

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NEW ST PETER'S

AUGUST 3, 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,
who brought us out of the land of Egypt.

Silence

LITURGY OF THE WORD Jeremiah 32 Job 38

Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell Me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

**Do you know the ordinances of the heavens?
Can you establish their rule on the earth?**

Have you commanded the morning since your days began,
and caused the dawn to know its place?
Who provides for the raven
when its young ones cry to God for help?

**Oh, Lord GOD! It is You who have made the heavens and the earth
by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm!
Nothing is too hard for You.**

INVOCATION

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Faithfulness
text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no shad - ow of
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and stars in their
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear pres - ence to

turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

Refrain

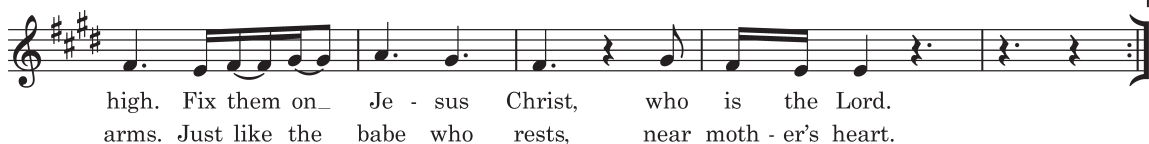
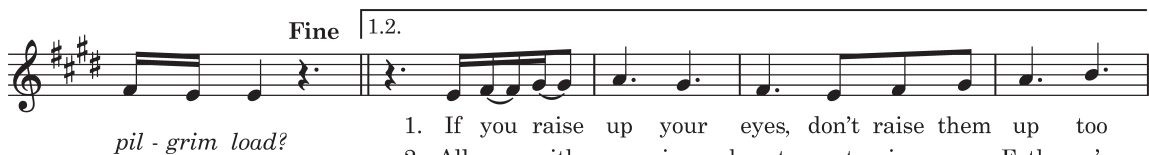
as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love. *Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy*
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have

need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed— Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

"Psalm 131 (A Song of Ascents)"

Alex Dean, 2023



Merciful God, You have called us each to a life appointed by Your sovereign hand.

**But we confess we are restless,
ever grasping for another place, another path.
We seek freedom in changing our circumstances,
instead of finding peace in the freedom Christ has already won.
We chase status, romance, and comfort,
forgetting that this world is passing away.
Our hearts are divided, our affections scattered,
and we have too often loved the gifts more than the Giver.
We mourn and rejoice as if this life were all there is.
We confess our fears, our anxieties, our misplaced devotions.
Forgive us, Lord, for not abiding in the place of Your calling.
Renew in us undivided devotion to You alone.
Amen.**

Silent confession

Behold, Christians, the Lord has gathered you, His people,
and He will be your God.
He has forgiven your iniquity, and remembers your sin no more.

**God has made an everlasting covenant with us,
giving us one heart and one way,
for our own good and the good of our children. Amen.**

A Song of Ascents: The LORD blesses the marriage of the one who fears Him.

*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

**God's compassion is my story,
Is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us
That His only Son He gave.**

**CONFESSION
OF SIN & PLEA FOR
PARDON**

1 Corinthians 7

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON &
INTERCESSORY
PRAYER**

Jeremiah 31, 32

**OLD TESTAMENT
READING**

Psalms 128:1-6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SHARING THE
PEACE OF CHRIST**

DOXOLOGY

¹⁷ Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.

¹⁸ Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. ¹⁹ For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God. ²⁰ Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called. ²¹ Were you a bondservant when called? Do not be concerned about it. (But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.) ²² For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a bondservant of Christ. ²³ You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men. ²⁴ So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.

²⁵ Now concerning the betrothed, I have no command from the Lord, but I give my judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy. ²⁶ I think that in view of the present distress it is good for a person to remain as he is. ²⁷ Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife. ²⁸ But if you do marry, you have not sinned, and if a betrothed woman marries, she has not sinned. Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles, and I would spare you that. ²⁹ This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

³² I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³ But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴ and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵ I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

³⁶ If anyone thinks that he is not behaving properly toward his betrothed, if his passions are strong, and it has to be, let him do as he wishes: let them marry—it is no sin.

³⁷ But whoever is firmly established in his heart, being under no necessity but having his desire under control, and has determined this in his heart, to keep her as his betrothed, he will do well. ³⁸ So then he who marries his betrothed does well, and he who refrains from marriage will do even better.

³⁹ A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord. ⁴⁰ Yet in my judgment she is happier if she remains as she is. And I think that I too have the Spirit of God.

“Marriage & Singleness, Part 2”

1 Corinthians 7:17-40

The Call Changes Everything

The Call Changes Nothing

The Call & Contentment

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

Brazilian Communion Liturgy (Guanabara Confession, 1558)

Christ gives not mere bread alone, but through the sign,
Christ is truly received by faith.
Our Lord Jesus, by His power, kindness, and grace
feeds and preserves our souls, making us partakers of His flesh and blood,
and of all His benefits.

We do not prepare our teeth and stomach, but our hearts.

