

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
May 26, 2019

Striking of the Hour *“Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners”*

Call to Worship (Hosea 2)

The LORD allures and assembles His Church. He makes the Valley of Achor a door of hope, and His people answer Him.

Silence

Liturgy of the Word (Hosea 11)

How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? **My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.** I will not destroy my people, but instead return them to their homes. **For I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.**

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6)

**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.**

Hymn: *“O Worship the King”*

Hymn: *“Luke 15”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Luke 15, Zechariah 3)

Loving Father, in You we have received an inheritance that is imperishable. **You have named us as Your children and freely given us Your Spirit. Yet we often squander these good blessings. Though we are heirs with Christ, our older Brother, we have gone after idols, seeking in them things lesser than what You desire for us. Though You give us everything we need for sustenance and growth in grace, we seek after food and drink**

in the pursuit of our idols—comfort, entertainment, wealth, and status. We are so busy reveling in our own works that we neglect to celebrate Your redemptive work in the lives of those around us. We neglect the sacrifice of Jesus when we wallow in envy and self-justification. Seek us out, O Father, and remove our iniquity. Clothe us in your grace and renew our dependence on You!

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (Luke 15, Zechariah 3)

Daughters and Sons of God, the Lord has taken away your iniquity, and He has clothed you in pure vestments. **Our Good Father rejoices in true repentance. He has sought us out because of His compassion, and He has restored us to fellowship through the cross of Jesus, our Brother and our Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

A reading from Genesis: In His redemptive providence, God orchestrates the reunion between a loving father and a lost son. (Genesis 45:25-46:4)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Doxology *“Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners”*

Joining and Receiving of New Members

Hymn: *“The Church’s One Foundation”*

Sermon: *“Prodigals”* (Luke 15:11-32)

Offerings and Alms

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.**

Hymn: *“Jesus Paid it All”*

Hymn: *“Our Great God”*

Parting Liturgy (1 Thessalonians 2)

Brothers and Sisters, we rejoice that God has chosen us as the firstfruits to be saved through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. **To this salvation He has called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, may we stand firm and hold fast to His Word.**

Benediction (1 Thessalonians 2)

Now may the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God your Father, who loved you and gave you eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.