

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
April 29, 2018

Striking of the Hour *“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”*

Call to Worship (Luke 9)

Let us come to worship the Father with undivided hearts, for this is how we are called to follow His Son, as well.

Liturgy of the Word (Luke 9; Philippians 3; John 17)

Even foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head. **Whatever we might consider gain should be counted loss that we may know and follow Christ.** For if we gain the power of His resurrection, we also must share in His sufferings and self-denial, becoming like Him in His death. **In the world we will have tribulation. But let us find great encouragement, for the Lord Jesus has overcome the world!**

Hymn: *“All Creatures of Our God and King”*

Hymn: *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Luke 9)

Lord Jesus, You have demanded total commitment from those who would be Your disciples. **And though our hearts say, “I will follow You wherever You go,” our flesh is weak. We believe that Your commitment to our families should take the shape that we design. We are willing to follow Your lead as long as it stays within the limits set by our own tolerance for discomfort. When discipleship looks like loss instead of victory, we begin to question Your leading and empowerment. Our flesh desires a resurrection without a cross. Please forgive our wayward hearts too often shaped by a faith mixed with worldly commitments. Stay true to Your promise to not only call us, but to enable our response and obedience.**

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (Romans 8)

Church, know that your prayer for pardon has been heard through Jesus. **For the Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. And if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ. Christ proves our inheritance with Him as He enables us to suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him. Because of Jesus, we have received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Doxology *“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”*

Joining and Receiving of New Members

Hymn: *“The Church’s One Foundation”*

Sermon: *“The Price a Disciple Pays”* (Luke 9.57-62)

Hymn: *“Psalm 113: Who Is Like the Lord Our God?”*

Hymn: *“In Feast or Fallow”*

Parting Liturgy (Luke 9 and John 19)

Beloved, no one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God. **Our Savior did not look back when sent by the Father. He cried out “It is finished!” so that His righteousness and obedience might become ours as we walk by faith.**

Benediction (Colossians 2)

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.