

**New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church**  
**Celebration of Worship**  
**July 15, 2018**

**Striking of the Hour**     *“How Firm a Foundation”*

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 104)

We will sing praises to the LORD as long as we live, praises to the LORD while we have being!

**Liturgy of the Word** (Psalms 104, 113, and 112)

May our meditation be pleasing to Him for we rejoice in the LORD. **Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high and looks far down on the heavens and the earth?** He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap. **The Righteous One and His people will never be moved; His deeds will be remembered forever.**

**Invocation**

**Hymn:** *“Psalm 15: To Dwell with God”*

**Hymn:** *“O God Beyond All Praising”*

**Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon** (Psalms 112, 37; Matthew 6 and James 1)

O Father of righteousness, You have graciously sent to us Your chosen Righteous One, Jesus Christ. **He has spilled His holy blood for our sins, yet still we do not greatly delight in Your commandments. Your apostle told us to be slow to anger and quick to hear, yet we have tried to gain justice for ourselves with our tempers. Your Son told us to forsake worry and anxiety, yet our days are filled with both. Your poets have told us to be still before You and wait patiently until You accomplish our deliverance, yet we look with envy upon the unbelieving who seem to control their own destiny. So forgive our self-reliant scheming, O God, and make our hearts once again firm as we trust in the grace of Christ our Lord.**

*Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.*

**Assurance of Pardon** (Psalm 112, Romans 6 and Luke 11)  
**and Intercessory Prayer**

Beloved, let your own hearts take courage for the heart of your Savior is steady and unmoving. **In Him we are not afraid for He has triumphed over His adversaries and ours. The condemnation and power of our sin lay dead beneath His feet, and He freely gives the power of His Holy Spirit to all who ask Him. We are clothed in His righteousness, through faith, and it endures forever! Amen.**

**New Testament Reading**

A reading from the epistles: The apostle explains how God has made us new – by exchanging the guilt of our sin for the righteousness of Christ.

(2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

**Doxology** *“How Firm a Foundation”*

**Sermon:** *“About Godliness”* (Psalm 112)

**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, 1 Corinthians 10)

God the Father has spread a table in the wilderness.

**He invites his people there.**

He gives the broken body of the Son as bread for His children.

**He bids us eat and be satisfied.**

He has struck Christ, the Rock, whose blood administers a new covenant.

**He bids us come and drink deeply of this cup.**

Through His Spirit we now participate in the body and blood.  
**By faith we feed upon Jesus at this table.**

Come to the Table...

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

**Communion Hymn:** *“We Are Not Overcome”*

**Communion Hymn:** *“It Is Finished”*

**Communion Hymn:** *“O God of Our Salvation”*

**Parting Liturgy** (Psalm 112 and Romans 6)

People of God, blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in His commands! **Because of Christ, we are no longer slaves to sin and lawlessness, but slaves to grace and righteousness, which is true freedom.**

**Benediction** (Psalm 112)

As you remember the great deeds and abiding presence of your Lord, may you be unafraid of bad news, may your hearts be firm as you trust in the promises of God.

**Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.**