

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NEW ST PETER'S

JULY 27, 2025

*“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

"Father, Long Before Creation"

Andrew Osenga

**Father, long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us.
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.**

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 81

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!
Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp!

Silence

LITURGY OF THE WORD Psalm 82 Hosea 2

God has taken His place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods He holds judgment.

**Arise, O God, judge the earth;
for You shall inherit the nations!**

In that day, declares the LORD,
you will call Me "My Husband,"
for I will remove the names of your idols from your mouth,
and I will betroth you to Me forever in righteousness and justice,
in steadfast love, faithfulness, and mercy.

**Empower us to show justice to the weak and the fatherless,
maintaining the right of the afflicted and the destitute;
for You rescue the weak and the needy,
and You deliver them from the hand of the wicked.**

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.**

"Only a Holy God"

Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson,
Dustin Smith & Rich Thompson, 2018
arr. Ben Weldy



1. Who else com - mands all the hosts of heav - en?
2. What oth - er beau - ty de - mands such prais - es?
3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fire?—
4. Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?



Who else could make ev - 'ry king bow down? Who else can whis - per and
What oth - er splen - dor out - shines the sun? What oth - er maj - es - ty
What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead? What oth - er name re - mains
Who else would of - fer his on - ly Son? Who else in - vites me to



dark - ness	trem - bles?	On - ly	a Ho - ly	God.
rules with	jus - tice?	On - ly	a Ho - ly	God.
un - de -	feat - ed?	On - ly	a Ho - ly	God.
call Him	Fa - ther?	On - ly	a Ho - ly	God.

Refrain – Repeat final refrain



Come and be - hold Him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing Ho - ly, for -



ev - er a Ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God.



1. Lis - ten to my prayer, O God, from the ends of earth I call to You
2. Be my ref - uge now, O God, tow - er strong a - gainst the en - e - my
3. Pro - long the king's life, O God, may his years en - dure un - to all time

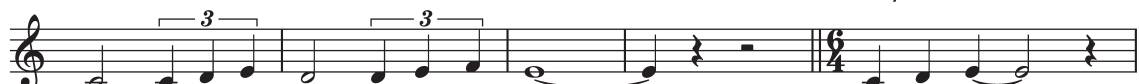


- When my heart is faint, O God, Lead me to the rock high - er than I
- Keep me in Your tent, O God, Ref - uge un - der shel - ter of your wing
- May he be en - throned, O God, O - ver him your love and faith - ful - ness



- So will I then ev - er sing praise to Your name. As I per-
-
-

Refrain



- form all of my vows day af - ter day. _____ O _____ God, _



- O _____ God, _ Hear my cry, O God. O _____ God, _



- O _____ God, _ Hear my cry, O God.

Heavenly Father, we belong to You in body and soul,
so hear our prayers and our pleas for mercy.

**Although You call us in Christ to walk by the Spirit,
we so often fail by gratifying our own fleshly desires.
Instead of bearing the fruit of love, joy, and peace,
we treat others with selfishness and pride.
Instead of bearing the fruit of patience, kindness, and goodness,
we pursue our own agendas at the expense of others.
Instead of bearing the fruit of gentleness and self-control,
we follow Satan's lead by seeking our own pleasure.
Forgive us for these sins, dear Lord.
Lead us by Your Holy Spirit as heirs of Your heavenly kingdom.
In the name of Christ and for His sake, amen.**

Silent confession

Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven in Christ.
For freedom Christ has set you free;
stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

**As those who belong to Christ,
we have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires
and now live by the Spirit,
keeping in step with Him by faith. Amen.**

A reading from the Prophets: The LORD calls His people to reflect His
covenant faithfulness in the marriage covenant.

*Children, Pre-K and Kinder, are invited to attend Worship Training.
All children are 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.

"Father, Long Before Creation"

Andrew Osenga

**Though the world may change its fashion,
Yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name.**

**CONFESSION
OF SIN & PLEA FOR
PARDON**
Galatians 5
1 Corinthians 7

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON**
Galatians 5

**OLD TESTAMENT
READING**
Malachi 2.10-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SHARING THE
PEACE OF CHRIST**

DOXOLOGY

So may our abundance of joy overflow in a wealth of generosity through Jesus Christ our Lord. He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you?

