

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude **Meditation on "Children of the Heavenly Father"**
(Composer: Swedish traditional/Natalia Jespersen)

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Opening Hymn **God is Here** **#246**

Responsive Reading **Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18**
Remember, O Lord, your compassion and unfailing love,
which you have shown from long ages past.
Do not remember the rebellious sins of my youth.
Remember me in the light of your unfailing love,
for you are merciful, O Lord.
The Lord is good and does what is right;
he shows the proper path to those who go astray.
For the honor of your name, O Lord,
forgive my many, many sins.
Turn to me and have mercy,
for I am alone and in deep distress.
My problems go from bad to worse.
Oh, save me from them all!
Feel my pain and see my trouble.
Forgive all my sins.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty and loving God, we thank you for placing us in covenant relationships in homes and families and friendships. Forgive us for the breakdown of family life, for misdirected love, for failing to give time to our families, for failing to teach and live by your values, for neglecting and harming our children. Jesus, our heavenly brother, teach us every day to love and serve, to cherish and protect those with whom we live.

(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

Anthem **Lead Me, Lord**
(Composer: S. Wesley, arr. & ed. D. Collins)

Scripture Reading **Proverbs 22:6, Deuteronomy 6:6-7,**
Ephesians 6:1-4

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

Sermon **Christ Centered Parenting**
Christ Centered

Musical Reflection **Faith of Our Fathers/Faith of Our Mothers**
(Tune: ST CATHERINE, from the African American Heritage Hymnal)

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

Closing Hymn **When We Walk with the Lord** **#327**

Benediction

Postlude **In the Form of a Carillon**
(Composer: Théodore Dubois)

Worship Participants

Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements & Liturgy	Greg Buell
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Director of Traditional Music	Logan Henke
Choral Music	Village Church Choir
Scripture Reader	Elaine Holmquist (9:30)
	Ron Mantegna (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Sue Blue (9:30)
Organist	Sharon Peterson (11:00)

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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Questions for Discussion

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Alive & Breathing

Who You Say I Am

Prayer of Confession

Come As You Are

Passing the Peace

Announcements

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Scripture Reading

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Ephesians 6:1-4

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Christ Centered Parenting
Christ Centered

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Good Good Father

Blessing

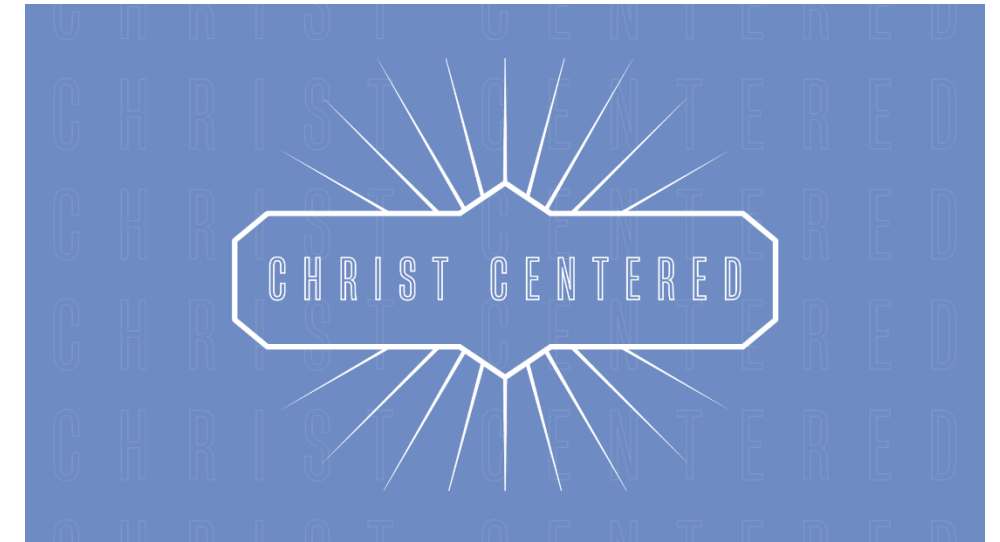
Digging Deeper:

1. According to Proverbs 22:6, what is the goal of parenting? Why is this so important for a child's well-being?
2. Read Deuteronomy 6:6-7. What does it mean to keep God's commands in your heart? As a parent why is this essential?
3. What would reciting God's commands to your children look like? Did your parents do that with you? Why or why not?
4. When should parents talk with their children about God's ways? Do you find this inspiring, or challenging? Why?
5. What did Jesus say was the greatest commandment, and what was the second one like it? How do these guide parents in what to talk with their children about?
6. Looking at Colossians 3:21, what are ways that a parent can provoke a child? How might provoking a child affect a parent's witness and ability to teach the Lord's commands?
7. What are examples of children "losing heart" because of the actions or words of their parents? How can a parent avoid this?
8. How is modeling to our children the way of Jesus, just as important as teaching them about Jesus?

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