

## Traditional Service

8:30 am

### Prelude

### Choral

(Composer: Alice Sauvrezis)

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

### Hymn #538

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

### Responsive Reading

### Psalm 63

O God, you are my God; I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

**So I will bless you as long as I live;**

**I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips  
when I think of you on my bed  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night,  
for you have been my help,  
as in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

**My soul clings to you;**

**your right hand upholds me.**

But those who seek to destroy my life  
shall go down into the depths of the earth;  
they shall be given over to the power of the sword;  
they shall be prey for jackals.

**All: But the king shall rejoice in God;**

**all who swear by him shall exult,  
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.**

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, You are the Lord who brought your people out of slavery into freedom. Yet we confess that we often turn from you to lesser gods. We place our trust in success, security, possessions, relationships, and ourselves rather than You. We have forgotten your goodness and try to live apart from you. Forgive us, O God. Turn our hearts back to you. Help us to love you above all things and discover again the freedom and joy found in you alone.

*(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

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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

### Hymn #366

My Jesus, I Love Thee

### Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-3

Matthew 22:34-40

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

### Sermon

### The God Who Is First

*Formed and Free:*

*Living Out the Ten Commandments*

### Musical Reflection

### At the River

(Hymn Tune, Arr. Aaron Copland)

### 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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name;  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### Hymn #863

Take My Life and Let It Be

(1,2, 3, 5 & 6)

### Welcoming New Members

### Benediction

### Postlude

### Thy Word

(Composer: Smith/Carter)

### Worship Participants

Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements & Liturgy	Rev. Greg Buell
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Director of Traditional Music	Dr. Yongmin Kim
Choral Music	Village Church Choir
Song Leader	Natalie Mustea
Organist	Sharon Peterson
Scripture Reader	Ron Mantegna (8:30) Stacy Carver (10:00)
Prayers of the People	Rich Blue (8:30) Elaine Holmquist (10:00)

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## Contemporary Service

10:00 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Praise

This Is How I Thank the Lord

Prayer of Confession

Same God

Passing the Peace

Announcements

(Offerings are received weekly via mail and online giving at <https://villagechurchnorthbrook.org/give/>. Those attending live worship can leave their donations in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary.)

Welcoming New Members

Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-3  
Matthew 22:34-40

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

The God Who Is First  
*Formed and Free:*  
*Living Out the Ten Commandments*

Closing Song

Trust in God

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Blessing

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## Questions for Discussion

### Opening Discussion

1. If your phone could generate a report showing what occupied your thoughts this week, what would be at the top of the list?
2. What is one moral or social expectation you grew up with that society has largely abandoned?
3. If someone examined your calendar, bank statement, and thought life, what would they conclude is most important to you?

Read: Exodus 20:1–3, Matthew 22:34–40

### Digging Deeper

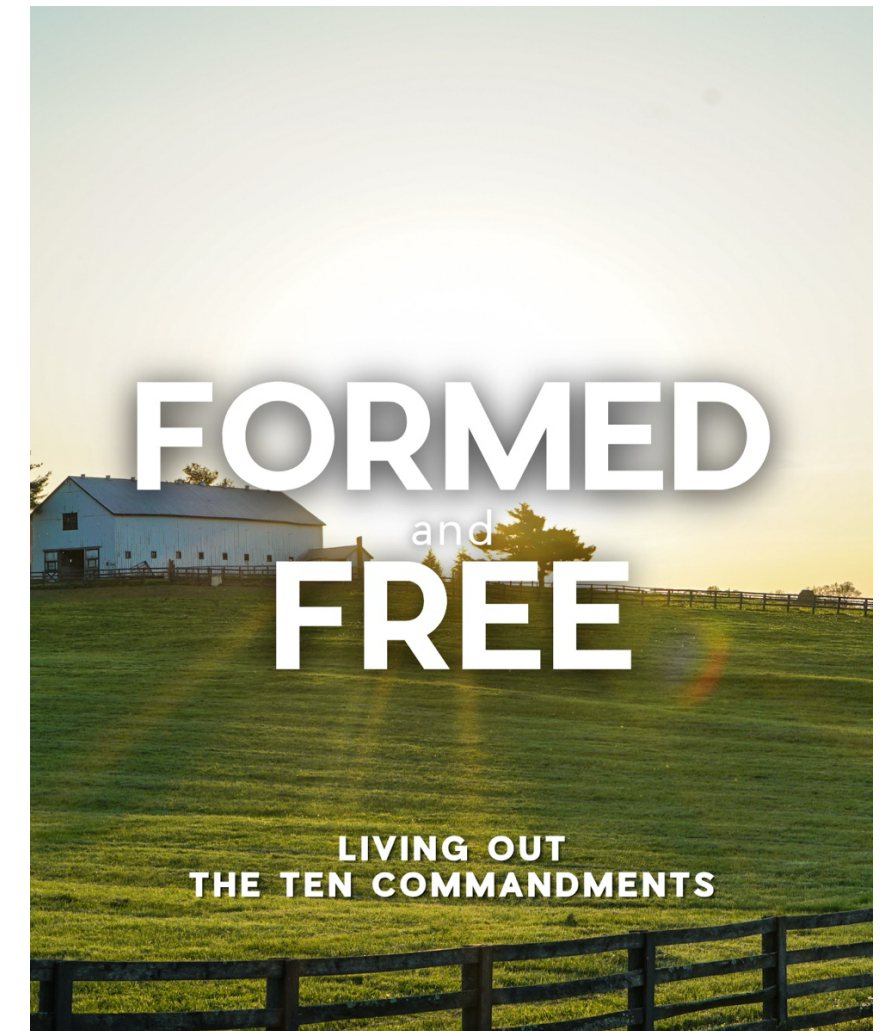
1. How does God introduce Himself before giving the commandment? Why do you think that matters?
2. God rescued Israel from slavery before giving the Ten Commandments. What does that teach us about the relationship between grace and obedience?
3. Think about your experience as a parent, employee, leader, or friend. Were the most important rules in your life given primarily out of love or out of control? What difference did that make?
4. The first commandment says, "You shall have no other gods before me." What are some modern-day rivals for our devotion and loyalty?
5. One way to think about God's commands is that they function like guardrails on a mountain road—not to restrict life, but to protect it. How does that image help you understand the purpose of the commandments?
6. Jesus summarized the law with two commands: love God and love your neighbor. How does His summary help us understand the purpose behind the Ten Commandments?
7. Looking at the Ten Commandments as a whole, which do you think our culture struggles with most today? Why?
8. Who is your neighbor in this season of life? What might it look like to love that person more intentionally?
9. What tends to compete with God for first place in your life right now?
10. How is your life different when Jesus is at the center rather than simply one priority among many?

### Living It Out

1. What is one practical step you can take this week to place God more intentionally at the center of your life?
2. Is there an area of your life where God is inviting you to trust His wisdom instead of following your own desires?

## Program Staff

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