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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 SEPTEMBER 6,
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 100:1-5*

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
- 3 Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- 5 For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

Opening Prayer

Responsive Reading of the Word of God: *Psalm 103:1-22*

- 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.
- 6 **The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

8 **The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

9 He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

10 **He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

12 **as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

13 As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

14 **For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.**

15 As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;

16 **for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.**

17 But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those
who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,

18 **to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.**

19 The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

20 **Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!**

21 Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!

22 **Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

GOD RENEWS US IN HIS SON

Call to Repentance: *Matthew 5:43-48*

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Prayer for Forgiveness

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

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through 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 9:19b-31*

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰ And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” ²¹ And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” ²² But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

²³ When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, ²⁴ but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night in order to kill him, ²⁵ but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket.

²⁶ And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. ²⁷ But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. ²⁸ So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. ²⁹ And he spoke and disputed against the Hellenists. But they were seeking to kill him. ³⁰ And when the brothers learned this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

³¹ So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word of God: *“The Unlikely Disciple”*

GOD FEEDS 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 119:33-48*

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to selfish gain!**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give me life in your ways.

³⁸ **Confirm to your servant your promise,
that you may be feared.**

- 39 Turn away the reproach that I dread,
for your rules are good.
- 40 **Behold, I long for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life!**
- 41 Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD,
your salvation according to your promise;
- 42 **then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me,
for I trust in your word.**
- 43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,
for my hope is in your rules.
- 44 **I will keep your law continually,
forever and ever,**
- 45 and I shall walk in a wide place,
for I have sought your precepts.
- 46 **I will also speak of your testimonies before kings
and shall not be put to shame,**
- 47 for I find my delight in your commandments,
which I love.
- 48 **I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love,
and I will meditate on your statutes.**

GOD SENDS US OFF WITH HIS BLESSINGS

Benediction

Postlude (Piano)

