

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



## NEW ST PETER'S

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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

"God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory"

*Ode to Joy*

**God, all nature sings Thy glory, and Thy works proclaim Thy might;  
Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;  
Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;  
All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 34

Let us bless the LORD at all times;  
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt His name together!

*Silence*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD Psalm 34 John 6

May your soul make its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.

**I sought the LORD, and He answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.  
This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him  
and saved him out of all his troubles.**

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

**For it was not Moses who gave us the bread from heaven,  
but our Father has given us the true bread from heaven—  
the Christ who came down from heaven and gave life to the world.  
None who take refuge in Him will be condemned.**

### INVOCATION

"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 that 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

D.S. al Fine

# "How Great Thou Art"

*O Store Gud*  
text: Stuart K. Hine, 1949



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der
2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion



con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made, \_\_\_\_\_  
and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, \_\_\_\_\_  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, \_\_\_\_\_  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! \_\_\_\_\_



I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,  
when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur,  
that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,  
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,



thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played, \_\_\_\_\_  
and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze; \_\_\_\_\_  
he bled and died to take a - way my sin, \_\_\_\_\_  
and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art. \_\_\_\_\_

## Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: \_\_\_\_\_



how great thou art, \_\_\_\_\_ how great thou art! \_\_\_\_\_



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: \_\_\_\_\_



how great thou art, \_\_\_\_\_ how great thou art! \_\_\_\_\_

Heavenly Father, we come to You,  
seeking sustenance that endures to eternal life.

**We confess that we set our minds on earthly things—  
things whose end is destruction, emptiness, and shame.  
We encourage divisions among our body by showing partiality  
and by failing to bear with each other's burdens and sins.  
In coming to worship, we seek our own preferences  
more than Your glory and the building up of our brothers and sisters.  
Forgive us for these sins, dear Lord.  
Refine our hearts in the fires of Your grace,  
discipline us according to Your Fatherly love,  
and lead us by Your mercy—  
that we might live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.  
Amen.**

*Silent confession*

Sons and daughters of God, hear these words of hope from our Lord Jesus Christ: "Whoever comes to Me, I will never cast out. Whoever believes in Me will have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

**O Lord, You have the words of eternal life,  
and we have believed and have come to know  
that You are the Holy One of God.  
Hallelujah! Amen.**

A reading from the Prophets: The LORD hates feasts that are marred by injustice, oppression, and division.

*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.*

"God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory"

*Ode to Joy*

**But our sins have spoiled Thine image, nature, conscience only serve  
As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.  
Yet Thy grace and saving mercy in Thy Word of truth revealed  
With our acts as with our voices Thy commandments to fulfill.**

**CONFESSION  
OF SIN & PLEA FOR  
PARDON**

John 6  
Philippians 3  
1 Corinthians 11

**ASSURANCE OF  
PARDON**

John 6

**OLD TESTAMENT  
READING**

Isaiah 1:12-17

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE  
PEACE OF CHRIST**

**DOXOLOGY**

**CHARGE TO THE  
CONGREGATION**

**Installation of Justin Smith**

**QUESTIONS FOR  
THE MINISTER**

1. Are you now willing to take charge of this chapter of Reformed University Fellowship-International, agreeable to your declaration when accepting the Presbytery's call?
2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?
3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of a pastor to this RUF-I chapter, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

**QUESTIONS  
FOR THE  
NORTH TEXAS  
PRESBYTERY**

1. Do you, men of this Presbytery, continue to profess your readiness to receive Justin Smith, whom you have called to be the minister of Reformed University Fellowship-International at UT Dallas?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is the minister of RUF-I at UTD that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

**PRONOUNCEMENT  
OF OFFICE**

**CHARGE TO  
THE MINISTER**

**PRAYER**

<sup>17</sup> But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. <sup>18</sup> For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, <sup>19</sup> for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. <sup>20</sup> When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. <sup>21</sup> For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. <sup>22</sup> What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, *"This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."* <sup>25</sup> In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, *"This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."* <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

<sup>27</sup> Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup> That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

"A Meal for the Membered"

1 Corinthians 11.17-32

**Dismembered**

**Remembered**

**Discerning Membership**



**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.*

You, almighty Master, created all things for Your name's sake,  
and gave food and drink for people to enjoy.

**But to us You have graciously given spiritual food and drink,  
and eternal life through Your Servant.**

So in His name we give You thanks, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Come to the Table...

