

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NEW ST PETER'S

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

*"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 Exodus 15

Sing to the LORD, the God of your salvation,
for in Christ He has triumphed gloriously.

Silence

LITURGY OF THE WORD Exodus 15 Psalms 34, 112

The LORD is my strength and my song,
and He has become my salvation.

**This is my God, and I will praise Him,
my father's God, and I will exalt Him.**

You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed.
You have guided them by strength to Your holy abode.

**Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed are they who take refuge in Christ.
They are not afraid of bad news;
their hearts are firm, trusting in the LORD.**

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.**

"Psalm 27 (The Lord Is My Light)"

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1.The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion. Whom shall I fear?
2.When troub - les a - rise, no foe can harm me. You are my peace.
3.One thing I have asked: to see Your beau - ty. This I will seek.

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Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strong-hold of — my life. Of whom shall I be a -
You are my peace. You lift me a - bove the rag - ing storm, You con - quer my en - e -
This I will seek. To dwell in Your house, to walk in Your ways, Your pres - ence is all I

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CHORUS



fraid? — Lord, You are my shel - ter. God of my sal - va - tion, I am not for - sak - en;
mies. —
need. —

13



Lord, shield and pro - tect - or, Wait - ing on Your prom - ise,

16



I will see Your good - ness, O Lord!

"No, Not One!"

Harper Memorial
Johnson Oatman Jr., 1895
arr. Paul Zach, 2021



1. There's not a friend like the low - ly Je - sus, No, not one!
2. No friend like Him is so high and ho - ly, No, not one!
3. There's not an hour that He is not near us, No, not one!



No, not one! None else could heal all our soul's dis - eas - es,____
No, not one! And yet no friend is so meek and low - ly,____
No, not one! No night so dark but His love can cheer us,____

Refrain



No, not one! No, not one!
No, not one! No, not one! Je - sus knows all a - bout our
No, not one! No, not one!



strug - gles, He will guide till the day is done; There's not a



friend like the low - ly Je - sus, No, not one! No, not one!

Father God, we come before You in awe of Your majesty and holiness.

**You are our Creator, King, and Redeemer.
You have spoken to us in Your covenant love,
but we do not listen to Your voice—
striving to find our happiness and contentment apart from You.
We are proud.
We make little of our sin.
We are harsh.
We are self-justifying.
We hold grudges.
We are full of impurity and lust.
We prefer gossip to truth.
We are impatient and unfaithful.
Forgive us for these sins, dear Lord,
and lead us in the righteousness found only in Christ.
Amen.**

Silent confession

Church of God, Christ Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By His wounds you have been healed!

**Surely Christ suffered for us,
leaving us an example so that we might follow in His steps.
Praise His name! Amen.**

A reading from the Psalms: Happy is the person whose chief end is
delight in the LORD.

*Children, Pre-K and Kinder, are invited to attend Worship Training.
All children are retrieved after the sermon for Communion.*

**CONFESSION
OF SIN & PLEA
FOR PARDON**
Exodus 19-20
Matthew 5

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON**
1 Peter 3

**OLD TESTAMENT
READING**
Psalm 1.1-6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFERINGS
& ALMS**
Micah 6
2 Corinthians 8

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.**

**SHARING OF THE
PEACE OF CHRIST**

So, Church, may the peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

**TITHES &
OFFERINGS**

*The musicians will play for a moment before singing
so that you can bring your tithes and offerings
and share the peace of Christ with those around you.*

DOXOLOGY

"God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory"

Ode to Joy

**Clearer still we see Thy hand in man whom Thou hast made for Thee;
Ruler of creation's glory, image of Thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,
Are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.**

¹ Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

² And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

³ *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

⁴ *Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

⁵ *Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

⁶ *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

⁷ *Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*

⁸ *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

⁹ *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.*

¹⁰ *Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

¹¹ *Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account.”*

“Jesus on Happiness”

Matthew 5.1-11

Happiness in relationship

Happiness through suffering

Happiness and virtue

**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.*

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord
It is fitting and right.

Let us raise our hearts and minds on high, where Jesus Christ is, in
the glory of His Father, and from whence we look for Him at our
redemption.

