

A SURPRISING CATCH

Welcome to St Peter's UCC In-Person and Livestream Virtual Worship Service! Subscribe to our **YouTube Channel** to catch a new service at 10 am each Sunday! We also share a **podcast** weekly on our website of the scripture readings and sermon. The podcast can also be found on most podcast catchers & platforms, under "The Redheaded Preacher." Give us a like and 5-star rating to help others find us!

Open Holy Communion. We have communion the 1st Sunday of the month and we invite all Christians and seekers after God to partake of the Lord's Supper with us regardless of denominational background. To participate from home, please have a small cup of juice, wine, or other beverage you are comfortable with, and a piece of bread with you. When Rev. Lanford prompts us to "take and eat" (and "drink"), then we will all do so - physically separated, but together in spirit.

Who We Are. St. Peter's is an Open and Affirming congregation. We've been in the heart of downtown Skokie for over 152 years. 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 **welcome all people** to share worship, membership, marriage, baptism, funeral, and fellowship with us.

Attendance. We would like to get to know you better, too! If you are comfortable doing so, please put your first name and last initial in the comments section under the video, and where you are watching us from!

Donations. We have several options for giving, and your donation helps support our church and its various ministries. Now more than

ever, every contribution (large or small) is important to keep us going:

- **Text Your Gift.** Text the amount you want to donate to **844-997-2346**.
- **PayPal.** Visit [PayPal.me/stpeteruccskokie](https://www.paypal.me/stpeteruccskokie) Uncheck the "Paying for Goods or Services" box to not pass on the fees to St Peters.
- **Vanco Give+ App.** Download the Vanco GIVE+ app from **iTunes** or **Google Play**, put in the church's zip code 60077 and select St. Peter's from the drop down. Set up an account with a password (or process as a guest), select your donation frequency, amount, and add payment info. There is also an option here to offset the processing fee.
- **Mail a Check.** We are collecting mail daily, and depositing regularly throughout the week.

Contact Us. You can email us – we are accessing email from home during the Shelter-in-Place order. Or call and leave a voicemail, we are picking up messages regularly while we are not in the building. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for daily updates and messages, and check our website for additional details, weekly announcements, and more.

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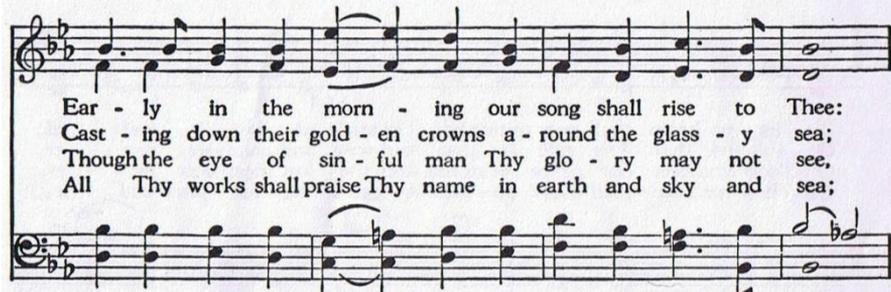
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***OPENING RESPONSE: "Holy, Holy, Holy!"**

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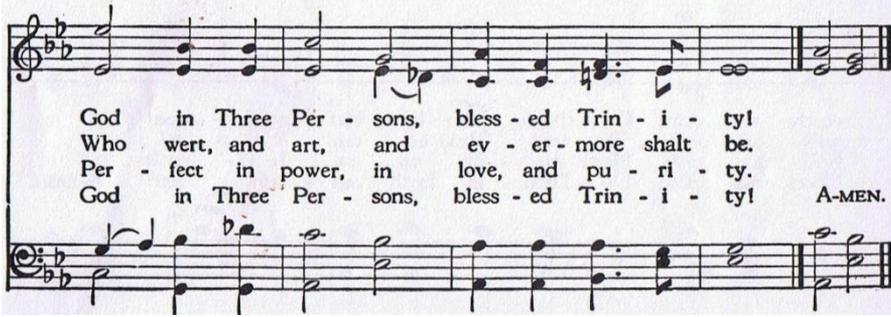
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God in Three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
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***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Pastor: The voice of God shakes the deficient foundations on which we have built our lives. We are summoned to account for our faithlessness.

Congregation: Called as disciples and apostles, we have not closely followed in the footsteps of Jesus or led others to the grace of God.

