

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
April 28, 2019

Striking of the Hour *“Doxology”*

Call to Worship (Isaiah 45)

Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you survivors of nations. They have no knowledge who serve vain idols and keep on praying to gods who cannot save.

Liturgy of the Word (Isaiah 45)

For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens, who formed the earth and made it to be inhabited, **“I am the LORD, and there is no other. I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness. I did not call the offspring of Jacob to seek me in vain. I, the Lord, speak the truth. I declare what is right.”**

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: *“How Firm a Foundation”*

Hymn: *“In Christ Alone”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Luke 14)

King of our hearts, you have called us to allegiance and love along the path of discipleship. **And yet we have sworn allegiance to other saviors and given our love to other gods. Rather than counting the cost of following Jesus, we seek comfort, wealth, and escape from persecution. We worship family, vocation, health, and leisure, instead of receiving these good blessings in You and responding with**

thankfulness. We often turn our feet from the true path of discipleship in order to pursue life along man made paths. We set our hands to do Your kingdom work, yet we turn aside in impatience and idolatry. Forgive us, we pray, and enable us by Your Spirit to renounce the claims our hearts have laid on our idols.

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (1 John 3, 4)

Beloved, whenever our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts. We have believed and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. And by this we know that we abide in God, and God in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

Old Testament Reading

A reading from Joshua: As the Israelites prepare to enter the Promised Land, their true Commander makes Himself known. (Joshua 5:13-15)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Doxology “*Doxology*”

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: *“A Cost You Cannot Avoid”* (Luke 14:25-35)

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: *“We are not Overcome”*

Hymn: *“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”*

Parting Liturgy (1 John 5)

Brothers and Sisters, we know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning. **But He who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.**

Benediction (1 John 5)

Little children, keep yourselves from idols, and may the Son of God give you understanding so that you may know Him who is the way, the truth and the life.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.