

# ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

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## PROVIDENCE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 28,  
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**.

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## GOD SUMMONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

The Greeting of God

The Call to Worship: *Psalms 136:1-2*:

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>3</sup> Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S SUMMONS

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

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 3, "Give to Our God Immortal Praise"*

## GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Leviticus 19:5-8*:

<sup>5</sup> "When you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, you shall offer it so that you may be accepted. <sup>6</sup> It shall be eaten the same day you offer it or on the day after, and anything left over until the third day shall be burned up with fire. <sup>7</sup> If it is eaten at all on the third day, it is tainted; it will not be accepted, <sup>8</sup> and everyone who eats it shall bear his iniquity, because he has profaned what is holy to the LORD, and that person shall be cut off from his people.

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW**

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

**Father in heaven,**

**we have made ourselves the center of our lives  
and failed to live for your glory.**

**We have treasured sin in our hearts,  
harbored hatred in our souls,  
and pursued our own selfish desires.**

**We trust Christ to be our all-sufficient peace offering.**

**We rest on his perfect sacrifice alone to make us acceptable  
to you.**

**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: *1 Peter 2:24*:

<sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

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: *Hebrews 2:14-15*:

<sup>14</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

## **WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL**

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Trinity Hymnal* 56, "When All Your Mercies, O My God"

## **GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD**

Reading of the Word of God: *Nehemiah 8:1-18*:

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup> So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. <sup>4</sup> And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. <sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was

above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup> And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. <sup>8</sup> They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” <sup>11</sup> So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, “Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.” <sup>12</sup> And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

<sup>13</sup> On the second day the heads of fathers' houses of all the people, with the priests and the Levites, came together to Ezra the scribe in order to study the words of the Law. <sup>14</sup> And they found it written in the Law that the LORD had commanded by Moses that the people of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month, <sup>15</sup> and that they should proclaim it and publish it in all their towns and in Jerusalem, “Go out to the hills and bring branches of olive, wild olive, myrtle, palm, and other leafy trees to make booths, as it is written.” <sup>16</sup> So the people went out and brought them and made booths for themselves, each on his roof, and in their courts and in the courts of the house of God, and in the square at the Water Gate and in the square at the Gate

of Ephraim. <sup>17</sup> And all the assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and lived in the booths, for from the days of Jeshua the son of Nun to that day the people of Israel had not done so. And there was very great rejoicing. <sup>18</sup> And day by day, from the first day to the last day, he read from the Book of the Law of God. They kept the feast seven days, and on the eighth day there was a solemn assembly, according to the rule.

Prayer for Understanding

“Worship Under the Leafy Booth”—Moses Tang

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal 295: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

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<sup>+</sup> Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.

*<sup>+</sup>universal*

**Amen.**

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

## **GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS**

\*Benediction