P: Let us remind ourselves of God's sovereignty and confess our broken commitments.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

This is a Lord's Day of covenants, we know, great God. We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, during which Jesus announced the new covenant in his blood shed for the forgiveness of sins. We also engage in the making, and renewal, of covenant commitments as Board members and Officers of this church are installed. We confess we have not always honored these covenants! Sometimes our minds are elsewhere when we take the bread and cup. We promise to support and pray for our elected leaders but we do not always follow through on those promises, thereby breaking our pledge to them in front of You.

What is holy is not always visible; and sometimes it is right in front of us and we have domesticated it! Forgive us and renew our gift for spiritual perception, appreciation, and participation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

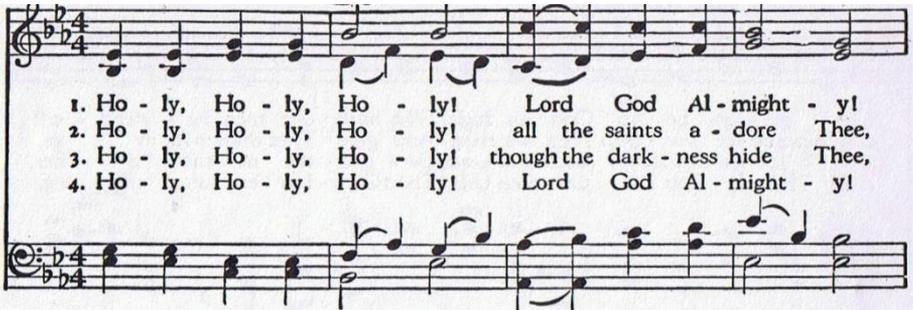
Paul wrote, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, 'the one who is righteous will live by faith'" (Romans 1:16-17).

God has extended the hand of mercy and a transformed life in Christ; in faith we reach out for it and grab ahold of divine grace! In Jesus Christ crucified and risen, our sins are forgiven and we are not the same people anymore. Let us affirm this good news of God's love by saying . . .

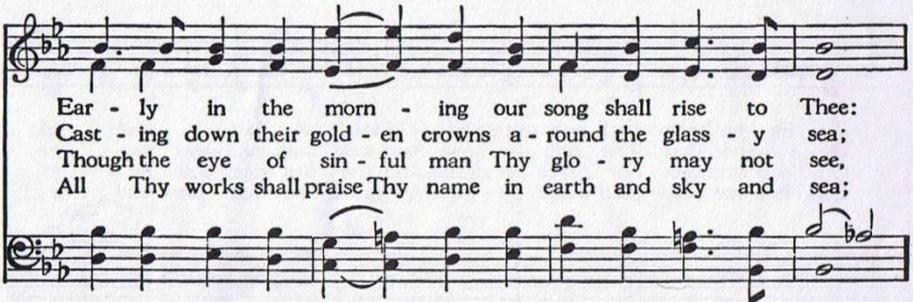
ALL: Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN:*"Holy, Holy, Holy!"**

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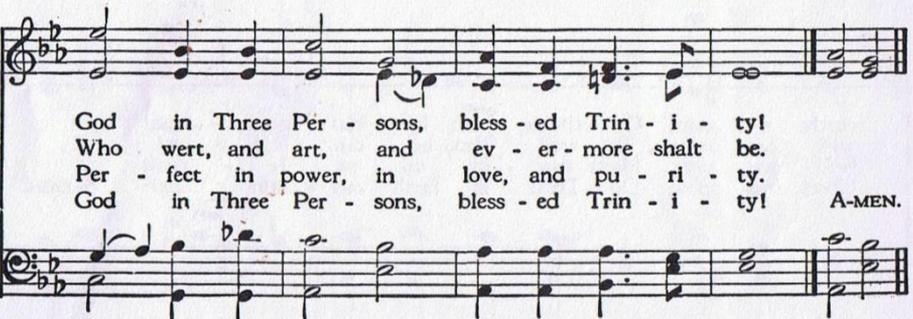
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A CALL TO OFFERING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rich Schneider

Prophecy:

Isaiah 6:1-8

Gospel:

Luke 5:1-10

***MUSICAL MEDITATION:** "Here I am, Lord" arr. JM Talbot

PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT PRAYERS

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

The Installation of Officers and Board Members

Introduction

P: Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby a local church of the United Church of Christ recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the particular ministry of each person in the life of the church, or in various settings in the life of the world.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts,
But the same Spirit gives them.

