

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

Striking of the Hour *“Praise to the Lord the Almighty”*

Call to Worship (Deuteronomy 5)

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Liturgy of the Word (Deuteronomy 5, Luke 13)

Though you were slaves in the land of Egypt, the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand and outstretched arm. **Therefore, the Lord our God commanded us to keep the Sabbath day.** Daughters and Sons of Abraham, this day the Lord has loosed your bonds and healed your wounds. **We will rejoice in the glorious things done by Him. We will worship the God of our salvation!**

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: *“The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free”*

Hymn: *“How Great Thou Art”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Luke 13, Hebrews 12)

Lord of the Sabbath, you have called us to rest in your acts of creation and redemption. **Yet so often we would rather work for our own justification than find healing in your gracious work, seeking rest at the altars of the world, the flesh, and the devil. In our hypocrisy, we busy ourselves with things that will validate us in the eyes of the world, yet we fail to loose the bonds of the**

oppressed around us. We fail to make peace with our brothers and sisters because of our bitterness, and we often neglect the fruit that accompanies repentance. Lift our drooping heads, and strengthen our weak knees. Heal what is lame in us, gracious Savior, that the path for our feet may be made straight.

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (Hebrews 12)

Church, your sins are forgiven through Jesus, who is the mediator of a new covenant. **He has drawn us to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect in Christ. Thanks be to God through Jesus our Lord!**

Old Testament Reading

A reading from Deuteronomy: Challenging their rebellious hearts, Moses exhorts the Israelites to respond to God's love with grateful obedience. (Deut 10:12-11:1)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Doxology *"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"*

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: *"Something Wonderful This Way Comes"* (Luke 13:10-21)

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: *"Psalm 126"*

Hymn: *"For All the Saints"*

Parting Liturgy (Hebrews 12)

Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken. **And let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire!**

Benediction (Hebrews 13)

Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.