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION & INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*Adapted from  
"The Didache"  
(c. 1st-2nd  
Century AD)*

## DIRECTIONS FOR THE TABLE

### 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. Alms can be placed in the bowl held by the deacon.*
- *Online Giving - [newstpeters.org/give](http://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.*

# "Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor"

Brian T. Murphy, 2010  
Anne Steele, 1760



1. Lord we a - dore thy\_ boun - less grace, The heights and depths un - known,
2. O won - drous gifts of\_\_ love\_\_ di - vine, Dear source of ev - 'ry\_\_ good!
3. Here shall your num - 'rous wants re - ceive A free, a full\_ sup - ply;



— Of par - don, life,\_\_ and\_\_ joy,\_\_ and\_\_ peace,  
— Je - sus, in thee\_\_ what\_\_ glo - ries\_\_ shine!  
— He has un - meas - ured\_\_ bliss\_\_ to\_\_ give,\_\_

## Refrain



In thy be - lov - ed\_\_ son.\_\_  
How rich thy flow - ing\_\_ blood! Come, all ye pin - ing,\_\_ hun - gry\_\_ poor,  
And joys that nev - er\_\_ die.\_\_



— The Sav - ior's boun - - ty\_\_ taste;\_\_ Be - hold a nev -



- er\_\_ fail - ing\_\_ store,\_\_ For ev - 'ry will - ing\_\_ guest.

# "Behold the Lamb (The Communion Hymn)"

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty,  
Stuart Townend, 2006



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us
2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you
3. The blood that cleans - es eve - ry stain of sin, shed for you
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond



and we re - mem - ber the prom - ise made that all who  
eat and re - mem - ber; The wounds that heal, the death that  
drink and re - mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may  
and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the

## Refrain



come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross.	<i>So we share in this</i>
brings us life paid the price to make us one.	<i>So we share in this</i>
en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God.	<i>So we share in this</i>
steps of Christ as His bod - y here on earth.	<i>As we share in His</i>



bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the



bonds of peace	a - round the ta - ble of the King.
bonds of love	a - round the ta - ble of the King.
bonds of grace	a - round the ta - ble of the King.
feast of heaven	a - round the ta - ble of the King.

# "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin,  
Matt Merker, Matt Papa, 2020  
arr. Ben Weldy



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a - lone, Christ a - lone.
2. What truth can calm the trou - bled soul? God is good, God is good.
3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives!" "Christ, He lives!"



What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to him be - long.  
Where is his grace and good - ness known? In our great Re - deem - er's blood.  
And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with him.



Who holds our days with - in his hand? What comes, a - part from his com -  
Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? who stands a - bove the storm - y  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be de -



- mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of  
trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Un - to the  
- stroyed, And we will feast in end - less joy, When Christ is

## Refrain



Christ, in which we stand.\_\_\_\_  
shore, the rock of Christ?\_\_\_\_ O sing ha - le - lu - ia! Our  
ours for - ev - er - more.\_\_\_\_



hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing ha - le - lu - ia! Now and



ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

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.**

Beloved, may you stand firm in the Lord and press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God. For our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

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

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

*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)*

## SCATTERING

*Kenyan  
Reformed  
Prayer*

## BENEDICTION

Philippians 3-4

## POSTLUDE

## PRAYER FOR FAITH

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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 resumes next Sunday, September 14 for our children.

### **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](http://www.newstpeters.org)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

## THIS WEEK

- **NW Highway Property** - The second Site Tour is September 13, at 9:00am.
- **SOLD** - kicks off for kids on next Sunday, 9/14. Adults and youth begin on 9/21.
- **Final Presentation & Panel Discussion** - Next Sunday at 9:00 am, (while children are in SOLD), we will have an opportunity for congregational discussion on the property. Please be aware, this will be the main opportunity for discussion before we vote on September 21 (see Alex's email to the congregation for more details).

## UPCOMING

- **Congregational Meeting** - On September 21, after worship, we will have a congregational meeting for two purposes: 1). to vote to close on the property, and 2). to vote on the Session's recommendation of Stephen Buerger as associate pastor. Please make plans to be present for this exciting time in the life of our church.
- **New Member Class** - begins on September 21 at 9am. We invite all to come and learn more about life here at NSP. Sign up at [newstpeters.org/im-new](http://newstpeters.org/im-new).
- **Fall Men's and Women's Ministries** - Look at your emails and our website for information about men's and women's ministries coming up this fall—including Bible studies, prayer groups, mentorship, and more!

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