

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
May 5, 2019

Striking of the Hour *“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

Call to Worship (Isaiah 49)

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar, for the LORD calls His Servant to gather in His people.

Liturgy of the Word (Isaiah 49)

The LORD made His mouth like a sharp sword, and He was hidden like a polished arrow in His quiver. **He said, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”** He raised Him up to bring back the preserved of Israel and to be a light for the nations. **His salvation reaches to the ends of the earth. Thanks be to God through Jesus, His servant, and our Redeemer.**

Invocation

Hymn: *“Father Long Before Creation”*

Hymn: *“Psalm 96b (Let the Earth Rejoice)”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Nehemiah 9, Ephesians 2)

Maker of heaven and earth, You have called us to Yourself and chosen us to be Your people. **You have redeemed us by the work of Your Servant, yet we have stiff necks and disobedient hearts. You have given us Your Spirit to guide us on our pilgrimage, yet we often follow other guides. You regularly feed us with Your means of grace, yet we seek satisfaction at the banquet tables of foreign gods. We cast aside Your law when it is convenient, and we disregard Your Word when it makes us uncomfortable. We have neglected our common citizenship in Your kingdom, and instead we have fostered the kind of hostility Christ came to abolish. King of peace, bring peace to our hearts once again through the blood of Jesus!**

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (Ephesians 2)

Church, your sins are forgiven, and through Jesus you have access in one Spirit to the Father. **We are no longer strangers and aliens, but we are fellow**

citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone. Amen.

New Testament Reading (Revelation 7:9-12)

A reading from the Apocalypse of Jesus Christ: John beholds the heavenly worship of God's ingathered people.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Doxology *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

Sermon: *"Destination"* (Isaiah 49:1-16)

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 7, Heidelberg #75)

The redeemed of the Lord shall hunger and thirst no more.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be our Shepherd, and He will guide us to springs of living water.

As surely as you see with your eyes this bread and this cup, so surely Christ's body was broken, and his blood poured out for you.

And as surely as we receive them from the hand of the one who serves and taste them with our mouths, so surely Christ nourishes and refreshes our souls for eternal life with His crucified body and poured out blood.

Come to the Table...

Communion Hymn: *“Before the Throne of God Above”*

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

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

Communion Hymn: *“Amazing Grace”*

Parting Liturgy (Ephesians 3)

The mystery of Christ previously hidden has now been revealed through His Spirit. **This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.**

Benediction (Ephesians 3)

May the Father from whom every family in heaven and earth is named grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell more deeply in your hearts through faith.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.