

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
February 4, 2018

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

Call to Worship (Luke 8)

He who has ears to hear, let him hear! The One who sows His good news in our hearts is among us.

Liturgy of the Word (Luke 8; Psalm 119; James 1)

No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. **May the gospel of the Lord Jesus be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.** We must be doers of the word and not hearers only. **For the one who looks into the perfect word of God and perseveres in faith and obedience will not be deceived by this world but will produce fruit with patience.**

Hymn: *“This is My Father’s World”*

Hymn: *“God the Spirit”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Luke 8 and John 15)

Father of mercy, Your Son has come to sow His gospel in the world, and You have left the Spirit to continue that work through us. **And yet we must confess that we have not nurtured the good news in our hearts as we ought. Some places in our soul remain hard and unwelcoming to the transformation Your gospel brings. Other regions of our heart are fickle, enthusiastic about Your truth today and forgetful of it tomorrow. Above all, we confess to choking out the fruit of the good news in our lives because of our love for riches and pleasure. In all these things we have sinned, and we are in desperate need of Your pruning, the water of the Spirit, and the body and blood of Jesus.**

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (Luke 8 and Isaiah 6) and Intercessory Prayer

Church, those who believe the good news of Jesus can rest in His assurance that we are saved. **Though we are a people of unclean lips, the Holy Spirit has cleansed our mouths and hearts with the burning coal of Jesus' righteousness. Our guilt is taken away by the sacrifice of the Holy One of Israel. Our sin is atoned for by His blood on God's holy altar. Thanks be to His grace! Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

A reading from Isaiah: In a vision of the Lord, the young prophet receives his commission to proclaim God's word to people who will not receive it. (Isaiah 6:1-13)

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"*)

Sermon: *"My Family Hears Me"* (Luke 8:1-21)

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 (Matthew 26 and Luke 8)

Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

May the word of God root down into the soil of our souls that we may bear the fruit of faith with patience.

And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

May our light shine brightly revealing to all the good work of God in the secret places.

Come to the Table...

Communion Hymn: *“Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted”*

Communion Hymn: *“Let us Love and Sing and Wonder”*

Communion Hymn: *“Psalm 126”*

Communion Hymn: *“O Love that will not Let me Go”*

Parting Liturgy (Luke 8 and 2 Timothy 1)

Church, to you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God. **Let us, therefore, follow the pattern of sound words that we have heard from the saints that have gone before us in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.**

Benediction (2 Timothy 1)

May the Holy Spirit who dwells within us guard the good deposit of His gospel entrusted to us.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.