

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
February 11, 2018

Striking of the Hour (*“Jesus What a Friend for Sinners”*)

Call to Worship (Psalm 143)

Hear our prayer, O LORD. Give ear to our pleas for mercy! In Your faithfulness and righteousness answer us!

Liturgy of the Word (Psalm 143)

Answer us quickly, O LORD! Our spirits fail! **Hide not Your face from us lest we be like those who go down to the pit.** Let us hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You we trust. **Make us know the way we should go, for to You we lift up our souls. Because we are in Christ, let Your good Spirit lead us on level ground.**

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: *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*

Hymn: *“Psalm 130: From Depths of Woe”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Psalms 143 and 16; Colossians 2)

Our great God who hears all prayer, we come to You as a people undone. **For the enemies of sin and death have pursued our souls. Our guilt and the miseries of loss in a fallen world have crushed our lives to the ground. Our spirits grow weak and faint within us. Our hearts groan and our strength has come to nothing. We desperately thirst for the grace, restoration, and life that is found in Your Son. Forgive us and direct our hearts to meditate on the gifts of His life, which swallows up death,**

His blood, which cancels our debts, and His living presence, which comforts our suffering.

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (Romans 8; 2 Corinthians 4; Matthew 28)

Church, though we groan inwardly, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons and daughters of the King, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit to assure us of the redemption that awaits our bodies. **So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. And so we look to the unseen Savior who forgives us and will never leave us, until the Day when He reveals Himself and our renewed bodies with Him. May it be soon! Amen.**

New Testament Reading

A reading from Romans: In this life there is suffering, but the help and hope of the Gospel points us to a good that is beyond our imagination. (Romans 8:18-30)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Doxology (*“Jesus What a Friend for Sinners”*)

Preparation for Baptism (From Deuteronomy 6 and Acts 2)

Hear, O Israel: **The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**

Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of His Holy Spirit. **For this promise is for us and for our children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the LORD our God calls to Himself.**

Words of Instruction

Sign of God’s Covenant in Baptism

Hymn: *“Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You”*

Sermon: *“In You I Trust”* (Psalm 143)

Hymn: *“We Are Not Overcome”*

Hymn: *“He Will Hold Me Fast”*

Parting Liturgy (Psalm 16)

Church, the LORD our God will not abandon our souls to the grave, nor will He let His saints see corruption. **By His grace, through faith, we are in Christ and His Spirit is in us. He has made known the path of life. In His presence is fullness of joy. At His right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Benediction (Psalm 22)

May your spirits be comforted that our God has not despised the affliction of the afflicted. He has not hidden His face from His suffering servants. The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied. Those who seek Him shall praise Him! May your hearts be encouraged forever!

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.