

# OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION

## APRIL 18, 2021

### **Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

### **Welcome**

#### **\*Call to Worship - Psalm 133**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

#### **\*Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

#### **\*Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

#### **\*Song of Preparation and Praise - Goodness of God**

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

#### **\*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Romans 1:16-17**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

#### **\*Prayer in Response to Our Assurance of Pardon**

#### **\*Song of Comfort - Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

#### **Pastoral Prayer - The Stocks, MTW India and Joel Smit, Smyrna Presbyterian Church**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

#### **Sermon - Paul's Greeting to and Goal for the Roman Church**

Romans 1:1-7; 11:11-12; 15:5-7

#### **\*Song of Response - Let Me Find Thee**

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

#### **\*Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

#### **\*Benediction - Romans 5:1-5**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

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# "PAUL'S GREETING TO AND GOAL FOR THE ROMAN CHURCH" ROMANS 1:1-7; 11:11-12; 15:5-7

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**Key Truth: God saved us individually and united us together in Christ alone by faith alone through His grace alone for His glory and for the life of the world.**

#### **Introduction:**

**Q: How do you introduce yourself to others? What does this reveal about what is most important to your identity?**

#### **Romans 1:1-7: Paul's Greeting to the Roman Church: Salvation in Christ Alone:**

"The divine origin of the gospel is asserted in calling it *the gospel of God*. It is the glad annunciation which God makes to (humanity) of the pardon of sin, of restoration to his favor, of the renovation of their nature, of the resurrection of the body, and of eternal life."

Charles Hodge, *Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans*

**Q: What have you been saved for? What best reveals your relationship to God in Christ?**

#### **Romans 11:11-12; 15:5-7: Paul's Goal for the Roman Church: Unity in Christ Alone:**

"...Paul is not only, or mainly, concerned about a breakdown in the doctrinal beliefs of individuals. He has a deep concern about a breakdown in Christian unity and community. It is important to see how much the book of Romans is addressed to the problems of how people from very different cultural backgrounds and religious traditions can live in unity as Christians."

Timothy Keller, *Romans 1-7 For You*

**Q: How does a local church's unity affect its redemptive calling for the life of the world? How does a local church's unity affect its members' hope in Christ?**

#### **Application:**

**Romans 1:1-7; 11:11-12; 15:5-7** teaches us that we are:

-saved in Christ alone by faith alone through God's grace alone for His glory and the life of the world  
-united together in Christ alone by faith alone through God's grace alone for His glory and for the life of the world

**Benediction: *Romans 5:1-5***