**To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God,
knowing the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though He was rich, yet for our sake He became poor
so that we by His poverty might become rich.**

SERMON

1 Corinthians 7.1-16

Rev. Alex Dean

¹ Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: *"It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman."* ² But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. ³ The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. ⁴ For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. ⁵ Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

⁶ Now as a concession, not a command, I say this. ⁷ I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.

⁸ To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am. ⁹ But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

¹⁰ To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband ¹¹ (but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife.

¹² To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. ¹³ If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. ¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be

unclean, but as it is, they are holy. ¹⁵ But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace. ¹⁶ For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

“Marriage & Singleness, Part 1”

1 Corinthians 7:1-16

To the married...

To the single...

To the suffering...

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
Portuguese Communion Liturgy, 1965

O merciful Father: we are not even worthy to be called Your children and to come into Your presence, but we presume to approach Your Table, trusting in Your mercy—

sick, unto the doctor of life;
blind, unto the everlasting light;
poor, unto the Lord of heaven and earth;
sheep, unto the Shepherd;
forsaken, unto the loving Comforter—

so feed us here O Lord, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Come to the Table...

DIRECTIONS

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

OFFERINGS & ALMS

- Tithes and gifts can be brought to the box in the center of the room. Alms can be placed in the bowl held by the deacon.
- Online Giving - newstpeters.org/give

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Elders, Deacons, and members of our Women's Leadership Team will be on stage near the musicians to pray with and for you.

PRAYER FOR FAITH

If you are not a follower of Jesus, we invite you to reflect on the prayer at the bottom of page 12, and we invite you to talk with our pastor if you would like to know more about the hope of the Good News on display at Christ's Table.

"Abide with Me"

Justin Smith
text: Henry Lyte, 1847

1. A - bid e with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2. Thou on my head, in earl - ly youth didst smile;
3. I need Thy pres - ence, eve - ry pass - ing hour.
4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
5. Hold Thou Thy cross, be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord with me a - bid e.
And, though re - bel - lious, and per - verse mean - while,
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempt - er's power?
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bit - ter - ness.
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers, fail and com - forts flee,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,
Who, like Thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy vic - to - ry?
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

Help of the help - less,
On to the close Lord,
Through cloud and sun - shine, a - bid e with me.
I tri - umph still,
In life, in death, Lord,

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

MOODY, text: Julia H. Johnston, c. 1910

1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, grace that ex - ceeds our
 2. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide, what can a - vail to
 3. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace, free - ly be - stowed on

sin and our guilt, yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured, there where the
 wash it a - way? Look! there is flow - ing a crim - son tide; whit - er than
 all who be - lieve: you that are long - ing to see his face, will you this

Refrain

blood of the Lamb was spilt.
 snow you may be to - day. Grace, grace, God's grace,
 mo - ment his grace re - ceive?

grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in; grace, grace,

God's grace, grace that is great - er than all our sin.

"Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe)"

Christopher Miner, 1997

text: Martin Luther, 1523



1. From depths of woe I raise_ to Thee, The voice_ of lam - en - ta - tion;
2. To_ wash a - way the crim - son stain, Grace, grace a - lone a - vail - eth;



Lord, turn a gra - cious ear_ to me And hear_ my sup - pli - ca - tion;
Our works, a - las! Are all_ in vain; In much_ the best life fail - eth;



If thou in - iq - ui - ties_ dost mark, Our se - cret sins and mis - deeds dark,
No man can glo - ry in_ Thy sight, All must_ a - like con - fess_ Thy might,

Women: 1. O_ who shall stand be - fore_ Thee?
2. And live a - lone by_ mer - cy

Refrain



Men: O_ who shall stand be - fore_ Thee? O_ who shall
And live a - lone by mer - cy And live a -

Who shall stand be - fore_ Thee?
Live a - lone by_ mer - cy



stand be - fore_ Thee?
- lone by mer - cy

3. Therefore my trust is in the Lord,
And not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word
Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience (echo)
I wait for it with patience (echo)

4. What though I wait the live-long night,
And 'till the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might;
It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait 'till God appeareth (echo)
And wait 'till God appeareth (echo)

5. Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth,
His helping love no limit knows,
Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow (echo)
From all their sin and sorrow (echo)

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 5

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely,
and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.

