



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

Family Worship Guide

Sunday, August 16, 2020

Opening Scripture: Psalm 150:1–2, 6

Praise the LORD!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Praise: Come, Thou Almighty King – TPH #212

Reading of the Law of God: 1 Corinthians 13:1–8a

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends.

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 103:1–19

- 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.**

Assurance of Grace and Pardon: Ephesians 5:1–2

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Doxology: TPH #567

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication: See the prayer sheet to pray for one another and Christ's Kingdom.

First Reading of God's Word: Luke 7:36–50

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. ³⁷ And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸ and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." ⁴⁸ And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Psalm of Preparation: In Sweet Communion, Lord, with Thee – TPH #73C

Second Reading of God's Word: 1 John 4:7–12

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

Preaching of God's Word: God Is Love (1 John 4:7–12)

Point: Our God is a God of perfect love who calls us to be a people of love in every part of our lives.

Outline: Reasons to be a people of love:

1. Because God Is Love in Himself (vv. 7–8)
 - a. God is perfect love.
 - b. God is the source of our love.
2. Because God Loves Us (vv. 9–11)
 - a. He gave us his Son.
 - b. He gave us life in his Son.
 - c. He continues to love us.
3. Because Love Is Our Witness (v. 12)
 - a. The vital need for this witness in the world.
 - b. The church's part in this witness.

Hymn of Response: How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place – TPH #425

Closing Scripture: Hebrews 13:20–21

²⁰ 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, ²¹ 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.