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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 JULY 5,
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 95:6-7*

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
Today, if you hear his voice,

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 286 (Stanza 1, 2, 5), "Worship Christ the Risen King"*

1 Rise O Church and lift your voices
Christ has conquered death and hell
Sing as all the earth rejoices
Resurrection anthems swell
Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the Risen King

2 See the tomb where death had laid Him
Empty now its mouth declares
Death and I could not contain Him
For the throne of life He shares
Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the Risen King

5 We acclaim Your life O Jesus
Now we sing Your victory
Sin or hell may seek to seize us
But Your conquest keeps us free
Stand in triumph stand in triumph
Worship Christ the Risen King

GOD RENEWS US IN HIS SON

Call to Repentance: *Luke 10:27*

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Silent Prayer of Confession

Prayer for Forgiveness

Promise of Forgiveness and Assurance: *1John 2:1-2*

"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."

GOD FEEDS US WITH HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Acts 6:8-15*

⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. ¹⁰ But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.

¹¹ Then they secretly instigated men who said, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." ¹² And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council,

¹³ and they set up false witnesses who said, "This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law, ¹⁴ for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us." ¹⁵ And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word of God: *"The Face of An Angel: Shining Through the Darkness"*

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 727, "Lead me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness"*

1 Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;

make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,

that makest me dwell in safety.

2 Teach me, Lord, teach me truly how to live,

that I may come to know..... thee,

and in thy presence serve thee with gladness,

and sing songs of praise to thy glory.

GOD SENDS US OFF WITH HIS BLESSINGS

Benediction

Postlude (Piano)

Sermon Outline

COUNTED AS WORTHY *Acts 6:8-15*

Since God's glory shines through Christ's disciples; we're to shine through the darkness in our lives and the world.

1. Serves with the fullness of grace and power (v8-10)
2. Exposes the evil of the heart. (v11-13)
3. Radiates with a face like an angel (v14 – 15)

Courageous Faith

(By Elder Keng Ho)

Among the many criticisms levelled at Christians is that they are timid and afraid of taking risks. Those that do step out of their comfort zones are the exceptions. Their faith is but a crutch. And their reliance on God supposedly strips them of courage and passion. Obviously these critics are either unschooled in the Bible or to our shame, witnessed little of Christian courage and sacrifice.

How can David be said to be timid when the young man rushed up to face the battle clad, giant of a man, Goliath. How can young David be said to lack passion when he took his sling and stone and went to battle in the name of the living God, whom Goliath blasphemed. The odds were heavily stacked against David.

But David was clear about what he had to do for God. It was not an empty feely type of passion. David was not just courageous for the sake of being courageous. He was courageous for what he was convicted to do. And David went in that courage of faith. It is that faith in the Lord who delivered him from the lion and the bear. And it delivered him from the evil Philistine who stood in the way of God.

The narrative of David's triumph over Goliath is about God's victory over His enemies. The faith champion is David but the victory is of God. The living God used a strapping faithful youth to accomplish His purpose against seemingly heavy odds. Courage is, in fact, one of the most important Christian virtues. Scripture repeatedly calls us to courage. But it is a courage rooted not in ourselves but in our understanding that the Lord is with us. Deuteronomy 31:6 states: "Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." Courage and sacrifice are inextricably linked to faith. Hebrews 11 pictures to us the sacrifice and courage of faith against unbelievably difficult opposition. The Psalmist in 27:14, 31:24 shows how that courageous faith is rooted in waiting on the Lord.

Having been saved by grace, the Christian life is much more than a contemplative wait to heaven. It is a call to battle and action. God gave Joshua an assignment even as he called him to be strong and courageous. Every assignment comes with God-given courage. Make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:18–20). Stand up in bold obedience to do the good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Eph 2:10)

Sadly, however, the church has not always been faithful to this call. Part of the problem is fear for oneself. The church is sometimes afraid to do God's will because we fear the consequences. As a result, we are frozen and unwilling to act. It is OK to fear. To be courageous requires us first to be afraid. Courage is to do what we are afraid to do. As believers, we should be encouraged to do what is right despite our fear because of the Lord's presence with us. And the bible is clear that the Lord is present with His church by means of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is with His people to give them

courage. Therefore, the question for us is whether we will do what is right even when we are afraid. Let us not look to ourselves for courage. But let us trust in God. Our critics do not know what true courage is. To them it is a careless leap into the unknown.