POSTLUDE

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

**PRAYER FOR
FAITH**

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)

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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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GATHERED

As a church family, we gather weekly to celebrate God's grace in worship and teach and encourage one another as we follow Jesus.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

(Sundays, 10:15-11:30am)

The church is an outpost of heaven on earth, and nowhere is this more evident than in its worship. So, even on the road with Jesus, we taste home each Lord's Day in the worship gathering, as we feed on Christ through His preached word, the sacraments, fellowship, and prayer. (Matthew 11:28-29).

SOLD

(Sundays, 9-9:50am)

School of Life & Doctrine (SOLD) is our Christian education ministry for all ages. We meet here at the Dallas Children's Theater, including classes for kids, youth, and adults. SOLD will resume Sunday, September 14.

KIDS - WORSHIP TRAINING

(Sundays, 10:15-11:30am)

Our goal is to prepare our children in Worship Training to enter into the "big" Worship Service with their parents, better able to listen and engage with the liturgy as they grow in maturity. In Worship Training, leaders guide the children in singing, prayer, a simple liturgy, and a curriculum lesson with age-appropriate activities.

YOUTH - RYF

(Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm)

Reformed Youth Fellowship (RYF) is our ministry to Middle School and High School students. In our dedicated teaching times the youth at New St. Peter's work through the topics of Basic Bible (Old and New Testament), Apologetics, Spiritual Disciplines, and Christian History. During the School year, we meet most regularly on Sunday mornings during SOLD, but also meet outside of that time for fellowship, encouragement, and service in both large and small groups.

SCATTERED

When we are scattered throughout the city, we are no less the church. In our diverse neighborhoods, we want to invite disciples and skeptics to join us on the road with Jesus.

PARISHES

In order to better equip our members for fellowship and outreach, we have organized our city into parishes. Each parish is overseen by an Elder—with assistance from the Deacons and Women's Leadership Team—who shepherds the neighborhood group leaders in that parish.

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

Our neighborhood groups meet in people's homes at different frequencies and locations throughout the metroplex. The aim of these groups is to walk together in fellowship, prayer, and service in the community.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S MINISTRY

There are a number of ways to get involved in men's and women's ministry at NSP, including Bible and book studies, discipleship and prayer groups, and special events.

20somethings

Anyone from college through the late 20s is welcome—both married and single! This group enjoys bi-monthly fellowship dinners in homes of different families in our church and also gets together for seasonal Bible studies and occasional celebrations.

To learn more about these ministries, scan the QR code below or visit www.newstpeters.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

- **Youth** - Summer Bible study concludes this Wednesday, July 30, at the McEwens' (6235 Oram, Apt 104, Dallas, 75214) from 6:30-8:00pm. All current and upcoming youth are welcome.
- **20somethings Summer Bible Study** - Summer Bible Study continues on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:30pm at Daniel and Justin's house. If any questions, please contact Nicolas (469.514.5210) or Sarai (512.945.5787).

UPCOMING

- **Youth Paddle Trip** - Alex M. is taking registrations for the RYF Paddle trip on August 16. Plan to meet at the DCT at 9am to head to Waco! A registration link is included in the Tuesday email. Please sign up by July 31.
- **Budget and Congregational Meeting** - On August 3rd at 9am, we will have a congregational meeting before our worship gathering to discuss the budget plan for fiscal year 2025-2026. Short and long range plans to strategically save and generously give will be discussed. We hope to have updates in other areas of ministry, including an update on the property search, if applicable. Plus we will discuss calling Stephen Buerger as an Associate Pastor. We will meet upstairs in the Gables.

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