



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR

**Sunday,
October 2,
2022
10:00 AM**

**Seventeenth
Sunday after
Pentecost**

World Communion Sunday

Welcome



New to St. Peter's? We are so glad you are here!

Please see a

Welcome Card

**in the pew rack
for information about:**

Worship Times and Options

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Holy Communion

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And much more!

*Printed copies of today's scriptures are available
in the narthex if you like to read along.*

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Welcome to worship. The music before the service is intended as a time of silent prayer and preparation.

PRELUDE "One Bread One Body"

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS Jenn Schneider

Those who are able please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP *From Isaiah 55*

P: "Hey, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
And you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

**C: Come, buy wine and milk without money and
without price.**

P: Why do you spend your money for that which is not
bread, And your labor for that which does not
satisfy?" God says "Listen carefully to me, and eat
what is good, And delight yourselves in rich food.

**C: Incline your ear and come to me; listen, so that you
may live." We will listen, O God, and freely eat of
the bread of life and love!**

A: Our worship is only part of our grateful response.

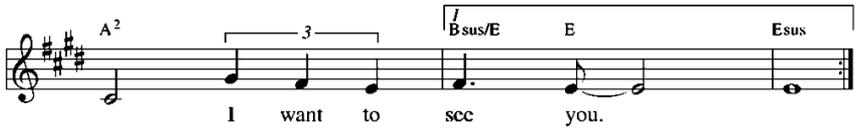
RESPONSE "Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord" SSB #25

E⁵ (no 3)

 O - pen the eyes of my heart, Lord.

B/D# *A²/C#*

 O - pen the eyes of my heart. I want to see you,

A² *Bsus/E* *E* *Esus*

 I want to see you.

Bsus/E *E* *B*

 see you. To see you high and lift - ed up,

C#m *A²* *Bsus*

 shin - ing in the light of your glo - ry;

B *C#m* *F#m¹¹*

 pour out your pow'r and love as we sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

Bsus *Bsus*

 - ly." - ly."

E⁵ (no 3) *B/D#*

 O - pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O - pen the eyes of my heart.

A²/C# *A²* *Bsus/E* *E*

 I want to see you, I want to see you.

Text: Paul Baloche, b. 1962
 Music: Paul Baloche
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: We sing that we want to see God, and in all God's glory, yet often our sight is made blurry or non-existent by illusion. The illusion can be ignorance of our departure from the heart and desires of God.

C: It can be the blindness of believing other persons, places or things are on the same par as Jesus. It can be trusting in what Bonhoeffer called "cheap grace," which is God's grace without our discipleship.

P: It can be the blindness that is turning away from the 'least of these' when Christ, who is found there, may need us the most.

A: Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; for it is in Your blessed name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When Jesus gathered for the Last Supper, he gathered with a group of ordinary people like you and me. He knew their shortcomings. He knew that they would deny or abandon him when the going got tough. Still, he chose to eat with them. He still chooses to eat with us today. He chooses to share with us a meal that reminds us of the ultimate price he paid for us all. As we partake of this feast later, may we know, without a shadow of a doubt, that in Christ's name we are loved, forgiven, and freed.

If you believe this good news, even if you're not sure, please join me in acclamation and say . . .

A: Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" SSB #3

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune, adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980

The congregation may be seated.

WORDS ABOUT OFFERING**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Barb Todd

Old Testament:

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Gospel:

Luke 17:5-10

MUSICAL MEDITATION

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

The congregation may sit down

PASTORAL PRAYERS & SILENT PRAYERS

HOMILY “O Lord, How Long? Increase Our Faith!”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Exhortation and Invitation

Sursum Corda:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: We lift them up to the Lord!

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Consecration

RESPOND

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Eat of This Bread

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Eat of this bread, drink of this wine; come and be fed, come now and dine. Eat of this bread, drink of this wine; here all are fed, here all may dine." The chords are: Eb, Ab, Ddim, Gm, Cm, Fm, Fm7, Bb, Bb, Ddim, Gm, Bb, Eb.

Eat of this bread, drink of this wine;
 come and be fed, come now and dine.
 Eat of this bread, drink of this wine;
 here all are fed, here all may dine.

The Words of Institution Participation

CLOSING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**A: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen**

Will those who are able please rise to sing

HYMN: "We Come to this Table"

Sing to the tune of "We Gather Together"

We come to this table, O God, with thanksgiving.

We lift up our hearts, we remember, we pray.

We hear Jesus' welcome — inviting, forgiving;

We know your Spirit's peace as we feast here today.

We dine at your table as sisters and brothers,

Diverse in our cultures, yet nourished as one.

The bread and the cup that we share here with others

Are gifts uniting all who are claimed by your Son.

We grieve for your world here; we cry, "How much longer?"

We pray for the cycles of violence to cease.

Yet here, in Christ broken, we're fed and made stronger

To labor in his name for a world filled with peace.

