



*The People of God in Worship  
January 21, 2018  
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning*

**THE GREETING**

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

To our Guests, Members, and Friends: In the pew rack you will find a small brochure to give us the opportunity to get to know you and serve you better. Fill in where appropriate, and place it in the collection plate. Welcome and thank you!

**THE CHIMES**

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit.

**THE PRELUDE**

Please consider the prelude as an invitation to quietly, reverently prepare yourself for worship.

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sarah Raessler

Leader: Holy God, we come together, in the silence of your constant and reliable presence.

**People: We come to be still in the silence of this sacred place, to learn who God is for us.**

Leader: Sacred Presence, we come together in the silence; for you, O God, are our security.

**People: We come to be still in the silence of this blessed place, to worship our Lord and God.**

Leader: Unshakable God, we come together in all the activities of worship, for you are our Rock, our Fortress, and our Refuge at all times, for in God we find the real home of our heart.

**People: We come to be still in the silence of this sacred place, to recognize and acknowledge that God is indeed our hope, our peace, our joy – for all the changing times of our lives. Amen.**

-based on Psalm 62

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 210**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**\*INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

Deborah Raessler and The Community

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**THE FIRST READING**

Jonah 3:1-10

Sarah Raessler

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Deborah Raessler

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM**

*A Canon of Praise*

Natalie Sleeth

**THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth  
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**\*THE OFFERTORY HYMN No. 680**

*All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

**THE GIFTS**

\*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Sarah Raessler

Offertory

\*Doxology - No. 815

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**THE THIRD READING**

Mark 1:14-20

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Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE MESSAGE**

*Repent and Believe*

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

**THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to present yourself at this time. If you prefer not to present yourself, you may speak to the minister after the service to effect membership. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian community. If you have not made a profession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to renew their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service.

\*HYMN No. 685

*Footsteps of Jesus*

\*THE BENEDICTION

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\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

*A Celtic Introit and Blessing*

Kevin Thomson

\*THE POSTLUDE

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- \* The ushers will seat those waiting.
  - \* Those who are able will please stand.
  - \* Hearing aids are available from the ushers.

Copies of last week's sermon outline and the prayer list are in the narthex.

***Peakland Baptist Church would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Betsy Garrard and her family in the loss of her husband, Edgar Garrard, on January 15, 2017.***

### Offertory Emphasis

Jesus pronounced blessing on those caring for the ill-clothed and ill-fed. You are able to help the American Baptist Home Mission Societies implement their Children in Poverty ministry. This outreach includes grants for local initiatives, such as one awarded in Rochester, New York, for a mentoring program for children of incarcerated parents. The grant provides for 60 volunteers to mentor children and spend one-on-one time in several opportunities each month. This is your mission gift at work.

Please join me in prayer.

*We join with other American Baptist congregations to help the most vulnerable in our society. Through ministries of caring and prophetic justice, we seek to respond redemptively to those in need. Amen.*