Nourish us with Your very self, 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

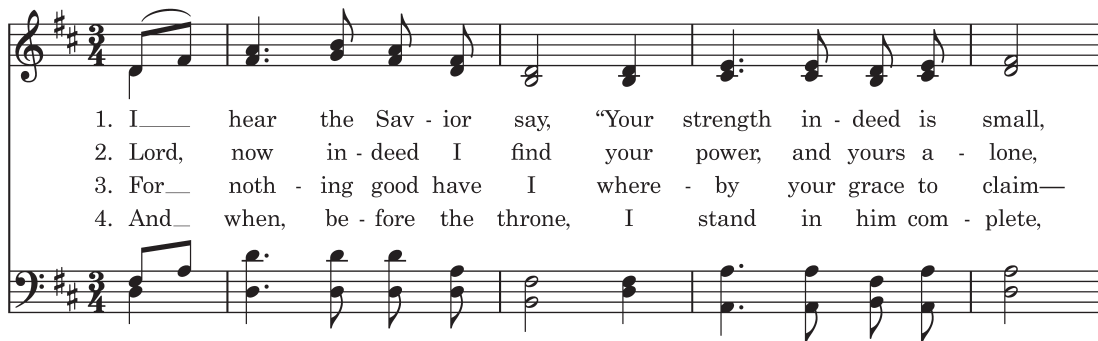
- Tithes and gifts can be brought to the box in the center of the room.
- Online Giving - newstpeters.org/give

PRAYER FOR FAITH

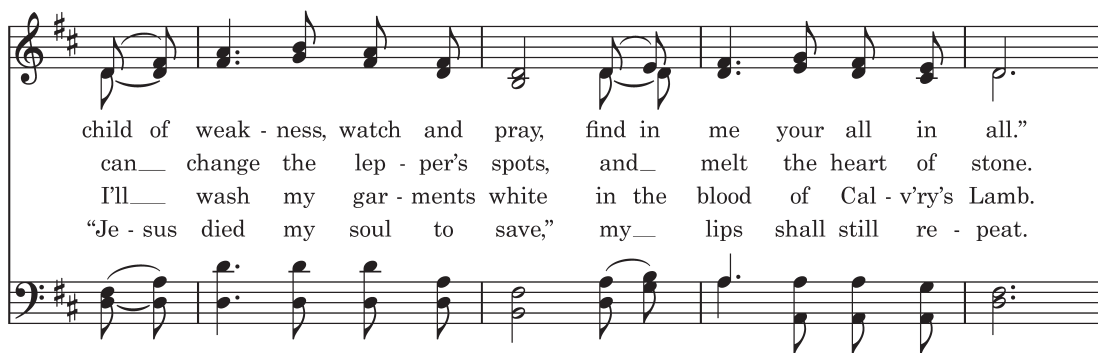
If you are not a follower of Jesus, we invite you to reflect on the prayer at the bottom of page 12, and we invite you to talk with our pastor if you would like to know more about the hope of the Good News on display at Christ's Table.

"Jesus Paid It All"

ALL TO CHRIST
text: Elvina M. Hall, 1865
alt. Ben Weldy



1. I___ hear the Sav - ior say, "Your strength in - deed is small,
2. Lord, now in - deed I find your power, and yours a - lone,
3. For___ noth - ing good have I where - by your grace to claim—
4. And___ when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,



child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."
can___ change the lep - per's spots, and___ melt the heart of stone.
I'll___ wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
"Je - sus died my soul to save," my___ lips shall still re - peat.

Refrain



Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;



sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.

"I Will Glory in My Redeemer"

Steve & Vikki Cook, 2000



1. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, whose price - less blood has ran - somed
 2. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er. My life He bought, my love He
 3. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, who car - ries me on ea - gle's



me. Mine was the sin that drove the bit - ter nails, and
 owns. I have no long - ings for an - oth - er, I'm
 wings. He crowns my life with lov - ing kind - ness, His



hung Him on that judg - ment tree. I will glo - ry in my Re -
 sat - is - fied in Him a - lone. I will glo - ry in my Re -
 tri - umph song I'll ev - er sing. I will glo - ry in my Re -



- deem - er, who crushed the pow'r of sin and death. My on - ly
 - deem - er, His faith - ful - ness, my stand - ing place. Though foes are
 - deem - er, who waits for me at gates of gold. And when He



Sav - ior be - fore the Ho - ly Judge: the Lamb who is my right - eous -
 might - y and rush up - on me, my feet are firm, held by His
 calls me it will be par - a - dise, His face for - ev - er to be -



- ness, the Lamb who is my right - eous - ness.
 grace, my feet are firm, held by His grace.
 - hold, His face for - ev - er to be - hold.

"His Mercy Is More"

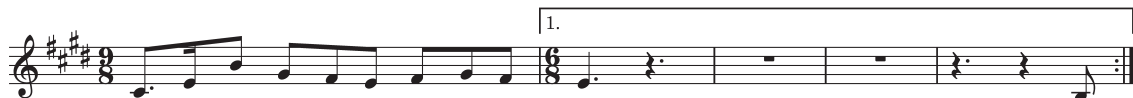
Matt Boswell & Matt Papa, 2016



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done; Om - nis - cient, all know - ing, He
2. (What) pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam; What Fa - ther, so ten - der, is
3. (What) rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us; His blood was the pay - ment, His



counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore;—
 call - ing us home. He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;— *Our*
 life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;—



sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.

2. What



more.

Praise the Lord!—

His mer - cy is more._____



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn; *Our* sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is



more.

3. What

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
Jeremiah 32

May the Lord give you one heart and one way,
that you may fear God forever,
for your own good and the good of your children to come after you.

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)

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

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

- **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).
- **Youth** - Please be in prayer for the middle schoolers who will be at RYM camp this week, through Wednesday morning.

UPCOMING

- **Property** - Mark your calendars for important (tentative) dates related to the NW Highway property:

August 24: Info Session, Q&A

Sept. 6: Site Tour

Sept 7: Info Session, Q&A

Sept 13: Site Tour

Sept. 14: Final Due Diligence Presentation

Sept. 21: Congregational Vote

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*on Sabbatical