

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NEW ST PETER'S

MAY 12, 2024

*“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
I will dwell in you and walk among you; and I will be your God,
and you shall be My people.”*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please be seated as we gather to sing. Congregants read the bolded text aloud.

GATHERING

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

DIX

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.**

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 103

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Silence

LITURGY OF THE WORD Psalm 103

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives
all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

**Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast
love and mercy,**

Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the
eagle's.

**Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the
LORD, O my soul!**

INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

"This Is My Father's World"

Terra Beata
Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and_ to my lis - t'ning ears,
2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the_ birds their car - ols raise,
3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O__ let me ne'er for - get

all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the_ spheres.
the morn - ing light, the_ lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's_ praise.
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is__ the Rul - er__ yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world: I__ rest me in the thought of__
This is my Fa - ther's world: he__ shines in all that's fair; in the
This is my Fa - ther's world: the_ bat - tle is not done; Je -

rocks and trees, of__ skies and seas; his hand the won - ders_ wrought.
rus - tling grass I__ hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.
- sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be__ one.

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

Ebenezer

text: Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925



1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured,
2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from
3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry



bound - less, free; roll - ing as a might - y o - cean
shore to shore; how he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth,
love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,



in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me,
chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more; how he watch - es
'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep



all a - round me, is the cur - rent of thy love; lead - ing on - ward,
o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own; how for them he
love of Je - sus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me



lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.
in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.
up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

Gracious God, you offer cleansing by the blood of Christ.

But we are prideful and stubborn. We want cheap grace, forgiveness without discipleship. Or we want grace that we can purchase with our own merit, sacrifice without mercy. We consider ourselves more important than we actually are, and therefore we are insubordinate, disobedient, and blinded by our own passions and certainty. We are foolish apart from You, O Lord. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to trust fully in Your grace as we wait for our blessed hope, the appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ!

Silent confession

People of God, when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit!

We are justified by His grace, and His Spirit has been poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior. Thanks be to God! Amen.

A reading from the Revelation of Jesus Christ. The river and tree of life bring healing for the nations.

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 sit in your house, and 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.

**CONFESSION
OF SIN & PLEA FOR
PARDON**
2 Kings 5
Titus 3

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON**
Titus 3

**NEW TESTAMENT
READING**
Revelation 22:1-5

**PREPARATION
FOR BAPTISM**
Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Acts 2:38-39

WORDS OF
INSTRUCTION

Rev. Alex Dean

SIGN OF GOD'S
COVENANT IN
BAPTISM

Mr. David Rice and Mr. Dean

1. *Do you acknowledge your daughter's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?*
2. *Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation as you do for your own?*
3. *Do you now unreservedly dedicate your daughter to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of your holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?*

The Baptism of Lorraine Catherine Ricketts

Will you the people of New St. Peter's pray for Lorraine that this water will be to her the joyful sign of the Father's gracious election, the covenant faithfulness of the Son, and the washing of regeneration by the Spirit? And will you pray that this remembered sign will stir in her and her parents lively Gospel faith and abundant Gospel fruit? Will you?

We will pray these covenant promises for the Ricketts family.

And will you pray for all our recently baptized—Anna Stejskal, William Tarbell, Moses Buerger, Joey Stratman, Hazel Foster, Liam Bell, Kyra Parker, and Van Parker—and for yourselves, that this sacrament would preach to our souls the Covenant of Grace, that we are washed in Christ, engaged to be His, and eagerly look for His return as a watchful bride? Will you?

We will pray these covenant graces for our church family.

“Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You”

Michael Card, 1986

1. Je - sus, let us come to know You; let us see You
 2. Je - sus, draw us ev - er near - er; hold us in Your
 face to face. Touch us, hold us, use us,
 lov - ing arms. Wrap us in Your gen - tle
 mold us, on - ly let us live in You.
 pres - ence, and when the end comes bring us home.