**We thank you O God, through Your beloved servant Jesus Christ, who
delivered Himself willingly unto death for us.**

In His name we lift up the cup of salvation,
and we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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*

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 13, 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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

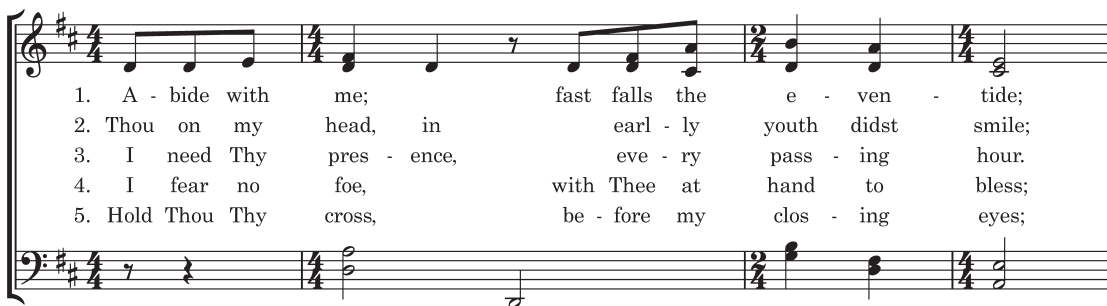
WORDS OF INSTITUTION & INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Psalm 116, Church Order of Hippolytus (3rd Century), Sursum Corda of John Calvin (16th Century)

DIRECTIONS

"Abide with Me"

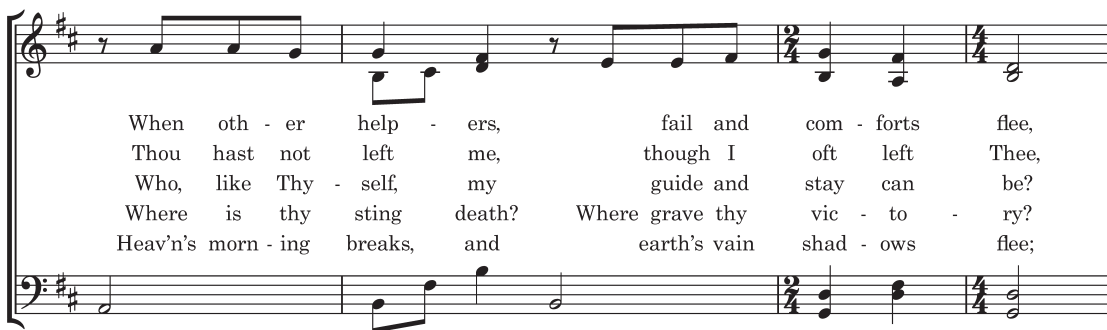
Justin Smith
text: Henry Lyte, 1847



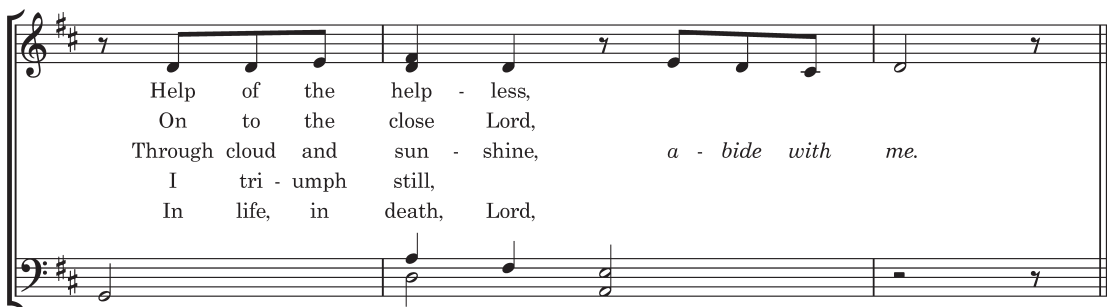
1. A - bid with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2. Thou on my head, in earl - ly youth didst smile;
3. I need Thy pres - ence, eve - ry pass - ing hour.
4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
5. Hold Thou Thy cross, be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord with me a - bid.
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 with me.
I tri - umph still,
In life, in death, Lord,



