

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
April 14, 2019

Striking of the Hour *“Jesus Shall Reign”*

Call to Worship (Isaiah 25)

O LORD, You are our God! We will exalt You! We will praise Your name for You have done wonderful things!

Liturgy of the Word (Isaiah 25 and Revelation 19)

For You have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress. **On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine.** He will set a table with rich food full of the best meat and the best of drink. **Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb! These are the true words of God.**

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: *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*

Hymn: *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Luke 14)

Father, You are lavish with Your generosity and kindness. **You spread before us an extravagant feast fit only for the children of a king, yet we spurn Your bounty because we prefer the spoiled fruit of our sin. We have an army of excuses for resisting Your call to fellowship, most of them tied to our success, our families, or our security. We have many reasons approved by our friends and culture for treating our**

relationship with You and the mission You've given us as wonderful extra-curricular options, but not as the bread and wine that sustain our lives. So continue to confront us with Your Spirit, that we might repent of our worldliness. Forgive us for neglecting the work of worship, discipleship, and evangelism. Through the feast of Jesus' body and blood, renew our hearts for Yourself.

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 34)

Children of the King, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! **Those who fear Him and trust Him have no lack! Though the young lions suffer want and hunger, those who seek the LORD lack no good thing! For in Christ, our sins are forgiven and our souls are satisfied. Thanks to be God! Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

A reading from Isaiah: The Servant of the LORD reflects on the great work of redemption to which God has called Him. (Isaiah 49:1-7)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Doxology "Jesus Shall Reign"

Preparation for Baptism (Deuteronomy 6 and Acts 2)

Hear, O Israel: **The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**

Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of His Holy Spirit. **For this promise is for us and for our children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the LORD our God calls to Himself.**

Words of Instruction

Sign of God's Covenant in Baptism

Hymn: *"Jesus Let Us Come to Know You"*

Sermon: *"Repondez, s'il vous plait"* (Luke 14:15-24)

Hymn: *"Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor"*

Hymn: *"Psalm 84 (Within Your House)"*

Parting Liturgy (Luke 14)

Church, this is the heart of our Lord Jesus Christ: **"Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled!"**

Benediction (Hebrews 12)

Therefore, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith!

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.