

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NEW ST PETER'S

MAY 5, 2024

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*“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 81

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

*Silence*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD Psalm 81

Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

**Blow the trumpet on the day of the feast, and worship our God!**

For the LORD has relieved the burden of your shoulder and has delivered you from your distress.

**He says to our souls, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”**

### INVOCATION

# "O Worship the King"

Lyons  
text: Robert Grant, 1833  
based on Psalm 104



1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the
5. Frail chil - ren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in you do we



sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the  
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep  
pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a  
air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -  
trust, nor find you to fail; your mer - cies how ten - der, how



An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
thun - der - clouds form, and dark is this path on the wings of the storm.  
change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
- scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.  
firm to the end, our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

"Psalm 96b (Let the Earth Rejoice)"

Brian Franklin, 2013

Let the heavn's be glad, Let the earth re - joice; let the sea\_\_

roar and all the fills\_\_ it Let the field ex - ult and eve - ry - thing in\_\_ it\_\_

Let the earth re - joice\_\_ Then shall all the trees of the for - est sing

\_\_ for joy be - fore the Lord, for He comes Then shall all the trees of the for - est sing

\_\_ for joy be - fore the Lord, for He comes\_\_ comes For He

comes to judge the earth He will judge the world in\_\_ right - eous - ness and the

peo - ples in His faith - ful - ness. Then shall all the

The LORD made it a decree in Israel: there shall be no strange gods among you.

**But we do not listen to His voice, and we are prone to worship idols. We exchange the glory of God for images of His creatures, serving them instead of the Creator. Our desires are disordered and our tastes too weak to long for the feast He has prepared for us. We listen to our own stubborn hearts and follow our own counsels. We fail to walk in the way of holiness as a kingdom of priests. Forgive us, Sovereign Lord, and enable us more and more to die to sin and live to righteousness.**

*Silent confession*

Church, Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

A reading from Paul: Christ's sacraments form the worshipping hearts of the Lord's gathered community.

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**  
Psalm 81  
Romans 1

**ASSURANCE OF  
PARDON &  
INTERCESSORY  
PRAYER**  
1 Corinthians 5

**NEW TESTAMENT  
READING**  
1 Corinthians 10.1-22

**PREPARATION  
FOR BAPTISM**  
Deuteronomy 6.4-9

Acts 2.38-39

WORDS OF  
INSTRUCTION

Rev. Alex Dean

JOINING AND  
RECEIVING OF  
NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Blake Phillips and Mr. Dean

HEBREWS 10.23-25

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for Jesus our Great High Priest is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as we see His Day drawing near.

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

**The Baptism of Kyra Leslie Parker  
and Van Xavier Parker**

PRONOUNCEMENT  
OF UNION

We have many friends whom we love and enjoy in the Lord, **but you to us are more. Today, we have become family. Until providence should separate us, or the Lord returns, we are joined to one another in the covenant of grace, sharing together in the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, that redemption may be seen in us together and glory be given to our God. Welcome, sister. Our lives and names are joined together.**

QUESTIONS  
FOR THE  
CONGREGATION

Will you the people of New St. Peter's pray for Kyra and Van that this water will be to them 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 them and their parents lively Gospel faith and abundant Gospel fruit? Will you?

**We will pray these covenant promises for the Parker family.**

And will you pray for all our recently baptized—Jonah Brandenburg, Anna Stejskal, William Tarbell, Moses Buerger, Joey Stratman, Hazel Foster, and Liam Bell—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



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

**For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,  
 Hill and vale, and tree and flow’r, sun and moon, and stars of light.  
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE  
 PEACE OF CHRIST

DOXOLOGY

<sup>1</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, These are the appointed feasts of the LORD that you shall proclaim as holy convocations; they are my appointed feasts.

<sup>3</sup> Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work. It is a Sabbath to the LORD in all your dwelling places.

<sup>4</sup> These are the appointed feasts of the LORD, the holy convocations, which you shall proclaim at the time appointed for them. <sup>5</sup> In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight, is the LORD’s Passover. <sup>6</sup> And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. <sup>7</sup> On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work. <sup>8</sup> But you shall present a food offering to the LORD for seven days. On the seventh day is a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work.”

