

**New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church**  
**Celebration of Worship**  
**July 29, 2018**

**Striking of the Hour**

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 113)

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

**Liturgy of the Word** (Psalms 113 and 35; Isaiah 42)

Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!** All my bones shall say, "O LORD, who is like You, delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him?" **Great is the LORD who delights in the welfare of His servant. Behold, the Lord Jesus is His chosen servant, filled with the Spirit, bringing justice to the nations.**

**Invocation**

**Hymn:** *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

**Hymn:** *"Psalm 113: Who Is Like the Lord our God?"*

**Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon** (Proverbs 6)

Wise and Holy Father, You have granted to us Your kindness and mercy through Christ. **Through our Advocate we boldly approach Your throne of grace, not because we are daring or brash, but because we are confident in His sacrifice and in the power of His resurrection. Forgive our trespasses and sins, for we have indulged in the things that You despise. We have tarnished our sacred service with unrighteousness. Our eyes have been conceited, our speech has lacked genuineness, and our hands have not been diligent. Our hearts have devised sinful plans, and our feet have run after evil. We have lied and sown discord within the family of God. Hear our cry, and deliver us from evil. Cleanse our hearts and sanctify us as Your priesthood.**

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

**Assurance of Pardon** (Psalm 113; Isaiah 1; and Philippians 3)  
**and Intercessory Prayer**

People of God, let your hearts take courage, for your Father raises the poor in spirit from the dust and lifts from the ash heap those who acknowledge their need. **Though our sins be as scarlet, the blood of Christ makes us pure as snow. Though we may suffer exceeding loss, we have gained Christ and will be found in Him, not having a righteousness of our own, but that which comes through faith in Christ. Amen.**

**New Testament Reading**

A reading from Luke: A newly expectant mother, Mary rejoices with her relative Elizabeth that the mighty God loves lowly people. (Luke 1:46-55)

**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

**Doxology** *“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

**Sermon:** *“Who Is Like God?”* (Psalm 113)

**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:** *“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”*

**Communion Hymn:** *“Holy is Your Name”*

**Communion Hymn:** *“Approach My Soul, the Mercy Seat”*

**Communion Hymn:** *“His Mercy Is More”*

**Parting Liturgy** (Psalm 113 and 1 Samuel 2)

Church, who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? **There is none holy like the LORD; none beside Him. There is no rock like our God!**

**Benediction** (1 Samuel 2)

The LORD makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and He exalts. So may He raise you up from the poverty of your spirit, and seat you in a place of honor with His Son!

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