

**New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church**  
**Celebration of Worship**  
**June 17, 2018**

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

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 103)

Bless the LORD, O you, His angels, you mighty ones who do His word! Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will!

**Liturgy of the Word** (Ephesians 2; Genesis 25; Hebrews 12)

The blessing of God is for all who would believe, a gift of His grace, received by faith. **Let us not be like Esau, O LORD, who sold his birthright for a single meal.** For afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected for he found no chance to repent. **But Jesus is the guarantee of our blessing for He is the mediator of a new covenant through His sprinkled blood, which speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.**

**Invocation**

**Hymn:** *“Come Thou Fount”*

**Hymn:** *“Be Thou My Vision”*

**Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon** (Genesis 32; Psalm 14; Romans 3)

O LORD, our God of a boundless inheritance, our energy is spent seeking blessing in all the wrong places. **We strive tirelessly with our jobs, our families, our spouses, and our recreation in a quest to find a blessing that will bring peace. But there is no peace to be found. We strive with those who would correct our way because we think blessing is found in self-righteousness. But none of us are righteous, no, not one. We have not wrestled with You like our father Jacob. We have sought to ignore You, instead, believing that blessing could be secured by our efforts. Forgive our spiritual laziness and our fleshly strength. Restore to us a hunger for fellowship with You through Jesus our Redeemer.**

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

**Assurance of Pardon** (Psalm 46; Hebrews 2; Ephesians 1)  
**and Intercessory Prayer**

Beloved, cease striving and know that the Lord of heaven and earth is your God. **He has sent His Son to wrestle with the powers of sin, death, and the devil and has crushed them beneath His feet. Out of His mercy, Jesus' victory has become ours. Out of His love, the blessing of Christ's inheritance in the heavenly places belongs to all His adopted children. Amen.**

**New Testament Reading**

A reading from Paul the Apostle: Paul is content with his weaknesses because the power of Christ rests upon him. (2 Corinthians 12:6-10)

**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"*

**Sermon:** *"Wrestling for Blessing"* (Genesis 32:22-32)

**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 and Matthew 26)

Set your hope in God and do not forget His works of redemption on your behalf! Tell of them to the next generation so that their hearts may be steadfast and faithful to God.

**His works are completed in Jesus Christ, who broke the bread of blessing and gave thanks for the cup of the covenant. By His righteous life we are justified, and through His shed blood we are forgiven.**

Come to the Table...

**Communion Hymn:** *“Psalm 32: Hiding Place”*

**Communion Hymn:** *“Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”*

**Communion Hymn:** *“It is Well”*

**Communion Hymn:** *“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”*

**Parting Liturgy** (1 Peter 1)

Church, though you have not seen your Savior, you love Him. **Though we do not now see Him, we believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.**

**Benediction** (Romans 15)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope!

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