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*A household for our triune God,
where each member shines forth His holy, life-giving presence.*

**THE LORD'S DAY OF AUGUST 14,
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2016
9:30 A.M.**

“But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.”
(Habakkuk 2:20)

WE PREPARE TO MEET WITH GOD

Welcome

Preparatory Devotional

Quiet Prayer

Asterisks (*) denote portions for congregation to stand.
Unless otherwise stated, all Scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version
(ESV).
Congregational readings are in **bold**.

GOD SUMMONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

The Greeting of God

The Call to Worship: *Psalms 148:1-2*:

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S SUMMONS

*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 731, "Doxology"*

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 112, "Praise Ye, Praise Ye the Lord"*

GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Leviticus 19:3*:

³ Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

Heavenly Father,

we have not honored our parents
nor cherished your Sabbaths as you have instructed.
We have been too proud to revere our parents.
We have been too greedy or too fearful to cherish your day of
rest.

Have mercy on us, Father,
for our sins, doubts, and fears are many.

We turn from our sins and fears
and return to you.

Grant us new hearts that revere our parents,
honor your Sabbath,
and cherish your commandments.

Rule in our hearts by your Holy Spirit.

Through Jesus our Lord,
who died for sinners (Rom 5:6)
and fulfilled all righteousness (Mt 3:15),
forgive our many sins.

Amen.

GOD DECLARES HIS GOSPEL

Reading of the Gospel: *Hebrews 13:10-12*:

¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.

Confession of the Gospel (Unison):

Almighty God,

we are greatly sinful and unable to save ourselves.

But we trust in the Savior you have graciously given—Jesus
Christ our Lord.

We trust in Christ's obedience for our righteousness,
his death for our release from the Law's curse,
his resurrection for our immortality,

**his ascension for our reconciliation with you,
his rule for our final victory and peace.
We trust in Christ alone for salvation. Amen.**
(Based on Calvin's *Institutes* II:XVI:19)

Assurance of Pardon: *1 Timothy 2:5-6*:

⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Trinity Hymnal 242*, "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Proverbs 16:1-33*:

¹ The plans of the heart belong to man,
but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.

² All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes,
but the LORD weighs the spirit.

³ Commit your work to the LORD,
and your plans will be established.

⁴ The LORD has made everything for its purpose,
even the wicked for the day of trouble.

⁵ Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the LORD;

be assured, he will not go unpunished.

⁶ By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for,
and by the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil.

⁷ When a man's ways please the LORD,
he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

⁸ Better is a little with righteousness
than great revenues with injustice.

- ⁹The heart of man plans his way,
but the LORD establishes his steps.
- ¹⁰An oracle is on the lips of a king;
his mouth does not sin in judgment.
- ¹¹A just balance and scales are the LORD's;
all the weights in the bag are his work.
- ¹²It is an abomination to kings to do evil,
for the throne is established by righteousness.
- ¹³Righteous lips are the delight of a king,
and he loves him who speaks what is right.
- ¹⁴A king's wrath is a messenger of death,
and a wise man will appease it.
- ¹⁵In the light of a king's face there is life,
and his favor is like the clouds that bring the spring rain.
- ¹⁶How much better to get wisdom than gold!
To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.
- ¹⁷The highway of the upright turns aside from evil;
whoever guards his way preserves his life.
- ¹⁸Pride goes before destruction,
and a haughty spirit before a fall.
- ¹⁹It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor
than to divide the spoil with the proud.
- ²⁰Whoever gives thought to the word will discover good,
and blessed is he who trusts in the LORD.
- ²¹The wise of heart is called discerning,
and sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness.
- ²²Good sense is a fountain of life to him who has it,
but the instruction of fools is folly.
- ²³The heart of the wise makes his speech judicious
and adds persuasiveness to his lips.
- ²⁴Gracious words are like a honeycomb,
sweetness to the soul and health to the body.
- ²⁵There is a way that seems right to a man,
but its end is the way to death.
- ²⁶A worker's appetite works for him;
his mouth urges him on.

- ²⁷ A worthless man plots evil,
and his speech is like a scorching fire.
- ²⁸ A dishonest man spreads strife,
and a whisperer separates close friends.
- ²⁹ A man of violence entices his neighbor
and leads him in a way that is not good.
- ³⁰ Whoever winks his eyes plans dishonest things;
he who purses his lips brings evil to pass.
- ³¹ Gray hair is a crown of glory;
it is gained in a righteous life.
- ³² Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty,
and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.
- ³³ The lot is cast into the lap,
but its every decision is from the LORD.

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God: “Self-Governance”—Christopher Seah

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal 89: “God Is Our Strength and Refuge”*

A Prayer of Response

Thanksgiving

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Republic of Singapore

The Holy Church of Jesus Christ

The Lord’s Prayer (Unison): *Matthew 6:19-13*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Offering

*The Confession of Faith (Unison): *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic⁺ Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.**

⁺universal

Amen.

*Hymn of Consecration: *Trinity Hymnal 104, "We Lift Up as Our Shield God's Name"*

GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS

*Benediction