




Welcome

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR

Sunday,
April 20, 2025
10:00 AM

Easter Sunday

He  is
Risen





Welcome to Worship!

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

In-person Worship. All are welcome to join us

Livestream on YouTube. Live at 10am then available on our channel after



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All Christians and seekers after God are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper with us the **first Sunday of every month** and special Holy Days (Christmas, Maundy Thursday, and Easter). **At-home Communion** participants are invited to provide their own elements and join when Pastor bids you, "take, eat, and drink."



About St. Peter's UCC

We've been in the heart of downtown Skokie since 1867. We are a part of the United Church of Christ, which means we are passionate about our faith and open in our thinking. We believe in a Triune God who **loves everyone**, regardless of gender identity, orientation, race, status, or physical or mental ability, and we **joyously welcome all people** to share worship, membership, marriage, baptism, funeral, and fellowship with us.



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St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Skokie
Order of Worship for Sunday, April 20, 2025 at 10:00am
Easter Sunday

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

PRELUDE

“Voluntary”

by John Stanley

EASTER GREETING

You may stand in body or in spirit.

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE REMOVAL OF THE SHROUD

HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" #167 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

1st verse, line 2: You may wish to sing, "All creation joins to say."

unanimity

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal staff and a piano staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support. The hymn is in the key of D major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 1. Christ the Lord is risen to-day, Al - - le - lu - ia! 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - - le - lu - ia! 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - - le - lu - ia! 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia! Sons of men and an - gels say, Al - - le - lu - ia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia! Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - - le - lu - ia! Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - - le - lu - ia! Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - - le - lu - ia! Once He died, our souls to save, Al - - le - lu - ia! Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - - le - lu - ia! Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - - le - lu - ia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - - le - lu - ia! Where's thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia! Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - - le - lu - ia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia! A-MEN.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

O: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

M: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

O: Darkness has been vanquished!

M: THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE HAS COME!

O: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

M: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! AMEN!

HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection"

#165 vs. 1

Jubilantly

1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, That we may see a - right
 3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful, Let earth her song be - gin;

The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God!
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion-light;
 Let the round world keep tri - umph, And all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, From this world to the sky,
 And, lis - tening to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
 In - vis - i - ble and vis - i - ble, Their notes let all things blend,

Our Christ hath brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
 For Christ the Lord is ris - en, Our Joy that hath no end. A-MEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A: Gracious and loving God, as we gather on this sacred day of resurrection, we acknowledge that we seek the living among the dead. When we turn away from the light of your love, fear, doubt, and complacency become shadows in our hearts and tombs built around us. In this season of new beginnings, we recognize moments we silence voices of those who cry for justice and peace. We have shunned the paths of resurrection, regressing into despair rather than standing up against it. Forgive us, O God, for the times we fail to embody your radical love, even when we are called to be beacons of light. Help us to rise up against our brokenness, to dismantle our differences, and to weave bonds of community alive with grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P: Beloved, in this season of Easter, let us rejoice! Just as the stone was rolled away and the tomb was found empty, so too are we liberated from the burdens of our past. God's love transforms our despair into hope, our fear into courage, and our division into unity. Hear this joyful proclamation: we are forgiven, loved and renewed. In Christ's resurrection, we find our own call to rise, to live fully in compassion and justice. Will you join me in proclaiming this good news on this day of resurrection?

All: We will! Thanks be to God, for we are restored to the promise of new life. May we carry this resurrection spirit into the world, spreading love and hope wherever we go. Amen.

HYMN "The Day of Resurrection"

#165 v. 2

A: Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Please be seated.

THE SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peggy Reins

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Annie Noorts

Isaiah 65: 17-25

You may stand in body or in spirit.

Luke 24: 1-12

Please be seated.

CHORAL ANTHEM “An Easter Anthem”

PRAYERS

OFFERING

As the ushers come forward, our morning offering will be given and received at this time.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Halleluja”

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le - lu - ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

You may stand in body or in spirit.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A: God of the victory of life over death, on this glorious Easter Sunday, we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Just as the women encountered the empty tomb and the angelic message of new life, we too encounter the living Christ in our hearts and lives. May our tithes and offerings, be an affirmation of our search for the risen Christ, the one who challenges us to see beyond our own expectations. Bless our giving and help us discover the transformative power of the living Jesus in our lives. In the holy name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

You may be seated.

SERMON

“Look for the Living”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 Consecration

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

CLOSING PRAYER & 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**

You may stand in body or in spirit.

HYMN

"Thine is the Glory"

(vv. 1, 2)

Inside the rear cover of the hymnal

1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; End-less is the
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb; Lov-ing - ly he
 3. No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of Life! Life is nought with -

vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, Scat-ters fear and gloom; Let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con-qu'rors,

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 Hymns of tri - umph sing, For her Lord now liv - eth;
 Through thy death-less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

REFRAIN

Where thy bod - y lay.
 Death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;
 To thy home a - bove.

End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won. A - MEN.

