

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

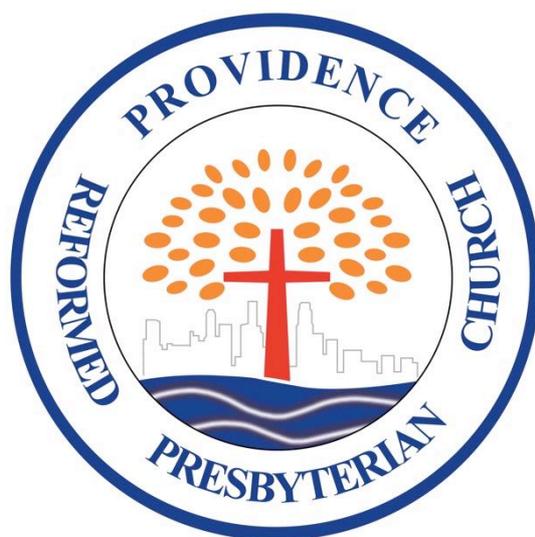
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*A household for our triune God,
where each member shines forth His holy, life-giving presence.*

**THE LORD'S DAY OF AUGUST 2,
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)

WORSHIP ORDER

Prelude

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 99:9*

⁹ Exalt the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

Opening Prayer

Responsive Reading of the Word of God: *Psalm 97*

¹ The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

² **Clouds and thick darkness are all round him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

³ Fire goes before him
and burns up his adversaries all around.

⁴ **His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶ **The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.**

⁷ All worshipers of images are put to shame,
who make their boast in worthless idols;
worship him, all you gods!

⁸ **Zion hears and is glad,
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O Lord.**

⁹ For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰ **O you who love the Lord, hate evil!
He preserves the lives of his saints;
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

¹¹ Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

¹² **Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!**

GOD RENEWS US IN HIS SON

Call to Repentance: *Exodus 20:17*

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbour’s house; you shall not covet your neighbour’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour’s.”

Silent Prayer of Confession

Prayer for Forgiveness

Promise of Forgiveness and Assurance: *Romans 5:1-2*

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

GOD FEEDS US WITH HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Acts 8:4-25*

⁴Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. ⁵Philip went down to the city^[a] of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. ⁶And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. ⁷For unclean spirits, crying out

with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸ So there was much joy in that city.

⁹ But there was a man named Simon, who had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he himself was somebody great. ¹⁰ They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, “This man is the power of God that is called Great.” ¹¹ And they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic. ¹² But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³ Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles^[b] performed, he was amazed.

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, ¹⁵ who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶ for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, ¹⁹ saying, “Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.” ²⁰ But Peter said to him, “May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! ²¹ You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. ²² Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. ²³ For I see that you are in the gall^[c] of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity.” ²⁴ And Simon answered, “Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may come upon me.”

²⁵ Now when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word of God: “Great Again”

GOD FEED US AT HIS TABLE

Words of Preparation

Prayer of Preparation

Partaking of the Lord’s Table

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.

Responsive Reading of the Word of God: *Psalms 19*

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

²**Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.**

³There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

⁴**Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,**

⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

**⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

**⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

⁹ the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

**¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

**¹² Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

**¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

GOD SENDS US OFF WITH HIS BLESSINGS

Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline

Great Again

Acts 8:4-25

Main Point: We can only be great in Christ as God has exalted Christ's greatest for His church.

Outline

i) A Promise (v4-8)

ii) A Good News (v9-13)

iii) A Gift (v14-25)