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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 JUNE 28,
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2020
9.30 AM**

“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

Prelude (Piano)

Unless otherwise stated, all Scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version (ESV).
Congregational readings are in **bold**.

GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

The Greeting of God

The Call to Worship: *Psalm 103:1-5*

- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
- ² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
- ³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- ⁵ who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 6 "O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord"*

- 1 O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Maker,
and all within me bless his holy name;
bless thou the Lord, forget not all his mercies,
his pard'ning grace and saving love proclaim.

Refrain:

Bless him forever, wondrous in might,
bless him, his servants that in his will delight.

- 2 Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion,
most slow to anger, plenteous in love;
rich is his grace to all that humbly seek him,
boundless and endless as the heav'ns above. *Refrain*

- 3 His love is like a father's to his children,
tender and kind to all who fear his name;
for well he knows our weakness and our frailty,
he knows that we are dust, he knows our frame. *Refrain*
- 4 We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beauty,
like tender grass that soon will disappear;
but evermore the love of God is changeless,
still shown to those who look to him in fear. *Refrain*
- 5 High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed forever,
his kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole;
bless ye the Lord through all his wide dominion,
bless his most holy name, O thou my soul. *Refrain*

GOD RENEWS US IN HIS SON

Call to Repentance: *Exodus 20:13*
“You shall not murder.”

Silent Prayer of Confession

Prayer for Forgiveness

Promise of Forgiveness and Assurance: *Ephesians 1:7*

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace.

GOD FEEDS US WITH HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Acts 6:1-7*

¹ Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” ⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word of God: *“So You’re the Church: No Head and Many Toes?”*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

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 6:9-13*

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.

Hymn of Consecration: *Trinity Hymnal 644 “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”*

- 1 May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
by his love and pow’r controlling all I do and say.
- 2 May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through his pow’r.
- 3 May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
- 4 May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.
- 5 May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

GOD SENDS US OFF WITH HIS BLESSINGS

Benediction

Postlude (Piano)

LORD's PRAYER : Life lived in the presence of the Heavenly Father

(This is an excerpt of a message by Sinclair Ferguson that we enjoyed at our NE-SEG)

1. It is enormously helpful to think of the Lord's Prayer not only as a pattern for praying but also as a pattern for living so that we learn to live in the presence of God. Prayer is not confined to a compartment in our lives but is the expression of the way in which we actually live our lives before the face of God.
2. The Lord's Prayer is divided into two sections. The first focuses on God and his glory. And the second focuses on ourselves and our need.
3. The opening petitions is about letting God be God, viz: that God would be God to us, that God would be seen to be God in the world and that God's kingdom would come to fruit in our lives
4. We pray that God's kingdom would come because all authority is given to Jesus. But all authority has not yet been extended into the hearts of all the people. We are praying for the transforming power of God to break out into people's lives and that bowing their knees to Jesus they are blessed.
5. We are also praying about his majesty in our own lives. As we progress towards the full expression of the father's image in our lives, his will is done in heaven so his will be done on earth. As we live in the presence of God, the obedience to the Father that is displayed in the heaven will begin to be displayed in our earthly lives.
6. Because of who God is we know he is adequate to meet our needs and so we begin to pray about our particular needs in the 2nd section of petitions.
7. Give us this day our daily bread is about thinking in terms of daily dependence on the Lord. It is to realize that no matter how much we are blessed with, it does not mean we are to live in dependence on what we have. Rather it is in daily dependence on the Lord who gives. It is the sort of dependence that leads us to live in the presence of God and to live constantly in the dependence of faith. Instinctively, we are also confronted with the question - Do I really need this? This petition leads us to learn to live without the things we think we need.
8. Praying for the forgiveness of our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors is not about if I forgive them, God you should forgive me. But it is about the knowledge that God comes to us full of forgiveness. And the forgiveness of God is like a flood that washes unforgiveness out of my soul.
9. We need this forgiveness even when we are already justified because God is not just the judge who justifies us, he is also the Heavenly Father who enters into relationship with us. Living with the father means we don't want to grieve Him and when we do, we go to him and find his fatherly embrace.
10. In the economy and wisdom of God, he will expose us to testing in order that we may resist it and grow stronger as a result. So we also pray, Father don't lead us into temptation. It is because he wants us to see that he is able to keep us from falling and he wants us to trust him. In the test we are praying here in dependence upon him knowing our sinfulness knowing our tendencies and knowing he alone can deliver us. Amen.