

**New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church**  
**Celebration of Worship**  
**June 2, 2019**

**Striking of the Hour** *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

**Call to Worship** (Amos 5)

The LORD says to His people, "Seek me and live, and worship me alone."

*Silence*

**Liturgy of the Word** (Amos 5, Hebrews 13)

The city that went out a thousand shall have a hundred left and that which went out a hundred shall have ten left to the house of Israel. **Let us seek the LORD and live; let us pursue justice and righteousness.** He who turns darkness into morning and darkens the day into night, the LORD is His name. **Let us therefore continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God in word and deed. For we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come**

**Invocation**

**Hymn:** *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

**Hymn:** *"Psalm 15 (To Dwell with God)"*

**Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon** (Luke 16, 1 Timothy 6)

Faithful Father, You have graciously saved us and given us many good gifts to steward for Your glory. **And yet we are often unfaithful stewards. We tend toward dishonesty with our resources because we want to hoard rather than share the things we've received from Your hand. Instead of storing up treasures in heaven, where our eternal dwelling is, we store up treasures that quickly decay. We consider temporal provisions and rewards to be more desirable than eternal blessings. We obsess over our lack instead of rejoicing in Your provision and resting in Your providence. We are discontent lovers of money, power, and comfort, craving more of this world's food and drink than the rich banquet table prepared for us in Your presence! Forgive our sins, Lord, and grant us godliness with contentment. Enable us to set our hope fully on You, that we may take hold of that which is truly life.**

*Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.*

**Assurance of Pardon** (Hebrews 13)

Citizens of God's Kingdom, Jesus suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify His people through His blood! **We have an altar from which those who trust in wealth and works have no portion. Therefore, may our hearts be strengthened by His means of grace, and may we rest in the finished work of Jesus. Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

A reading from Isaiah: The LORD invites His people to purchase eternal goods at no cost, because He will purchase their pardon at the highest of costs. Isaiah 55.1-13

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

**Doxology**     *“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

**Sermon:** “Prodigal Stewardship” (Luke 16:1-13)

## 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.**

**Words of Institution and Fencing the Table** (John 6, Heidelberg Catechism 76)

Jesus said, “Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him”

**For His flesh is true food, and His blood is true drink.**

May we accept the once for all sacrifice of Jesus with a believing heart, and may we come to Him in faith, that we may never hunger and thirst

**Through the Holy Spirit, we are united to Christ, so that although He is in heaven and we are on earth, we are flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone. And we forever live on and are governed by one Spirit, as the members of our body are by one soul.**

Come to the Table...

**Communion Hymn:** *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”*

**Communion Hymn:** *“It Is Well with My Soul”*

**Communion Hymn:** *“His Mercy Is More”*

**Communion Hymn:** *“Nothing but the Blood”*

**Parting Liturgy** (Hebrews 11)

Faithful ones, you are strangers and exiles on the earth, so seek a better homeland. **We desire a heavenly country. God is not ashamed to be called our God, for He has prepared for us a city!**

**Benediction** (Hebrews 13)

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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