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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 NOVEMBER 1,
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

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: Psalms 107.1-3

- ¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- ² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble^[a]
- ³ and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

Opening Prayer

Responsive Reading of the Word of God: *Psalm 46*

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah*

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

⁶ **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

⁸**Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”**

¹¹**The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah***

GOD RENEWS US IN HIS SON

Call to Repentance: Exodus 20.1-3

And God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. “You shall have no other gods before me.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Corporate Prayer for Forgiveness:

O great God, you have created us for you. Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Yet we exchange the truth for a lie as we place created things above you in our hearts and lives. Forgive us for the ways in which we make good things ultimate. Give us fresh repentance for our forgetfulness, replacement, and disdain of you. Make us to see that our greatest idol is our self. We languish in the dependence, consumption, promotion, seeking, and love of self. We ask that you, Lord, would help us this day to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, for this is the first and greatest commandment. Guard us from idols and triumph over all that competes for our ultimate affection. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Promise of Forgiveness and Assurance: 1 John 1.7-9

⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

GOD FEEDS US WITH HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Acts 11:19-30*

The Church in Antioch

¹⁹ Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists^[a] also, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. ²² The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, ²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. ²⁵ So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

²⁷ Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). ²⁹ So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers^[b] living in Judea. ³⁰ And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word of God: “The Saving Hand and Good Report”

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 62*

¹For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.

²**He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**

³How long will all of you attack a man
to batter him,
like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

⁴**They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.**

**They take pleasure in falsehood.
They bless with their mouths,
but inwardly they curse. *Selah***

⁵ For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.

⁶ **He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

⁷ On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

⁸ **Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us. *Selah***

⁹ Those of low estate are but a breath;
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.

¹⁰ **Put no trust in extortion;
set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

¹¹ Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,

¹² **and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.
For you will render to a man
according to his work.**

GOD SENDS US OFF WITH HIS BLESSINGS

Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline

The Saving Hand and Good Report

Acts 11:19-30

Main Point: Since the saving hand of God is with His local churches, we must remain faithful to Christ Jesus and His purposes.

Outline

- I) The disciples are to be faithful in spreading and preaching the good news of Jesus Christ. (v19-24)

- II) The individual is to remain steadfast by investing and building one another up. (25-29)

- III) The church is to remain steadfast by planting and helping other churches. (30)