We rise from this table with new dedication

To feed the world's children, to free the oppressed,

To clear out the minefields, to care for creation;

We pray, O God of peace, that our work will be blest.

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CHARGE

P: Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so . . .

WOMEN: Be swift to love

MEN: Make haste to be kind

P: And go in peace

A: To love and serve the Lord.

BENEDICTION *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

P: “Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish far more than we can ask or imagine, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.”

C: Amen.

POSTLUDE “Come, Share the Lord”

The music after the service is intended as a time of reflection. Pastor will be pleased to greet you at the Sanctuary doors as soon as the postlude has concluded, and our livestream has stopped.

FOR WORSHIP TODAY

MINISTER	Rev. Richard Lanford
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Ben Westphal
DEACON	Dan Guenther
LIVESTREAM RECORDING	Beth Sterba
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Laurie Mitchell

News in the Pews

Good Morning! Welcome to worship this autumn morning. I invite you to greet those near you as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you to everyone who came Friday to clean up, box up, and bag up after the Rummage Sale! Friday was the start of the cleanup process, so watch your emails for more dates to come soon and please come help us. Thanks, too, for the members who scheduled with some not-for-profits to come and take what they can use for their work and met them here.

About Communion: For those worshipping in-person with us, we hope you picked up one of the wafer-covered Communion cups on tables in the Narthex and at the landing of the eastern, chair-lift stairs. Peeling off the top 'layer' will get you to the waferette; the next, foil, covering, will open the cup to you. If you are joining us via the live-stream, we invite folks to have ready with them some piece of bread and a cup of something (wine, water, juice) for the elements. As always, we will partake together in the Spirit (although perhaps apart in space and time) when the Pastor prompts us.

Happy belated First Anniversary/Birthday to our Mini-Pantry! Our pantry is frequented daily and is always in need of items to stock it. It was mounted and dedicated during

the 2021 Rummage / Bake Sale last year, and we are a week or two late in celebrating this ministry high point!

Vendors needed for our November 19th Holiday Craft Bazaar!! We have a few spots left. Please email Wendy at st.peteruccbazaar@gmail.com or text her at (847) 528-4545 to get started!

October 29th is our next A Just Harvest Meal Day- We will need \$500.00 for the cost of the meal, and they will still be doing the prep & serving. Donations can be giving in the offering, mailed or brought to the office. The Micah 6:8 Committee and some others have received a survey about returning to in-person serving (and us doing the Sloppy Joe cooking ahead of time) and it is due for a response. If anyone is interested in helping with this ministry now who has not helped before, please talk with Peggy Reins, Pastor Richard, Maria Altmayer or Beth Lanford.

The Pet Blessing is in two weeks! It starts with a brief service at 3 PM in our Auditorium/Gym and is of course open to the public. It ends at 4 o'clock. There is more information in the October Announcer.

Laura will be out of the office on Wednesday, October 5th.

We still NEED Nursery Attendants!! Your service requires 1 hour of your time bi-monthly, if we can get enough helpers. Your service helps the parents get a much-needed break and the kids get to interact with others in the church they might not. Please consider helping, let the office know if you will!

Our People

The New Members/Seekers class reconvenes this Thursday at 7 PM at church.

As announced last Sunday morning, the Council voted to return to roping off every other pew in service to social distancing during worship, out of consideration for those who worship with us and are immune-compromised.

Happy birthday / anniversary! Having birthdays this week are Doug Johnson, Gretchen Sterba and Willie Meggs; marking a wedding anniversary are Chad and Peggy McCoy. May they all have righteous celebrations!

According to the schedule, next Sunday's lector is Annie Noorts.

Pastor will be busy on the evening of his first day off, tomorrow night, attending the Zoom of the Fall Meeting of our Chicago Metropolitan Association. On Thursday morning he will be at Christ UCC Church, Des Plaines, in the morning attending the monthly meeting of CMA Cluster 1 (of which he is co-dean).

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

PRESIDENT	Jenn Schneider
VICE-PRESIDENT	Judy Paige
TREASURER	Chad McCoy
SECRETARY	Carolyn Kuechler
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Maria Altmayer

Regular Reminders!

We are always grateful for any and all offerings to the church. No amount is too small! So many thanks to everyone who's been keeping us going with your donations! See inside the bulletin's front cover for details on how to donate.

Donations always needed for our food pantry. There's a list of items on the shelves outside the offices if you aren't sure what to buy. Items can be left on those same shelves under the stairs by the offices.

Pastor's Podcast is now on all the Podcast platforms- iTunes, Stitcher, Overcast, Spotify, Podcast Addict, Amazon Music and more. Just look up "The Redheaded Preacher" on your podcast catcher or music streaming service then hit subscribe and you'll get the newest editions weekly! You can also get it via the church's webpage link. Give us a 5-star rating and review if you can, it helps us grow so much.