<sup>9</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>10</sup> “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest, <sup>11</sup> and he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, so that you may be accepted. On the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. <sup>12</sup> And on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb a year old without blemish as a burnt offering to the LORD. <sup>13</sup> And the grain offering with it shall be two tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, a food offering to the LORD with a pleasing aroma, and the drink offering with it shall be of wine, a fourth of a hin. <sup>14</sup> And you shall eat neither bread nor grain parched or fresh until this same day, until you have brought the offering of your God: it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

<sup>15</sup> You shall count seven full weeks from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering. <sup>16</sup> You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath. Then you shall present a grain offering of new grain to the LORD. <sup>17</sup> You shall bring from your dwelling places two loaves of bread to be waved, made of two tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour, and they shall be baked with leaven, as firstfruits to the LORD. <sup>18</sup> And you shall present with the bread seven lambs a year old without blemish, and one bull from the herd and two rams. They shall be a burnt offering to the LORD, with their grain offering and their drink



*offerings, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the LORD. <sup>19</sup> And you shall offer one male goat for a sin offering, and two male lambs a year old as a sacrifice of peace offerings. <sup>20</sup> And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs. They shall be holy to the LORD for the priest. <sup>21</sup> And you shall make a proclamation on the same day. You shall hold a holy convocation. You shall not do any ordinary work. It is a statute forever in all your dwelling places throughout your generations.*

*<sup>22</sup> And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, nor shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.”*

“The Gift of Liturgy”

Leviticus 23.1-22

**Time**

**Habit**

**Community**

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

*John 7  
Scottish  
Communion  
Hymn*

If anyone thirsts, let him come to the Christ and drink.

**For He has drained the cup of God's wrath and filled it with peace  
beyond imagining.**

To Him, the cup of death and darkness and night; To us, the cup of  
resurrection and light, for:

**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)*

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

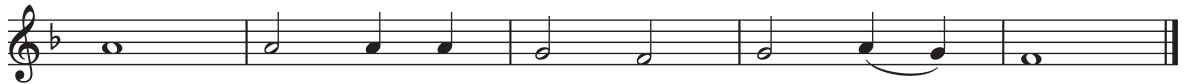
Hamburg  
text: Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709  
arr. Ben Weldy



1. When I sur - vey the\_ won - drous cross on which the Prince of\_  
2. For - bid it, Lord, that\_ I should boast, save in the death of\_  
3. See, from his head, his\_ hands, his\_ feet, sor - row and love flow\_  
4. Were the whole realm of\_ na - ture\_ mine, that were a pres - ent\_



glo - ry\_\_\_ died, my rich - est gain I\_\_\_ count but\_\_\_  
Christ my\_\_\_ God: all the vain things that\_\_\_ charm me\_\_\_  
min - gled\_\_\_ down: did e'er such love and\_\_\_ sor - row\_\_\_  
far too\_\_\_ small; love so a - maz - ing,\_\_\_ so di -



loss, and pour con - tempt on all my\_\_\_ pride.  
most, I sac - ri - fice them to his\_\_\_ blood.  
meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a\_\_\_ crown?  
- vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my\_\_\_ all.

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Arise

text: Joseph Hart, 1759

arr. Ben Weldy



1. Come, ye\_\_ sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and\_\_ wound - ed,\_\_ sick and sore;
  2. Come, ye\_\_ thirst - y,\_\_ come, and wel - come, God's free\_\_ boun - ty\_\_ glo - ri - fy;
  3. Let not\_\_ con - science make you lin - ger, nor of\_\_ fit - ness fond - ly dream;
  4. Come, ye\_\_ wea - ry,\_\_ heav - y la - den, lost and\_\_ ru - ined by the fall;
- Ref. I will a - rise and go to Je - sus; he wil em - brace me in his arms;*



*D.C. Refrain*

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y,\_\_ love, and power.  
true be - lief\_\_ and true re - pent - ance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.  
all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth is to feel\_\_ your need of him.  
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er\_\_ come at all.  
*in the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O, there are\_\_ ten\_\_ thou - sand charms.*

# "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

Christopher Miner, 1997  
text: Samuel Stennett, 1787  
alt. Ben Weldy



1. On Jor - dan's storm-y banks I stand, And cast a wish - ful\_\_ eye
2. All o'er those wide ex - tend - ed plains, Shines one e - ter - nal\_\_ day;
3. No chill - ing winds nor poi - son - ous breath, Can reach that health - ful\_\_ shore;
4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, And be for - ev - er\_\_ blessed?



To Can - aan's fair and hap - py land, Where my pos - ses - sions\_\_ lie.  
There God the Son for - ev - er reigns, And scat - ters night a way.  
Sick - ness, sor - row, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.  
When shall I see my Fa - ther's face, And in His bos - om rest?

## Refrain



I am\_\_bound, I am\_\_bound, I am bound for the Prom - ised Land,\_\_ I am



\_\_bound, I am\_\_bound, I am bound for the Prom - ised Land.\_\_

**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**  
1 Thessalonians 3

May our God and Father establish your hearts blameless in holiness before Him, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints!

**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.

[www.newstpeters.org](http://www.newstpeters.org)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

## THIS WEEK

- **Property Focus Groups** - The last group meets today after the service at the Browns' home. Grab something for lunch and come join in, if you haven't been to one yet.
- **20somethings Fellowship Dinner** - Plan to join us at the Hornes' house Saturday May 11, from 5:00-9:00 pm.

## UPCOMING

- **May 19** - Plan to be present as SOLD concludes until the fall 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.
- **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](mailto:alex.dean@newstpeters.org).

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