C: *There are different ways of serving but the same God is served.*

P: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

C: *The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each believer for the good of all.*

P: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

C: *It is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts.*

P: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

C: All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

Presentation

(At this time, all who were elected to serve as an Officer or on a Board are named and asked to come forward, standing on the chancel steps when your name is called and facing the congregation).

P: These people have been called by God in accordance with the faith and order of this church to serve among us. They have accepted their call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

Covenant

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church, whether gathered or scattered. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God, in Christ's name, and for the glory of God?

Installees: I am.

P: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

Installees: I do, relying on God's grace.

P: (to the congregation): Members and friends of the household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's

call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able please rise and witness to the commitment we now make?

C: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Declaration

P: In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of the people of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Skokie, I rejoice to announce that you are all now duly installed in your respective positions!

All: Thanks be to God!

***HYMN:** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

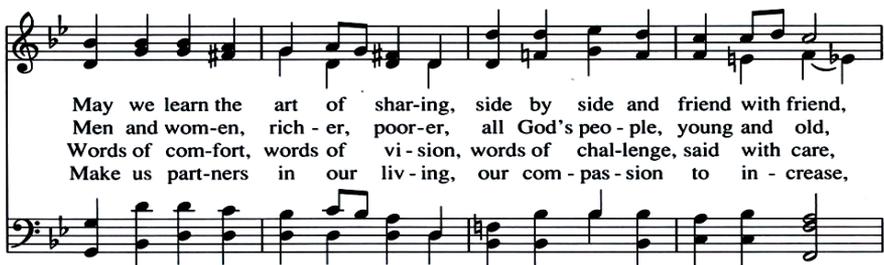
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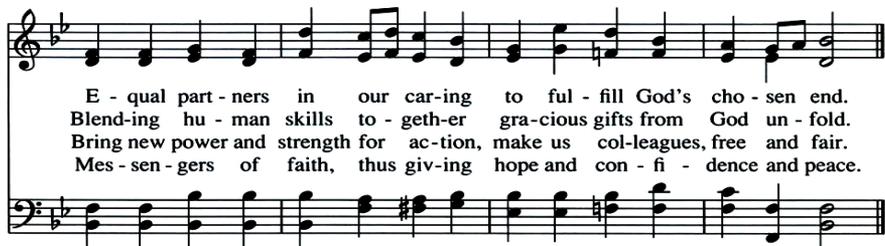
1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min - is - tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir - ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat - terns for Christ's mis - sion, in a small or glob - al sense,
4 So God grant us for to - mor - row ways to or - der hu - man life



We re - spond with deep com - mit - ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
Let us fol - low, nev - er fal - tering, re - con - cil - ing folk on earth.
Help us bear each oth - er's bur - dens, break - ing down each wall or fence.
That sur - round each per - son's sor - row with a calm that con - quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar - ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom - en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,
Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, words of chal - lenge, said with care,
Make us part - ners in our liv - ing, our com - pas - sion to in - crease,



E - qual part - ners in our car - ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
Blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
Bring new power and strength for ac - tion, make us col - leagues, free and fair.
Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

HOMILY: "Conditions of a Miracle: Installed or Not"

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 G minor, 4/4 time, with a tempo marking of quarter note = 65. 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 sus, Bb, Eb, Ab, Ddim, Gm, Cm, Fm, Bb, Eb.

The Words of Institution

Participation

CLOSING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER ('debts')

THE LORD'S PRAYER ('debts')

**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**

*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!

Refrain



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

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTAID. Jamaican folk tune, adapt. Dorcen Potter, 1925-1980

***BENEDICTION** (From Ephesians 3)

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

C: Amen."

***POSTLUDE:** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

FOR WORSHIP TODAY

MINISTER	Rev. Richard Lanford
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Ben Westphal
DEACON	Beth Lanford
COUNTERS	Rich Schneider and Sharon Johnson
NURSERY	Carolyn Van Til

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Morning! Jesus calls us to follow him. We start by hearing his teachings and being strengthened through Holy Communion. So we are here. Welcome, one and all.

