

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
April 8, 2018

Striking of the Hour *“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!”*

Call to Worship (Luke 9)

The Father bids us to come worship through Jesus, saying “This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to Him!”

Liturgy of the Word (Luke 9; 2 Peter 1; Psalm 46)

In the presence of Jesus, all prophets cease to speak, all priests cease to intercede, God's holy law is fulfilled and His glory is displayed. **We do not follow cleverly devised myths when we believe the apostles' word about the coming of Jesus Christ.** For they were eyewitnesses of His majesty. **Therefore, in Christ's presence, we cease striving and rest in the knowledge that He is God the Son. He will be exalted among the nations and in all the earth!**

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we also
forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Hymn: *“Our Great God”*

Hymn: *“Psalm 84: Within Your House”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Luke 9 and 2 Corinthians 12)

Our patient Father, we come to You in full recognition that we are fickle-minded disciples. **Rightly could Jesus say of us, “O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to bear with you?”** For we take on the challenges we face in Your Church, in our families, in our work places, and in ourselves, with nothing more than our fleshly strategies and techniques. **We foolishly believe that the fortresses of Satan and the**

idols of our hearts will yield to our methods. We don't believe the word of Christ when He tells us, "My power is perfected in your weakness." Forgive us for making our own competence the object of our faith and turn our eyes once again to the saving power and love of Christ.

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (2 Corinthians 12 and 13; Philippians 2)

Church, the grace of Jesus is more than sufficient for you. His power rests upon you because His blood was sprinkled first. **For He was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For Christ emptied Himself, taking on the form of a servant, taking on the role of a criminal on a cross, that our sins may be forgiven and our faith rooted in His now indestructible life. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Law: Moses, to whom all Israel was to listen, predicts the coming of a new and greater prophet for God's people. (Deuteronomy 18:15-19)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Doxology *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

Sermon: *"The Mountain of God"* (Luke 9:28-45)

Hymn: *"Abide with Me"*

Hymn: *"From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable"*

Parting Liturgy (Luke 9 and 1 Corinthians 15)

Church, let these words sink into your ears: **"The Son of Man was delivered into the hands of sinful men." And on the third day He rose again for us!**

Benediction (Romans 15)

May you grow in true understanding of these truths, that your hearts might take courage and overflow with joy to God our Savior!

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.