



**Sovereign Grace  
Reformed**  
Presbyterian Church (OPC)

# Family Worship Guide

## Sunday, October 11, 2020

### **Opening Scripture:** Psalm 105:1–4

- <sup>1</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!
- <sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
- <sup>4</sup> Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn of Praise:** O Worship the King – TPH #219

### **Reading of the Law of God:** Exodus 20:13

- <sup>13</sup> You shall not murder.

### **Confession of Sin:** Psalm 139:1–16

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
- <sup>2</sup> **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- <sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- <sup>4</sup> **Even before a word is on my tongue,  
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**
- <sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.
- <sup>6</sup> **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is high; I cannot attain it.**
- <sup>7</sup> Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
Or where shall I flee from your presence?
- <sup>8</sup> **If I ascend to heaven, you are there!  
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

- <sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- <sup>10</sup> **even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me.**
- <sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light about me be night,"
- <sup>12</sup> **even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light with you.**
- <sup>13</sup> For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
- <sup>14</sup> **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well.**
- <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- <sup>16</sup> **Your eyes saw my unformed substance;  
in your book were written, every one of them,  
the days that were formed for me,  
when as yet there was none of them.**

**Assurance of Grace and Pardon:** John 10:10–11

<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

**Doxology:** TPH #570

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise him, above, ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication:** Pray with and for each other and for Christ's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. The prayer sheet is useful for this purpose.

**First Reading of God's Word:** Isaiah 42:5–17

- <sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup> “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,  
<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.  
<sup>9</sup> Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them.”

<sup>10</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song,  
his praise from the end of the earth,  
you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it,  
the coastlands and their inhabitants.  
<sup>11</sup> Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice,  
the villages that Kedar inhabits;  
let the habitants of Sela sing for joy,  
let them shout from the top of the mountains.  
<sup>12</sup> Let them give glory to the LORD,  
and declare his praise in the coastlands.

<sup>13</sup> The LORD goes out like a mighty man,  
like a man of war he stirs up his zeal;  
he cries out, he shouts aloud,  
he shows himself mighty against his foes.

<sup>14</sup> For a long time I have held my peace;  
I have kept still and restrained myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;  
I will gasp and pant.  
<sup>15</sup> I will lay waste mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn the rivers into islands,  
and dry up the pools.  
<sup>16</sup> And I will lead the blind  
in a way that they do not know,  
in paths that they have not known  
I will guide them.  
I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.  
These are the things I do,  
and I do not forsake them.  
<sup>17</sup> They are turned back and utterly put to shame,

who trust in carved idols,  
who say to metal images,  
“You are our gods.”

**Psalm of Preparation:** I Lift My Eyes Up to the Hills – TPH #121A

**Second Reading of God’s Word:** Acts 17:16–34

<sup>16</sup> Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup> Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup> And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup> For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup> Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup> So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup> for

“In him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we are indeed his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

<sup>32</sup> Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” <sup>33</sup> So Paul went out from their midst. <sup>34</sup> But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

**Preaching of God’s Word:** “*Confronting and Changing the World*” – Pastor Jeffrey Carter

**Point:** The Gospel of the crucified, risen, reigning, and returning King is alone able to confront and set aright the upside-down world of foolish unbelief.

**Outline:**

1. Confronting the Problem (vv. 16–23)
2. Rebuilding the Foundation (vv. 24–28)
3. Calling for a Humble Repentance (vv. 29–34)

**\*Hymn of Response:** Amazing Grace – TPH #433:1–4

**Closing Scripture:** Hebrews 13:20–21

<sup>20</sup> Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, <sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.