questions**

1. What does it mean to be great in our culture today? Do you believe pressure is placed on today's youth to be great? If so, who puts this pressure on them?
2. Pastor Joel read from a Wall Street Journal Column entitled "The Corner Office Alters Nice Guys." It stated "The very traits that helped leaders accumulate control in the first place all but disappear once they rise to power. The essence of the column is that people don't handle success very well. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
3. Read Matthew 18:1-5. Jesus redefines what it means to be great. Pastor Joel communicated the principle this way: Greatness is found in dependent, life-transforming faith. How is this different than the way the world sees greatness?
4. Joel stated three things that Jesus does in this passage. What is the implication of each:
  - Jesus elevates the discussion to include entrance into the kingdom – in other words, they just assumed they were 'in' the kingdom. What is the implication for how we view ourselves, our place, our greatness?
  - Jesus clarifies that no one enters the kingdom without dependent, life-transforming faith. What does he mean by the word "turn" and what is it about children that Jesus is advocating (their way verses our way of being and thinking)?
  - Jesus emphasizes that life in the kingdom is *continually* lived by dependent faith. What is the implication of dependent faith for salvation and for sanctification? What does each look like?
5. **Humility defined:** An honest assessment of who I am in light of who God is. I am a sinner. God is holy. Humility is hard to define. Add to this definition what you think biblically enriches it's application.
6. Pastor Joel identified two values of humility. What are they? The first is found in Isaiah 66:2 and the second in 2 Chronicles 16:9a. How do these values influence your emotional well-being?
7. Read Matthew 18:5-10. Jesus is giving a warning to whom? Who is protected by Jesus warning? What does your group think about Jesus harsh statements? Why does He need to be this way?
8. Dallas Willard say we can learn to be humble in three ways: Never pretend. Never presume. Never Push. What do each mean? What practices help you to stay humble?