1. When the fields are dry, and the win - ter is long, bless - ed are the
 2. (On a) cross of wood, where His blood was out - poured, He rose from the
 3. (When the) earth be - neath me___ crum - bles and quakes, not a spar - row



meek, the_ hun - gry the poor; When my soul is down - cast, and my voice has no
 ground, like a bird to the sky; Bring - ing peace to our vio - lence, and crush - ing death's
 falls, nor a hair from my head; With - out His hand to guide me, my shield and my

Refrain



song, for mer - cy, for com - fort, I wait on the Lord.
 door, our Mak - er in - car - nate, our God who pro - vides. *In the har - vest*
 strength, in joy or in sor - row, in life or in death.



feast or the fal - low ground, my cer - tain hope is in Je - sus found; my lot, my cup, my



por - tion sure, what - ev - er comes, we shall en - dure, what - ev - er comes, we



shall___ en - dure. 2. On a dure. Oh come,



Em - man - u - - el; Come, oh come,



Em - man - u - - el. 3. When the

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"Psalm 126"

Isaac Wardell, 2017



1. Our mouths they were filled, filled with laugh - ter;
2. The na - tions will say, "He has done great things!"



Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy.
The na - tions will sing songs of joy.



Re - store us, O Lord; Re - store us, O Lord.

Refrain



Al - though we are weep - ing, Lord, help us keep sow - ing



the seeds of your King - dom for the day You will reap — them.



Your sheaves we will car - ry; Lord, please do not tar - ry.



All those who sow weep - ing will go out with songs of — joy.

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.**

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you
the LORD lift His countenance upon you and give you peace.

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
Numbers 6

POSTLUDE

**PRAYER FOR
FAITH**

FAMILY WORSHIP & DISCUSSION PAGE

READ

Matthew 5.1-11, Psalm 1

DISCUSS

1. How is the vision of the blessed life in Psalm 1 similar to Matthew 5?
2. What are some differences between the way the Bible describes “happiness” and the way modern people in Dallas describe it?
3. What is the relationship between true happiness and suffering? What do you find difficult about this?
4. Which of the Beatitudes do you find most difficult to live? Why?

PRAY

- Pray for the people of NSP to locate our happiness in Jesus and His kingdom.
- Pray and ask the Lord to cultivate these kingdom virtues in us.
- Pray and thank the Lord for suffering in our place so that we can enter into the suffering and joy of His kingdom.
- Pray for the boldness to share this vision of humanity with the lost.

GATHERED

WEEKLY WORSHIP

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

The church is an outpost of heaven on earth, where 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 is our Christian education ministry for all ages.

KIDS - WORSHIP TRAINING

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

Our goal is to prepare our children (0-Kinder) 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.

NSP YOUTH

(Sundays, 9-9:50am & Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm)

Our ministry to middle and high school students meets during the SOLD hour and on Wednesday evenings.

SCATTERED

HOME GROUPS

Our Home Groups meet at different frequencies throughout the metro in regional “parishes”—enjoying fellowship and prayer in each other’s homes.

MEN’S & WOMEN’S MINISTRY

There are various men’s and women’s ministries, including Bible 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 and also gets together for seasonal Bible studies and occasional celebrations.

Lear more at www.newstpeters.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

- **Multi-Church Hymn Sing (9/27)** - Join us this afternoon for a multi-church hymn sing at Mercy Presbyterian Church (12727 Hillcrest) at 4:00pm.
- **Youth** - Wednesday night fellowships continue.
- **Youth Retreat (October 9-10)** - Calling HS and MS students! Join us and invite your friends for our annual Roctober retreat with youth from across our presbytery! See Tuesday's email for info. **Registration Deadline is Oct. 2 (Sept. 25 deadline to receive a t-shirt)**. Any questions, please contact Brian at brfranklin4@gmail.com.
- **Finance Update** - In August, we received \$47,589 out of a targeted income of \$75,000. Also, we are working with our bank to increase our loan amount as we seek an additional \$500,000 to remodel our new church home.

UPCOMING

- **20somethings Fall Fellowship Dinner** - Join us Oct. 3 at Martine & Steve Chambers' home. Keep an eye out for more details in the GroupMe, and contact Leonora (214.577.4461) with any questions.
- **Dinner with the Smiths** - Scan the QR code for details and to RSVP for an evening of dinner and fellowship with Luke and Sokha's family on Thursday, Oct. 8.



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Scan this QR code to fill out a short visitor's form.

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