

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
July 22, 2018

Striking of the Hour *“The Church's One Foundation”*

Call to Worship (Psalm 48)

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

Liturgy of the Word (Psalm 48)

His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, the city of the great King. **With her citadels God has made Himself known as a fortress!** As Your name, O God, so Your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. **Walk about Zion, and consider her strength that you may tell the next generation that this, our God, will guide us forever!**

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: *“Immortal, Invisible”*

Hymn: *“Psalm 84: Within Your House”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Psalm 87, Ephesians 2)

O God, our Father, we confess our sin before You, that it might not separate us from You forever. **Forgive us, Lord! We have sought refreshment and meaning by drinking from the springs of this world rather than the springs that are in You. We've fed our self-serving desires by insulating our lives from inconvenience. And we've fed our self-importance by making light of other people. Yet the truth is, “all our springs are in You.” We were foreigners, alienated from You in the captivity of sin. Yet by the blood of Christ Your Son, You have brought us in and made**

us Your own. So make us strong, Father, just as the gates of Zion, and let us rejoice as those who were born in in her.

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (Ephesians 2 and 3)

In Christ Jesus, the chief cornerstone on whom you are built, your sins are forgiven!
Praise God! We are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and partakers together in the promise of Christ Jesus. And now, in Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. Amen.

New Testament Reading

A reading from Ephesians: Once strangers and aliens, we, the Gentiles are now members of God's household, brought near by the blood of Christ. (Eph 2:11-22)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Doxology *"The Church's One Foundation"*

Sermon: *"What is God's City Like?"* (Psalm 87)

Offerings and Alms (Micah 6)

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you?
To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Hymn: *"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"*

Hymn: *"For All the Saints"*

Parting Liturgy (Psalm 87)

Of you, O Church, it shall be said, **"This one and that one were born in Zion"; for the Most High Himself has established His Church forever!**

Benediction (Ephesians 6)

Peace to you, brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.