

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
August 12, 2018

Striking of the Hour *“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

Call to Worship (Psalm 95)

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Liturgy of the Word (Psalm 95 and John 4)

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! **Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!** For He is our God and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. **The LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods. Let us worship Him by the Spirit and in truth.**

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: *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”*

Hymn: *“Psalm 42: O My Soul, Hope in God”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Psalm 95)

Our loving Father of provision and protection, we hear You say: **“Today, if you hear my voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness.”** For just as our fathers put You to the test with their faithless grumbling, so also do we complain. Like them, we have tasted Your great salvation, but also like them our evil hearts have looked for reasons to doubt and prosecute You in our minds. We go astray from Your truth in our hearts and run after the distorted

realities that our fear and pride flash before us. Forgive our suspicions of You, great Father, and through Jesus the Son, return us to a path of faith, obedience, and joy.

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (Matthew 4)

People of God, rejoice, for Jesus, your Savior, has defeated the spirit of grumbling and testing on your behalf! **When He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil, He said in reply, “You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.” He resisted the power of Satan and defeated our enemy, so we are forgiven and follow Him by faith. Amen.**

New Testament Reading

Readings from the apostle John: Jesus offers Himself to produce life in all who believe and to quench the thirst of their souls forever. (John 7:37-38, Revelation 22:1-5, 17)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Doxology “*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*”

Sermon: “*The Verdict Is In*” (Exodus 17:1-7)

Hymn: “*God of My Life, to Thee I Call*”

Hymn: “*Nothing but the Blood*”

Parting Liturgy (Psalm 105)

Church, our God loves us as He loved His people of old. **He opened the rock and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river. For He remembered His holy promise, and Abraham, His servant.**

Benediction (John 7)

If anyone thirsts, let him come to the Lord Jesus and drink. For whoever believes in Him, “Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” So may you taste the life of His Spirit by faith!

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.