*Children, Pre-K and Kindergarten, may be dismissed to
Worship Training and retrieved after the sermon for Communion.*

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

Please return to your seats and remain standing.

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX

DOXOLOGY

**For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.**

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. ² Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, *"Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."* ⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord, *"Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel."* ⁵ And the king of Syria said, *"Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."*

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. ⁶ And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, *"When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy."* ⁷ And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, *"Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."*

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, *"Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel."* ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, *"Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean."* ¹¹ But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, *"Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?"* So he turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants came near and said to him, *"My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?"* ¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, *“Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.”* ¹⁶ But he said, *“As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.”* And he urged him to take it, but he refused. ¹⁷ Then Naaman said, *“If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD.”* ¹⁸ *In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this matter.”* ¹⁹ He said to him, *“Go in peace.”*

But when Naaman had gone from him a short distance, ²⁰ Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, *“See, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not accepting from his hand what he brought. As the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him.”* ²¹ So Gehazi followed Naaman. And when Naaman saw someone running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him and said, *“Is all well?”* ²² And he said, *“All is well. My master has sent me to say, ‘There have just now come to me from the hill country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothing.’”* ²³ And Naaman said, *“Be pleased to accept two talents.”* And he urged him and tied up two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothing, and laid them on two of his servants. And they carried them before Gehazi. ²⁴ And when he came to the hill, he took them from their hand and put them in the house, and he sent the men away, and they departed. ²⁵ He went in and stood before his master, and Elisha said to him, *“Where have you been, Gehazi?”* And he said, *“Your servant went nowhere.”* ²⁶ But he said to him, *“Did not my heart go when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Was it a time to accept money and garments, olive orchards and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male servants and female servants?”* ²⁷ *Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever.”* So he went out from his presence a leper, like snow.

“Worship God for His Heart to Humble and Heal the Heathens”

2 Kings 5:1-27

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.**

**He descended into judgment and continued in the state of the dead until the third day.*

WORDS OF
INSTITUTION &
INVITATION TO
THE TABLE

*1 Corinthians 10
Scottish
Communion
Hymn*

One is the Christ we feed upon, who once was dead but lives forever now.

**One is the cup of blessing we bless, true symbol of the blood that
flowed from His cross.**

One is the Rock who feeds our famished souls with the bread and wine of
heaven, even as we hope in the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

Come to the Table...

DIRECTIONS
FOR THE
TABLE

*Ushers will release you by rows after the music team has partaken.
Grape juice is in the outer ring of the tray and wine in the center.
Gluten-free bread is available at each table.*

*If you are not a follower of Jesus, we invite you to remain in the service and reflect
on the following prayer, and we invite you to talk with our pastors if you would
like to know more about the hope of the Good News on display at Christ's Table.*

*Good Father, open my heart and my eyes to see the light of the gospel of the
glory of Christ, even against the darkness of my sin and suffering; and help me
to draw near, believing that You exist and that You meet those who seek You in
Christ. In my doubt, guide my mind. In my wandering, guide my feet and bring
me ultimately home through Jesus, the Way. (2 Corinthians 4, Hebrews 11)*



1. Bless - ed is the one___ for - give - n of trans - gres - sion,___ the
 2. I con - fessed my sin___ and did not hide it with - in,___ I
 3. You pre - serve me from___ my trou - bles and You sur - round me
 4. Man - y are the pains and sor - rows of wick - ed men,___ Their



one whose sin is cov - ered up.___ Bless - ed is the man___ a -
 gave my sins up to the Lord. And You took my sin___ the
 with shouts of de - liv - er - ance. You in - struct me and___ You
 sin it drives them to the grave. But stead - fast love sur - rounds the



- gainst whom God counts no sin,___ the one whose soul has no de -
 in - iq - ui - ty with - in,___ and cast it far as east from
 teach me the way to live,___ You coun - sel me with watch - ful
 one who trusts in the Lord,___ the one for - give - n of all



