

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
August 5, 2018

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

Call to Worship (Psalm 96)

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth!

Liturgy of the Word (Psalm 114; Deuteronomy 8 and 1 Corinthians 10)

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob. **He turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.** For He led His people through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water. **But He brought them water out of the rock, water for their bodies and souls, and that Rock was Christ.**

Invocation

Hymn: *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

Hymn: *“Our Great God”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Jeremiah 2; Romans 1 and Ephesians 1)

O LORD our God, we acknowledge that You have every right to contend with us. **For while whole nations hold fast to their false gods, our fickle hearts wander back and forth between You and our idols frequently. We have committed two evils before You. We have forsaken You and Your promises in the gospel as the only source of life-giving water. And we have sought to create broken cisterns for ourselves which cannot hold water and cannot satisfy. We have exchanged the glory You have given us as Your people for that which does not profit us at all. Forgive our flirtations with false loves that can never truly love us. Once again, renew our waning love for You through the undying love You continue to lavish upon us through Christ.**

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 78; *Westminster Larger Catechism*, Q. 165; John 4)
and Intercessory Prayer

Beloved, your God creates from nothing and provides water in the desert. **Just as He split rocks in the wilderness and caused waters to flow down like rivers to abundantly provide for His people, so in our baptism we are sealed into the washing of the Holy Spirit. For the same Christ who quenched the thirst of Israel in a barren land has now given us the living water of forgiveness through the Spirit. Amen.**

New Testament Reading

A reading from the epistles: Peter exhorts all Christians to both see and live their great calling as the Church of God in Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:1-12)

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 Church Comes”* (Psalm 114)

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Words of Institution and Fencing the Table (Psalm 78, John 1 and 6)

Church, our God has spread a table for us in the wilderness of this world.

For the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Far better than the food and drink our fathers craved in the wilderness, Christ has given His body and blood for our sins.

For He is the true bread from heaven, the Bread of God who gives life to the world.

Come to the Table...

Communion Hymn: *“The Church’s One Foundation”*

Communion Hymn: *“Psalm 23: The Lord’s My Shepherd”*

Communion Hymn: *“It Is Well with My Soul”*

Communion Hymn: *“Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand”*

Parting Liturgy (Psalm 107)

Church, our God turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into life-giving springs. **And in His salvation he lets the hungry dwell, and they sow fields and plant vineyards and bear much fruit.**

Benediction (Revelation 22)

The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come and take the water of life without price. May you know the satisfaction of His love!

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.