

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
April 7, 2019

Striking of the Hour *“Jesus Shall Reign”*

Call to Worship (Isaiah 49)

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains into singing. For the LORD has comforted His people and will have compassion on His afflicted.

Liturgy of the Word (Isaiah 49, Luke 14)

Behold, I have engraved you on the palm of my hands; your walls are continually before me. **We were bereaved and barren, but the LORD had compassion on us.** I have lifted up My hand among the nations; I have raised My signal to the peoples. I am the LORD; those who wait for Me will not be put to shame. **For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.**

Invocation

Hymn: *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

Hymn: *“Psalm 146: Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Luke 14, John 5, Philippians 2)

Lord of all, we confess our sins of self-service and self-exaltation. **To our shame, we often choose the place of honor for ourselves, not content to wait in humility for Your exaltation. With our gaze set on the glory that comes from men, we neglect the way of the cross, and the glory that comes from You, Father. Our disordered loves drive us to neglect the poor, to fixate on the temporal, and to make the good things in Your Kingdom more ultimate than You. Yet Christ's obedience serves not only as our example, but also for our justification. Lift our heads, and bend our knees, that we may exalt the risen Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 52, Philippians 2)

Servants of the Lord, Jesus' blood has sprinkled many nations, resulting in the forgiveness of your sins. **Therefore, He is high and lifted up. He is exalted! We look to Him for our righteousness and glory. Thanks be to God through Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Psalms: King David's praise overflows in poetic beauty as he confesses that God is more than all things in every way. (Psalm 145:1-21)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Doxology “*Jesus Shall Reign*”

Sermon: “*Object Lessons*” (Luke 14:1-14)

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 (Revelation 19, Colossians 3)

Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

For the marriage of the Lamb has come; and His Bride has made herself ready.

At this table, we put on Christ, finding nourishment, rest, and renewal after His image. We eat and drink together, proclaiming Christ as all and in all.

Come to the Table...

Communion Hymn: *“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”*

Communion Hymn: *“Abide with Me”*

Communion Hymn: *“Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”*

Communion Hymn: *“Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand”*

Parting Liturgy (2 Corinthians 9)

Redeemed of the Lord, He has distributed freely; He has given to the poor. His righteousness endures forever. **He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will multiply our seed for sowing and increase the harvest of our righteousness.**

Benediction (2 Corinthians 9)

Now may God make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.