- ceit. ___ For when I kept si - lent all my bones wast - ed
 west. ___ There - fore let all who are god - ly come of - fer
 eyes. ___ And when all of my strength was dried up by the
 sins. ___ Be glad in the Lord, O right - eous ones! Shout for



down through my groan - ing all day long, Though Your
 prayer to You while You may be found, In the
 heat of the sum - mer's scorch - ing sun, You gave
 joy all of you up - right in heart! From your



hand weighed down on me, You are a hid - ing place for___ me.
 rush - ing wa - ters deep, You are a hid - ing place for___ me.
 liv - ing wa - ter sweet, You are a hid - ing place for___ me.
 sins Christ set you free, God is a hid - ing place for___ me.

“Nothing but the Blood”

Plainfield
text: Robert Lowry, 1876
arr. Ben Weldy



1. What can wash a - way my sin? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
2. For my cleans - ing this I see— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
4. This is all my hope and peace— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
5. Now by this I'll o - ver - come— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;



what can make me whole a - gain? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
for my par - don this my plea— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
naught of good that I have done— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
this is all my righ - teous - ness— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
now by this I'll reach my home— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Refrain



O pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;—



no oth - er fount I know, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

“O Love that Will Not Let Me Go”

Christopher Miner, 1997
text: George Matheson, 1882



1. O Love that will not let me go, I rest my wear - y
2. O Light that fol - low'st all my way, I yield my flick - 'ring
3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not close my
4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not ask to



soul in thee; I give thee back the li - fe I owe, That
torch to thee; My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That
heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain, And
fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And



in thine o - cean depths its flow May ri - cher, full - er be.
in thy sun - shine's blaze its day May brigh - ter, fair - er be.
feel the prom - ise is not vain, That morn shall tear - less be.
from the ground there bloss - oms red Life that shall end - less be.

SCATTERING
*Kenyan
Reformed
Prayer*

Almighty God, eternal Father,

**we have sat at Your feet,
learned from Your word,
and eaten from Your table.
We give You thanks and praise
for accepting us into Your family.
Send us out with Your blessing,
to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit,
through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead.**

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.

POSTLUDE

Please enjoy the fellowship of believers in the lobby or outside.

ABOUT NSP



In a city that pursues arrival, New St. Peter's exists to make disciples by inviting pilgrims and skeptics into life on the road with Jesus.

CORE VALUES

Worship



Calling



Suffering



Membership



THE ROOSTER

The rooster is a common Christian symbol, used throughout the history of the church to tell the story of St. Peter's denial of Christ on the night He was betrayed. Peter was a brash and bold disciple, and a dear friend of Jesus, but in his doubt and fear he denied his Lord three times before the rooster's crow early on that Good Friday morning. But the rooster clutches the cross, clinging to the hope of Jesus' great mercy for doubters and deniers like us. Because Jesus Christ has died as if He were the worst of doubters, the worst of deniers, we are free to cling to His cross and to follow Him on the pilgrim road. Jesus forgave and restored Peter shortly after His resurrection, and it was in the hope of this restoration that our church—New St. Peter's—was born in 2003.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

- **May 19 Milestones** - Plan to be present as SOLD concludes the spring semester. New Members will be joining, and we will honor our fifth graders and high school seniors in the main lobby following the worship service.

UPCOMING

- **Gathered Prayer** - On Sunday, June 2 at 9:00 am, we will gather in the main theater for congregational prayer. We will pray together for God's will to be done with regard to the White Rock Skate Property, and for other matters in our church! If you have a prayer request that you would like lifted up at this meeting, please email alex.dean@newstpeters.org.
- **Information Meeting** - On Sunday, June 9 at 9:00 am, we will gather in the main theater for more in-depth financial information on the property so you will be ready to vote the following Sunday.
- **Congregational Meeting** - On Sunday, June 16 at 9:00 am, we will gather in the main theater for the purpose of voting to move forward with the purchase of White Rock Skate. We will give a fundraising update as well.

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