



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

Family Worship Guide

Sunday, September 27, 2020

Opening Scripture: John 4:23–24

²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

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

Reading of the Law of God: Exodus 20:8–11

⁸ Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Confession of Sin: Psalm 130

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!
² O LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O LORD, who could stand?
⁴ But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.
⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
⁶ my soul waits for the LORD
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.
⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
⁸ And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

Assurance of Grace and Pardon: 1 Peter 2:9–10

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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 ever shall be.
World without end, Amen, Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication

First Reading of God's Word: 3 John

¹ The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.

² Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. ³ For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. ⁴ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

⁵ Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, ⁶ who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. ⁷ For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸ Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

⁹ I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. ¹⁰ So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church.

¹¹ Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God. ¹² Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself. We also add our testimony, and you know that our testimony is true.

¹³ I had much to write to you, but I would rather not write with pen and ink. ¹⁴ I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face.

¹⁵ Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends, each by name.

Psalm of Preparation: The LORD'S My Light – TPH #27A:1–3

Second Reading of God's Word: Psalm 133

- ¹ Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
- ² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,

- on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
- 3 It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

Preaching of God's Word: "Something Good to Behold" – Pastor Jeffrey Carter

Point: Christian unity is an inestimable gift from our Triune God. We ought to cherish and guard it throughout our pilgrim life.

Outline:

1. Unity is Good
 - a. It's a good to be cherished.
 - b. It's good in and of itself.
 - c. It's good for ourselves and others.
2. Unity is a Gift
 - a. From our Father above.
 - b. Through Christ, who came below.
 - c. By the Spirit, who binds us to Christ and each other.
3. Unity is to Be Guarded
 - a. Through worship
 - b. Through humility
 - c. Through love

Hymn of Response: Blessed Be the Tie that Binds – TPH #409

Closing Scripture: Jude 24–25

²⁴ Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.