

**NEW ST. PETER'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**July 18, 2021
Celebration of Worship**



Welcome and thanks for joining us for worship online today. If you're visiting with us today, we especially welcome you. We invite you to receive with us God's gracious gifts: The reasoning of His Word, rest in His grace, renewal of His image in you, and the hope of restoration for all things.

Parents: Elementary age readers may engage with the worship service both during and after by using the ***Work for Young Worshippers*** which can be found as a separate download on our website. You can also download the age appropriate lessons for ***Worship Training*** which you might do with your younger ones at another time.

“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.”

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STRIKING OF THE HOUR

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 105

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name.

Silence

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PSALM 105, GENESIS 12, GALATIANS 3

O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, children of Jacob, His chosen ones! He is the LORD our God. **His judgments are in all the earth. He remembers His covenant forever, the covenant that He made with Abraham.** Truly, it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. **The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.**

INVOCATION

HYMN: “The God of Abraham Praise

*The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days and God of love.
Jehovah! Great I AM! By earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name, forever blest.*

*The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command
From earth I rise, and seek the joys at His right hand.
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
And Him my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.*

*He by Himself hath sworn, I on His oath depend;
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heav'n ascend.
I shall behold His face, I shall His pow'r adore,
And sing the wonders of His grace forevermore.*

*The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;
All might and majesty are Thine, and endless praise.*

CONFESSION OF SIN AND PLEA FOR PARDON

GENESIS 12, GALATIANS 3

Heavenly Father, You have freely given us Your holy and precious promises. **Yet we confess that we fail to live with those promises in mind. We seek security and safety on our own, rather than in You. Like our father Abram in Egypt, we would rather use deceit and half-truths for the sake of our own individual welfare, though You call us instead to trust in Your providence. Having begun by the Spirit, we all too often seek to be perfected by works of the law. We place our worth in the work of our hands, in fulfilling all our earthly desires, and in how others think of us. Father, forgive us. You are the One who has promised grace to us in Jesus Christ. So show us Your tender mercy and renew us by Your Spirit for the sake of Your great name.**

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER

GALATIANS 3

Beloved of God, Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. **We are all one in**

Christ Jesus. And if we are Christ's, then we are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

A reading from Galatians: The apostle appeals to Abraham to demonstrate the amazing grace of God in Jesus Christ. (Galatians 3:5-14)

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The musicians will play for a moment before singing so that you can share the peace with those in your home, or by text, etc.

DOXOLOGY

“Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Crown Him the Lord of life, triumphant o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious from the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and reigns on high;
He died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*

SERMON: “God’s Covenant Promises” (Genesis 12:1-20)

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he

built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

¹⁰ Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. ¹¹ When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, *“I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, ¹² and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. ¹³ Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake.”* ¹⁴ When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. ¹⁵ And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh’s house. ¹⁶ And for her sake he treated Abram well, and Abram acquired sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

¹⁷ But the LORD afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram’s wife. ¹⁸ So Pharaoh called Abram and said, *“What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? ¹⁹ Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go.”* ²⁰ And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had.

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 AND FENCING THE TABLE

1 CORINTHIANS 11

The Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, 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.”

In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, and said:

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Come to the Table...

HYMN: “I Will Glory in My Redeemer”

*I will glory in my Redeemer whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung Him on that judgment tree.*

*I will glory in my Redeemer who crushed the pow’r of sin and death;
My only Savior before the Holy Judge, the Lamb who is my righteousness,
The Lamb who is my righteousness.*

*I will glory in my Redeemer, my life He bought, my love He owns.
I have no longings for another, I’m satisfied in Him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness, my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by His grace,
My feet are firm, held by His grace.*

*I will glory in my Redeemer, Who carries me on eagle’s wings,
He crowns my life with loving kindness, His triumph song I’ll ever sing,
I will glory in my Redeemer, Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me, it will paradise, His face forever to behold,
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HYMN: “For All the Saints”

*For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...*

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Allelu...*

*O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Allelu...*

*The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...*

*But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way,
Alleluia, Allelu...*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

HYMN: “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks

*On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand
On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan’s fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.*

*All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.*

Refrain

*I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the Promised Land.
I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the Promised Land.*

*No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.*

Refrain

*When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blest,
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest.*

Refrain

PARTING LITURGY

HEBREWS 11

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. **For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. So let us also desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one – for God has prepared it for us.**

BENEDICTION

GALATIANS 6

May peace and mercy be upon you, the Israel of God. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit!

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Any of our elders would be happy to pray for you on the phone if you would like to call them. Their names are listed below. For security purposes we will not list phone numbers here, but NSP members can find them in the church directory. If you don't have a printed directory then log into ShelbyNext with this link:

<https://newstpeters.shelbynextchms.com/user/login>

If you have not logged in before then follow the directions here:

<https://newstpeters.org/login>

If the elder you call is not able to answer then feel free to leave a message and he will call you back.

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