

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
June 10, 2018

Striking of the Hour *“God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory”*

Call to Worship (Psalm 31, Romans 8)

People of God, the Lord is our refuge and strong fortress! He calls us into fellowship with Himself through the suffering of His Son, our fellow heir.

Liturgy of the Word (Romans 8, Heidelberg Catechism Q 26)

Therefore, we are His children, and He is our good Father. **And we do not doubt He will provide whatever we need, body and soul, and will turn to our good whatever adversity He sends upon us in this sad world.** God is able to do this because He is almighty God. **And He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.**

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: *“This Is My Father's World”*

Hymn: *“Psalm 96b: Let the Earth Rejoice”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Psalm 31)

O loving Father and almighty God, You have been to us a rock and fortress, and for Your name's sake You have led us. **Though refuge is found in You alone, we have often sought it in our idols, lifeless figments of our imagination. When in distress, we have turned to food and drink, to money and power, to comfort and leisure to deliver us. Our own sorrows are multiplied by our running away from You in shame rather than back to You in repentance. May we trust in You, for You**

are our God. Our times are in Your hand. Rescue us from the hands of our enemy and from our own obstinance. Deliver us by Your grace, in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 31, Luke 23)

Church, because the Father turned His face away from the Son, He has now made it to shine on us in His steadfast love. **Because Jesus Christ the innocent faced the rejection of the cross, we receive the acceptance of justification, and we are committed, body and spirit, into the hands of God. Amen.**

New Testament Reading

A reading from Paul the Apostle: In the midst of suffering, Paul is drawn nearer to God in worship and to others in ministry. (2 Corinthians 4:7-18)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Doxology *“God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory”*

Preparation for Baptism (Deuteronomy 6 and Acts 2)

Hear, O Israel: **The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**

Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of His Holy Spirit. **For this promise is for us and for our children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the LORD our God calls to Himself.**

Words of Instruction

Sign of God’s Covenant in Baptism

Hymn: *“Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You”*

Sermon: *“The Valley of Worship”* (Psalm 31)

Hymn: *“Psalm 42: O My Soul, Hope in God”*

Hymn: *“Abide with Me”*

Parting Liturgy (Psalm 31)

Blessed be the Lord, for He has wondrously shown His steadfast love to us. **In our distress, He has not cut us off from his sight, but rather He has heard our pleas for mercy when we cried to Him for help.**

Benediction (Psalm 31)

Love the Lord, all you His saints! May the Lord preserve His faithful. Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.