

**New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church**  
**Celebration of Worship**  
**June 3, 2018**

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

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 27)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**Liturgy of the Word** (Psalm 27)

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! **You have said, “Seek my face.” So our heart says to You, “Your face, LORD, do we seek!”** Hide not your face from us, O LORD. Do not cast us off or forsake us. **For You are our salvation! Even if our fathers and mothers should forsake us, the LORD will take us in!**

**Invocation**

**Hymn:** *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*

**Hymn:** *“His Mercy is More”*

**Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon** (2 Samuel 22)

O LORD our God, the waves of death have encompassed us because of our sin, so have mercy on us we pray. **In our distress we call upon You LORD. You have promised to hear our cry, and yet because of doubt and distraction we have been prayerless. In this lack of faith, we have been overwhelmed by the words and opinions of people. We fear them and resent them. We even hate them. But this is because we've forgotten You. Your way is perfect. Your word proves true, and You have offered Yourself as a refuge to all who call upon You in faith. Help us, O God! Come down with mercy and power from on high. Forgive our sin, remind us of Your steadfast love, and persuade us again that You are our Rock, our Fortress and our Deliverer.**

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

## **Assurance of Pardon (2 Samuel 22) and Intercessory Prayer**

Children of God, from His temple He has heard your voice. Your cry has come to His ears, and your sins are forgiven. **Praise be to God! He has rescued us and set our feet on a broad place – because He delights in us! He has rewarded us because of the righteousness of Christ, and we are blameless before Him. Amen.**

## **New Testament Reading**

A reading from Romans: Quoting the Scriptures, the apostle confirms that Jesus is Savior for all who hope in Him, both Jew and Gentile alike. (Romans 15:7-13)

## **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:**    *“Why We Love God”* (Psalm 18)

## **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:** *“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”*

**Communion Hymn:** *“Rock of Ages”*

**Communion Hymn:** *“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”*

**Communion Hymn:** *“He Will Hold Me Fast”*

**Parting Liturgy** (1 John 4)

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. **In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment. We love God because He first loved us.**

**Benediction** (Romans 15)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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