

Traditional Service

8:30 am

Prelude

As the Deer; Fairest Lord Jesus
(Composer: Nystrom/Hayes)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Hymn #512

Now with Joyful Exultation

Responsive Reading

Psalm 78

My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things,
things from of old
things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told
us.
We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the
next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his
power, and the wonders he has done.
He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,
so the next generation would know them, even the children
yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.
ALL: Then they would put their trust in God and would not
forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, You have called us to live in community, to bind our
generations together in love, and to honor our father and mother. Yet,
we confess that we often take for granted the sacrifices and the wisdom
of those who have nurtured us. We also confess the ways we fail those
who look up to us. Forgive us when we demand honor without acting
honorably, when we provoke others to anger, or when we perpetuate
cycles of hurt rather than grace. We often struggle with the command to
honor since it can sometimes carry the heavy weight of brokenness.
Forgive our shortcomings, both intentional and unintentional. Pour your
healing Spirit into our relationships. Teach us to treat one another with
the profound dignity owed to those created in your image, that we might
truly be a family of faith.
(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

Hymn #615

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:12
Ephesians 6:1-3

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

Sermon

A Command with a Promise
Formed and Free:
Living Out the Ten Commandments

Musical Reflection

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac,
and Israel
(from Elijah by F. Mendelssohn)

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 #327

When We Walk with the Lord

Benediction

Postlude

On Jordan's Stormy Banks
(Arr. Lloyd Larson)

Worship Participants	
Welcome & Sermon	Ed Burton
Announcements & Liturgy	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
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	Zackary Borrego
Organist	Sharon Peterson
Scripture Reader	Cathy Burnham (8:30) Rev. Greg Buell (10:00)
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Contemporary Service 10:00 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Graves into Gardens

Lord, I Need You

Prayer of Confession

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

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.)

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

The Blessing

Blessing

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Questions for Discussion

The Fifth Commandment

Exodus 20:8: "Honor Your Father and Mother so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you."

Read: Ephesians 6:1-3

Opening Discussion

1. What are your parents' names? What is one word you would use to describe each of them?
2. Who was the one person who had the authority in your house? Mother or Father? Someone else? How could you tell?

Digging Deeper

1. What is the promise in the commandment and why do you think God attached one here?
2. Why do you think Paul addresses the family in this section of Ephesians instead of giving general advice to the church? What is unique about what he says?
3. The word "honor" comes from the Hebrew word "kavod" which means "weight" or "to give someone their proper weight or value." How is honoring someone different from obeying them? How does this distinction become different as you become an adult?

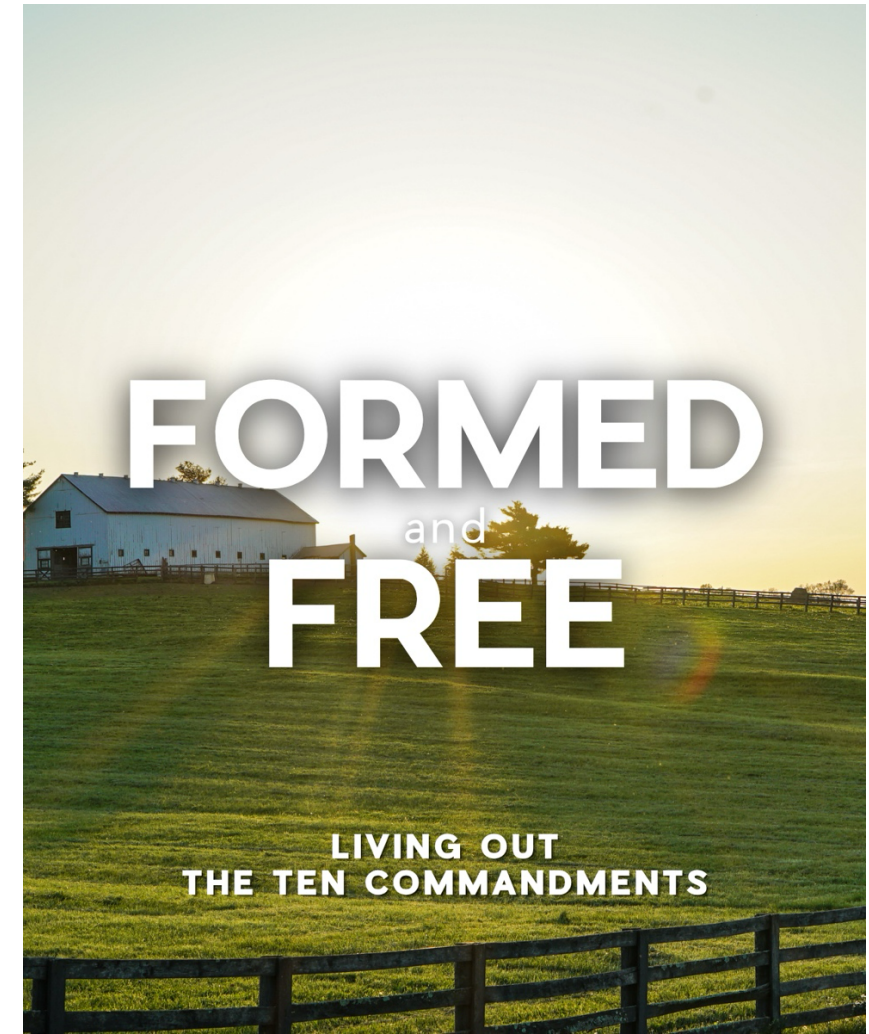
Living it Out:

1. One theologian described the parent-child bond as "reciprocal responsibility." In what way have you influenced your parents?
2. As you reflect on your life, what is one gift your parents gave you that you appreciate more today than you did when you were younger?
3. Jesus honored his earthly parents, yet his ultimate allegiance belonged to His heavenly Father. How do we honor our parents without making them the center of our identity or the source of our ultimate approval?
4. Is there a relationship with a parent or someone who functioned as a parent where God may be inviting you to forgive, express gratitude, establish a healthy boundary, or initiate a difficult conversation? What might that look like for you?

Prayer Concerns and Closing Prayer

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