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

MISSION MOMENTS

October 2, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 137

Free to Grieve

Neighbors in Need Offering

World Communion Sunday

The psalm today begins with weeping, as God's people wonder how to sing God's song

And so we hung up our harps,
there upon the willows.

For there our captors asked us for songs,
and our tormentors asked for mirth,
saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"
How could we sing God's song in a foreign land?

In 1933, in a pause between the last century's world wars, the first World Communion Sunday was celebrated as a way to celebrate the interconnectedness of all Christians in all times and in all places. Today, 99 years later, the need for unity in our diversity is as great, or maybe greater, than it was in those fragile interwar years.

This mid-and-post-pandemic world in which we find ourselves is indeed a strange land, and we might be asking ourselves how we can sing God's songs of justice, love and unity? Hope can be found in *Gifts in Open Hands: More Worship Ideas for the Global Community* by Maren Tirabassi and Kathy Wonson Eddy. This book shares multicultural liturgies, prayers, affirmations, blessings, and poetry by people from the global community. Images for reproduction in church bulletins are included, and a new feature is the arrangement of translations so that liturgies in other languages are available to English-speaking as well as bilingual worship planners. You can find that resource, and many more at The Pilgrim Press website, thepilgrimpress.com.

Today many UCC congregations receive the Neighbors in Need (NIN) offering. This special mission offering of the United Church of Christ supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to provide funding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects in their communities. Find more at the United Church of Christ website, ucc.org.

Habakkuk 1:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you
"Violence!" and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and
violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

Habakkuk 2:1-4

I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,

and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;

it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them,

but the righteous live by their faith.

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you
had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be
uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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**24" Balsam Wreath
with Velvet Ribbon**

Single Face Balsam Outdoor
Wreath 24", 30", 40"
Double Face Balsam 36"



Noble Fir Mixed Wreath 20"
Indoor/Outdoor



4' Mantelpiece/Centerpiece

Place your order by Friday November 4th.
(Contact Rich Schneider or call 847.673.8166)

**Pickup will be on Saturday Nov 19th from 1 - 3 pm
or at St. Peter's after worship on Sunday Nov 20th.**

24" Single Face Balsam	\$17.00
30" Single Face Balsam	\$29.00
36" Double Face Balsam	\$50.00
40" Single Face Balsam	\$45.00
4' Noble, Cedar, Juniper Mantlepiece/Centerpiece	\$44.00
12" Candle Ring Wreath	\$21.00
12" Holiday Yule Log	\$21.00
32" Evergreen Planter	\$30.00
42"+ Evergreen Planter	\$50.00
Fire Starter Basket	\$21.00
Balsam Door Swag	\$15.00
20" Premium Noble Fir Mix Wreath	\$25.00
24" Boxed Decorator Wreath	\$41.00
25' Balsam Garland	\$31.00
Cemetery Stand	included



**32" Evergreen Planter
42"+ Evergreen Planter**



**12" Candle Ring Wreath
with 4" Candle**



**24" Boxed
Decorator Wreath**



Holiday Yule Log 12"



25' Balsam Fir Garland



Firestarter Basket



Balsam Swag

CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND MORE!

We are taking orders for pine Christmas wreaths and decorations from Northern Wisconsin to adorn your home or to be placed at a cemetery.

The standard 24 inch diameter wreath, with red velvet bow and pine cones is \$17.00.

Cemetery stands are included this year.

Proceeds from this fundraiser help to decorate the church for Christmas with the remainder going to the General Operating Fund.

We will make arrangements for placing wreaths on the St. Peter's UCC Cemetery, if you desire.

All orders **must be placed** by **Friday Nov 4th.**

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To place an order, please:

- **fill in the form and place in collection plate with payment.**
- **fill in the form and return with payment** by mailing it to St Peter's.
- or, **email your order form to office@stpeteruccskokie.org** and send payment separately via mail, text the amount, or use PayPal. For information on how to use any of these methods, please see the weekly bulletin.

Please make checks payable to:
St. Peter's UCC.

Name		
Address		
I will pick up my order up at church		
Please place on cemetery for:		
Item Description	Price	Quantity
24" Single Face Balsam Wreath w/ Velvet Ribbon for Home or Cemetery	\$17.00	
Cemetery Stands	included w/ cemetery placement	
30" Single Face Balsam Wreath	\$29.00	
36" Double Face Balsam Wreath	\$50.00	
40" Single Face Balsam Wreath	\$45.00	
4' Noble Mix Mantel piece / Centerpiece	\$44.00	
12" Mixed Noble Candle Ring Wreath w/ 4" Candle	\$21.00	
12" Holiday Yule Log	\$21.00	
Outdoor Evergreen Planter (32")	\$30.00	
Supersized Outdoor Evergreen Planter (42"+)	\$50.00	
Fire Starter Basket	\$21.00	
Balsam Door Swag	\$15.00	
20" Premium Noble Fir Mix Wreath	\$25.00	
24" Decorator Wreath Boxed w/ Velvet Ribbon	\$41.00	
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