

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
February 24, 2019

Striking of the Hour *“God All Nature Sings Thy Glory”*

Call to Worship (Psalm 34)

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

Liturgy of the Word (Psalm 34)

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. **We sought the LORD and He answered us and delivered us from all our fears.** The poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. **The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. May we taste of His goodness and be blessed as we take refuge in Him!**

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: *“This is My Father's World”*

Hymn: *“Psalm 113: Who is Like the Lord Our God?”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (James 1)

Righteous Father, You have told us to not only listen to Your word, but to obey it. **But we confess that we would rather be scholars than obedient followers of what You have said. You patiently expose our sin and need for repentance, but we willfully neglect to turn away from our evil. We confess delight in Your law with our mouths, but reveal our true beliefs with our inaction. We pretend at spirituality, but do not bridle our words. We celebrate our outreach, but prove that we are stained by the**

world by maintaining prideful relationships. Forgive our half-hearted repentance, Father. By Your Spirit, help us to receive the implanted gospel, that we might be refreshed by the work of Christ and be renewed through our union with Him.

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 34 and Romans 8)

Children of God, you are forgiven, for the LORD redeems the life of His servants, and Jesus has done what we could not. **He has fully reflected the righteousness of His Father in word and deed. None of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned because Christ Jesus has laid down His life and risen again for us. Praise be to His name!**

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Psalms: David gives thanks to God for His faithfulness, and he exhorts the righteous to honor God with their lives. (Psalm 34:1-15)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Doxology “*God All Nature Sings Thy Glory*”

Baptismal Reflection

What do you acknowledge about your need?

We acknowledge our own need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit. We look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for our own salvation as we do for our brothers and sisters. By God’s grace we will set an example for one another, striving to grow in that grace as God has appointed. And may He be pleased, through the joyful sign of the Father’s gracious election, the covenant faithfulness of the Son and the washing of regeneration by the Spirit, to stir in us lively Gospel faith and abundant Gospel fruit. And because of these things we will look upon one another with love, mercy and patience, and we will know that God is with us. Amen.

Sermon: “*Listen, Obey and Act*” (James 1:19-27)

Hymn: “*God of My Life, to Thee I Call*”

Hymn: “*Approach My Soul, the Mercy Seat*”

Parting Liturgy (James 1)

Church, religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: **to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.**

Benediction (James 1)

May your heart find delight in the law of liberty through the grace of Jesus! By the Spirit, may you persevere in it and be blessed in all you do!

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.