As we install new and returning Officers and Boards of St. Peter's United Church of Christ for the 2021-2022 year, we give thanks to those who are stepping down or away from their position of service: Marcia Hilliard (Financial Secretary / Board of Finance); Andre Gloeckner (Bd. Of Trustees); Jim Todd and Olivia Altmayer (Bd. of Finance); Carol Iannotti (Bd. of Elders); Kathy Zipperer (Bd. Of Christian Education); and also thank those who were willing to serve a 6th or even 7th consecutive year due to the suspension of some activity in 2020-21!

The Worship and Music Committee will meet next Sunday, February 13th, after worship.

In case you missed the announcement last Sunday, the grand total we received from our soft-goods collection (coming out of and since the Rummage Sale) (3,742 lbs.!) was \$823.40.

That was after Annie donated the cost of the truck rental and Bill Orpet the cost for gas. Thanks again to the many drivers who got this huge load to Savers, to all who lugged bags from the Gym to the vehicles, and to those who gave us the soft goods to begin with!

ABOUT COMMUNION: We ask you who join us virtually to have a piece of bread, a roll, or something small like this with you, and a cup of wine, juice, water, coffee or something else, each of which will be your "bread and cup." As if we were gathered in person together, please partake of what you have when so prompted during Communion by Pastor Lanford. If you are in-person, please take one of the pre-filled wafer-and-cup as you come into the sanctuary, and follow the prompts by the Pastor for eating and drinking. You may want to release the wafer a little ahead of time.

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

Our Village Inn Food Fundraiser, a fun way to help us raise funds throughout the year, is Sunday, February 20th. ANYONE can order food on this day for our fundraiser, just mention St. Peter's UCC Fundraiser to the server, we get 20% of your bill!! Good for dine in, delivery and carryout. Tell your friends!!

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Annual Congregational Hybrid Meeting of St. Peter's U.C.C. at 11:30 AM last Sunday and to all whose tech work behind the scenes and gift of the TV in the Memorial Room made it possible.

Celebrating a birthday this week is church friend and former member Sue Leshner. Our apologies for not getting in Karen and Ken Christianson's **wedding anniversary** last Wednesday!

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Please remember that we can always use food contributions for the Mini-Pantry! Demand has increased considerably since it was first installed last September. We always appreciate what is brought in, and the need does not go away. Perhaps if you are employed you could ask about doing a collection at your job. Thank you!

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According to the schedule, next week's Lector is Annie Noorts and the Nursery will be attended by Kathy Z.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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

A Surprising Catch

Today's scripture story tells how Jesus called the first disciples to be evangelists or "fishers of people." Although we have our roots in the evangelical tradition, many United Church of Christ congregations shy away from proudly evangelizing. In their book, *Glorify*, published by The Pilgrim Press, Rev. Emily Heath encourages the UCC to reclaim the title of evangelist. In chapter two, they write,

"I sometimes describe myself as a liberal evangelical. I'm sad that the public understanding of the word "evangelical" forces me to use a qualifier, but so be it. I believe in spreading the good news of God's love to all. But how I hope to do that looks very different from what most (at least in our North American context) might expect from an evangelical. To me, evangelism looks like this: marching in the local gay pride parade, growing vegetables to donate to the local food pantry, advocating for fair labor practices, working for peace, protesting racial injustice, providing good quality health care to those who don't have it, and so much more.

All of these things help spread the good news of God's love. All of those things are evangelism. We do them not just because we want to be good people, but more importantly because we are God's people...

When we are talking about evangelism, it's important to make sure we clear up one popular misconception: evangelism is not about church growth.

We do not do the work of evangelism in order to recruit new members for the team. This is not about adding to our membership rolls. And if the only time your church talks about evangelism is as a way to get more money in the offering plates and "save the church," trust me when I say it just won't happen. People will walk into the doors of your church and see the ulterior motivations from a mile away.

The point of sharing the good news is just this: to share the good news."^{*}

How can you reclaim the title of evangelist and share the good news in your community?

^{*}Heath, Emily C., *Glorify: Reclaiming the Heart of Progressive Christianity*, Cleveland, Ohio, The Pilgrim Press, © 2016, Pages 26-27, Used by permission.



SCRIPTURES FOR THE CONGREGATION

February 6, 2022

ISAIAH 6:1-8

“In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

**“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”**

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

This ends the reading from Isaiah. The second reading is also the Gospel lesson. It is from the Gospel according to Luke, chapter 5, verses 1 through 11. Isaiah thought he was unworthy in God’s presence, and here is another reaction to the holy presence and grace of God!

LUKE 5:1-11

“Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.”

When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.