



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

# Family Worship Guide

## Sunday, July 19, 2020

### **Opening Scripture:** Psalm 113

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!  
Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD!
- <sup>2</sup> Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore!
- <sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised!
- <sup>4</sup> The LORD is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens!
- <sup>5</sup> Who is like the LORD our God,  
who is seated on high,  
<sup>6</sup> who looks far down  
on the heavens and the earth?
- <sup>7</sup> He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
<sup>8</sup> to make them sit with princes,  
with the princes of his people.
- <sup>9</sup> He gives the barren woman a home,  
making her the joyous mother of children.  
Praise the LORD!

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

**Hymn of Praise:** TPH #291 – “*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*”

### **Reading of the Law of God:** Deuteronomy 6:4–9

<sup>4</sup> “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

### **Confession of Sin: Psalm 143**

- <sup>1</sup> Hear my prayer, O LORD;  
give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
- <sup>2</sup> Enter not into judgment with your servant,  
for no one living is righteous before you.
- <sup>3</sup> For the enemy has pursued my soul;  
he has crushed my life to the ground;  
he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.
- <sup>4</sup> Therefore my spirit faints within me;  
my heart within me is appalled.
- <sup>5</sup> I remember the days of old;  
I meditate on all that you have done;  
I ponder the work of your hands.
- <sup>6</sup> I stretch out my hands to you;  
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.
- <sup>7</sup> Answer me quickly, O LORD!  
My spirit fails!  
Hide not your face from me,  
lest I be like those who go down to the pit.
- <sup>8</sup> Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,  
for in you I trust.  
Make me know the way I should go,  
for to you I lift up my soul.
- <sup>9</sup> Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!  
I have fled to you for refuge.
- <sup>10</sup> Teach me to do your will,  
for you are my God!  
Let your good Spirit lead me  
on level ground!
- <sup>11</sup> For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!  
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
- <sup>12</sup> And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies,  
and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul,  
for I am your servant.

### **Assurance of Grace and Pardon: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...

**Gloria Patri:** TPH #572

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be, world without end.  
Amen, Amen.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication:** Using the Prayer Sheet, pray for yourselves and each other.

**First Reading of God's Word:** Genesis 17:1–14

<sup>1</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup> that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup> “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations.

<sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

<sup>8</sup> And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.”

<sup>9</sup> And God said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. <sup>10</sup> This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised.

**Psalm of Preparation:** TPH #117B – “*Praise the LORD God, All You Nations (Ps. 117)*”

**Second Reading of God's Word:** Mark 10:13–16

<sup>13</sup> And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” <sup>16</sup> And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

**Preaching of God's Word:** Pastor Jeffrey Carter – “*The Fount of Our Blessedness*”

**Point:** King Jesus gives his sovereign blessing to a humble, trusting, and dependent people.

**Outline:**

1. What Blessing Is:
  - a. Eternal life (as opposed to its opposite, eternal death)
  - b. Peace with God
2. Where Blessing Is Found:
  - a. Blessing is found with Jesus
  - b. Blessing is found in Jesus's Kingdom
3. How to Receive it and Rest in it:
  - a. With an empty-handed humility
  - b. With trust and loyal dependence

**Hymn of Response:** TPH #479 – “*Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting*”

**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.