

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
January 21, 2018

Striking of the Hour (*“Come Christians Join to Sing”*)

Call to Worship (Luke 7)

Church, there is no need for us to say of Jesus, “Is He the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

Liturgy of the Word (John 1, 4; Ephesians 4)

For the Samaritan woman knew that when the Messiah came He would tell her all things she needed to know about God. **And Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”** For He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things. **So let us no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, human cunning, craftiness and schemes. For He is truth and light itself.**

Invocation

Hymn: *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

Hymn: *“Our Great God”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Luke 7; Romans 12; Psalm 16)

Patient and caring Father, we confess to our immaturity and to acting like spoiled children. **When our pockets are full and our hearts are independent, we complain that You feel so far away. When we are facing hardships and are forced to draw near to You, we complain of our sufferings. Control is what we want above all else. We acknowledge that so much of our sin lies in wanting a god made in our own image. Please forgive our childishness and fickle hearts. Renew our hearts and minds so that we might see ourselves and our circumstances the way You do. Through Christ's sacrifice, give us fullness of joy once again.**

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (Acts 10)

Listen and rejoice, you who mourn over sin; hear the comfort of our Lord and His gospel. **It is to Christ Jesus that all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name. And we have believed in His name for the forgiveness of sin and have received eternal life through Him. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

A reading from Isaiah: The prophet declares the coming of Messiah and the many signs that will accompany His presence. (Various)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Doxology (*“Come Christians Join to Sing”*)

Sermon: *“Are You the One?”* (Luke 7:18-35)

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 (Luke 22)

The Lord eagerly desired to give Himself to us, His disciples, in the bread and the wine. So giving thanks, He took the bread and broke it, saying:

This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

The Lord eagerly looked forward to the coming kingdom of God when this meal will find its fulfillment. So after supper he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

Come to the Table...

Communion Hymn: *“Come All Ye Pining, Hungry, Poor”*

Communion Hymn: *“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”*

Communion Hymn: *“I Will Glory in My Redeemer”*

Communion Hymn: *“In Feast or Fallow”*

Parting Liturgy (Colossians 3)

Church, you are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved. **And so we will put on compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. We will bear with one another and forgive, just as the Lord has forgiven us.**

Benediction (Psalm 65)

Now may the God of our salvation bless and enrich you in every way through His Son, Jesus Christ, who is our life and hope.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.