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare on the Strife is O'er"

by Lehenbauer

Let us pause to reflect together during the Postlude. 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

INTERIM MINISTER

Rev. Brenda Barnes Jamieson

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Ben Westphal

DEACON

Peter Svenson

LIVESTREAMER

Beth Sterba

NURSERY ATTENDANT

Britta Christianson & Mike Ryan

IN HONOR AND IN MEMORY

EASTER 2025

Altmayer Family

**In Memory of Tom
Altmayer**

Barb & Sue Bailey

**In Memory of our Loved
Ones**

Brittany Chavez

**In Honor of
Grandmothers**

Ann Herren

**In Honor of my two
brave Daughters**

Sharon Johnson

**In Memory of Susan &
Johnnie**

Lana and Don Kahn

**In Memory of Roy and
June Peterson**

Chad McCoy

In Honor of JoAnn McCoy

Rita McMahon

**In Memory of Ray and
Gary McMahon and Rita
Bibeu**

Mitchell Family

**In Memory of John &
Nancy Kammin**



Annie Noorts

**In Memory of my baby
Charlie, my parents and
my in-laws. I miss you.**

Judy Paige

**In Honor of Friends and
in Memory of Loved
Ones**

Marlene Russell

**In Honor of special
Friends and in Memory
of Loved Ones**

Alice & Bill Schaller

**In Honor and in Memory
of Loved Ones**

Beth Sterba

**In Honor of my generous
Parents, Barb and Jim
Todd**

Wendy and Roy Svenson

**In Memory of Arthur and
Evelyn Hervig and Ricky
Hervig**

Gail and Greg Thomas

**In Memory of our Loved
Ones**

James & Barbara Todd

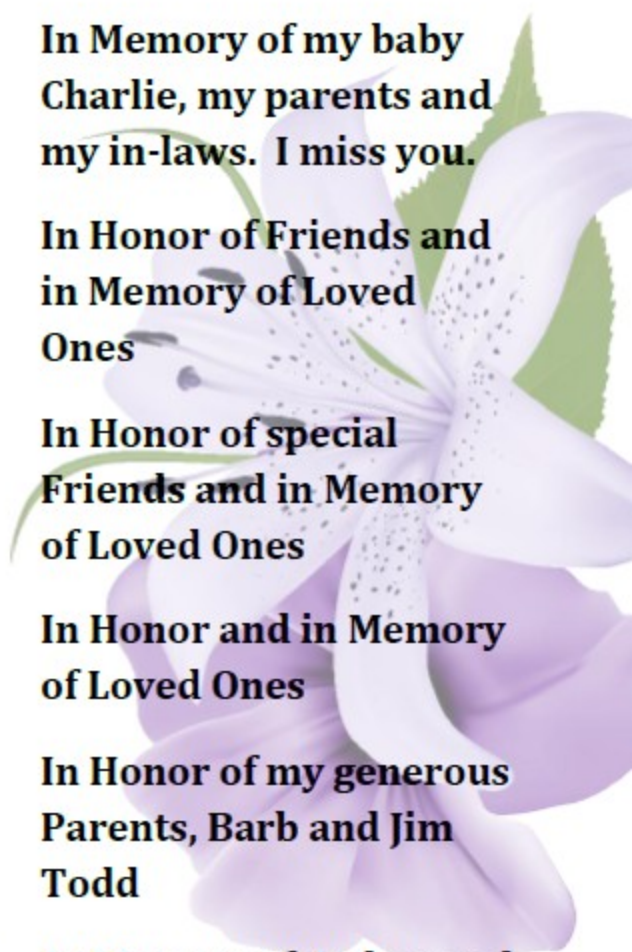
**In Memory of our Loved
Ones**

Carolyn Van Til

In Honor of my Family




Zipperer/Kerbel Family

In Honor of our Parents



News in the Pews


Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Welcome to worship as we rejoice in our Lord's resurrection, and ours.

Please join us downstairs after worship. Immediately following worship we'll have our  Egg Hunt in the gymnasium, then stay for our   Easter Brunch! A \$6 adult donation is requested.

Thank you to our volunteers who worked so hard to put together our Easter Sunday experience. We are so grateful for such amazing folks!

Open Communion: Our table is open to all who wish to know the love of God in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.


Help support Ricky Riley as he raises funds for

Misericordia's  **Candy Days!** Please use only the link below to donate and help Ricky Riley raise funds. Thank you so much to everyone for donating:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/p2p/fundraising/390732/participant/5513003/en-CA>


The church office is closed tomorrow, April 21st, for in observance of Easter. We will reopen Tuesday.

Celebration of Life for AnnMarie Gloeckner – mother of Andre Gloeckner and Marcia Hilliard. April 26th will be the celebration of Life for AnnMarie in the sanctuary. Visitation begins at 1PM, the service at 2PM.

 **Holy Humor Sunday jokes needed!** Sunday, April 27th will be a special service in which humor will be on the forefront! If you have any good jokes you are invited and asked to share them on Holy Humor Sunday- so get them ready. We are also encouraging funny hats, socks, and kazoos! Talk to Pastor Brenda if you have any questions.

The April 26th Saturday workday has been cancelled.

Rummage Sale donations – we will publicly be accepting donations starting the first week of June. Now's a great time to clean out your closets, basements, attics, and garages. We accept just about anything except furniture and old TVs or old computers.

Sign up for  **Coffee Hour!** We are getting back to regular coffee hours on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month but need folks to sign-up to host. Hosting is basically bringing some coffee cake, etc. to share, making coffee and light clean-up.

Our People

Please keep St. Peter's extended family in your thoughts and prayers. Other folks that need your prayers include:

- Rod Hassler, brother-in-law of Peggy, who is coping with heart failure and associated pulmonary disease.
- The family of Scottie Arms, brother-in-law of Annie Noorts, who unexpectedly passed away April 6th.
- David, uncle of Chad McCoy, who is back home after heart attack and starting kidney dialysis treatments.
- Prayers for healing for Ginger Kalensky and Dorothy Panzke.
- Robert Elliot, brother-in-law of Anna Riley, diagnosed with cancer stage 2.
- Phil, friend of Carolyn Kuechler, struggling with multiple health challenges.
- Prayers for Julius and all immigrants, refugees and displaced people.
- Ann Herren's girls have finished radiation and are both doing well.
- The family of Annmarie Gloeckner.
- Judy Paige is having knee therapy for the third time.
- Sharon Johnson's daughter Donna continues her battle with Lymphoma, which can be controlled but not cured.
- Susan Garcia's Aunt Janice battling cancer.
- Jane Abramchik continues to recover at home aided by a team of home caregivers and her husband Paul.
- Paul Brzozowski who is continuing chemotherapy and a trial drug for brain cancer.

Others in our church family to keep close in our hearts include Larry Baumhardt, Lois Jarmuth and Bob Seitman.

If you are aware of others to include in our shared prayers, please let a church officer, an Elder, or the office know!

This week we wish a Happy Birthday to Gail Balling, Darrell Kerbel, Mark Taylor, Susan Garcia, Elisa Meggs and Roman Salvatierra. **Happy Anniversary** to Donna and David Rees, and Carol and Bob Iannotti.

According to the schedule and barring any switches, next Sunday's Lector will be Peggy Reins, and our Nursery Attendant will be Rita McMahon.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

PRESIDENT	Peggy Reins
VICE-PRESIDENT	Barb Todd
TREASURER	Chad McCoy
SECRETARY	Annie Noorts
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Maria Altmayer

Regular Reminders!

Let us know you were here! Please sign the attendance sheet in the black pew pads and when you think your pew is ready, please pass the pad towards the center aisle of the church.

We are always grateful for all offerings to the church. So many thanks to everyone who's been keeping us going with your donations! See inside the front cover for details on how to donate.

Our mini-food pantry is a daily mission this church does for the community of Skokie. If you are able, please donate!



MISSION MOMENTS

Resurrection Joy (4/20/2025)

Easter Sunday

WHITE

John 20:1-18

The morning sun was peeking over the hills of the cemetery where the faithful had gathered to sing the first alleluias of Easter. As the sky turned from black to gray to an orangey pink, casting a warm glow on the sleepy headstones, the pastor spoke of a stone rolled away, an empty tomb revealed, and angels in bright clothing asking the living among the dead, "Who are you looking for?"

It was then a young woman attending the sunrise service could no longer hold back her tears. With them flowing freely, she offered no apologies but rather she proclaimed the message of Easter more eloquently than any pastor ever could.

It's amazing that Easter joy begins in a graveyard! There is resurrection all around! We live because He lives!

Those around her smiled. Some even joined her in the tears she shed.

Yes, isn't it amazing, my friends, that Easter joy begins in a graveyard. Isn't it amazing that God brings new life from what has passed away? Death does not have the last word. Endings are new beginnings. Good-byes are followed by blessed hellos.

And yet, how many times do we fully embrace the Easter promise, believing beyond belief that the end is never the end with God?

The late Episcopal Bishop John Shelby Spong once said that "the Easter moment is a call to life, to love and to the courage to be all that God created us to be." We will never get to that Easter life, though, if we linger among that which is dead. For what are we hoping to revive? What are we clinging to? Who are we looking for?

As the angels proclaimed that first Easter morning, Jesus is alive. He is waiting to meet us on our paths where we discover the Risen Christ in the care shown to us from strangers as well as the compassion we give in return. We might not always recognize Jesus, but He is indeed there. Our cynical eyes just need to see through the lenses of faith.

May this Easter we stop our woeful gaze into the tomb of dead dreams and hopes and shout to the world, as Mary did, "I have seen the Lord!" For you have. He is alive among us — within all our hearts.

God of Easter new life, we thank You and praise You for fresh beginnings. May we begin to live as Easter people, holding tightly to the promise that death is no more. With our Risen Lord by our sides, there is always hope and amazing possibilities. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.
