



Welcome

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR

Thursday,

April 14,

2022

7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday



AN OPEN & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION IN SKOKIE, IL



Welcome to Worship!

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

In-person Worship. Following COVID safety protocols

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



"The Redheaded Preacher" Podcast. On Soundcloud, includes sermon and scriptures only, posted weekly by Tuesday



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Check or Cash. Mail to the address below ... this way still works fine

Vanco GivePlus App. Contact the church office to set up regular giving



Open Communion

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 invite 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

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Welcome to worship. We ask everyone to join in silence upon entering the sanctuary.

PRELUDE

Selected

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Those who are able please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Come, come and seek the mysteries unfolding.

Squint your eye and bend your ear to these deep things of God.

C: The Son gathers with his followers, celebrating the ancient sacrifice of blood, of the coming of death, of the Passing Over of the Angel of death, foreshadowing what is to come....

P: The Son gathers with his followers, showing them the extent of his love.

C: The Son gathers with his followers, instituting a new covenant.

P: All things begin to come together here, here in the upper room.

C: Lord, let us look on and listen in to these mysteries. Draw us deeper still, Spirit of God, into the depth, the significance of this celebration. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

P: We confess sins so you and I may the more worthily approach the Table.

C: Paul said we are to examine ourselves before coming to the Table. Only then should we approach.

P: The sins he accused the Corinthian church of were social sins of excluding the poorer and hungrier among them. The first arrivals for the supper were not thoughtful of each other, but only of those who were like them and had arrived first.

C: Let us examine our own thoughtlessness, know God's grace, and draw near with humble assurance.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(following a time of silent prayer)*

**A: Great God, Christ Jesus, Spirit of Holiness,
Before us are the bread and cup, and we know who
they point to.
We confess utter unworthiness of Jesus giving up
His body
On the cross
For us and the world. And of Jesus' blood, soaking
the cross.
We have sinned in our thoughts, our words, our
deeds,
Including that which You wanted us do but we
chose not to.
Our love is often lukewarm for others; we avoid
being inconvenienced
Even as we belong to a Lord who chose suffering
and death for
Us and the world. So often we just do not 'get it.'
Help us!
We admit we still resist the songs of grace and
discipleship.
Forgive us, Jesus! Change us by the power of the
sacrament!
In Your name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P: “For God so loved the world that God gave His only Son, so that whoever believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him” (John 3:16-17). There we have it. O friends and sinners, what can we say?

A: Thanks be to God!

HYMN**“We Gather at Your Table, Lord”**

Sing to Hymn tune # 59 (Tallis' Canon)

*(Text copyright 1999 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. Used by permission)***We gather at your table, Lord:****We humbly lift our hearts to you!****Here all are welcomed, all restored,****And all are given work to do.****We share this meal and we are fed.****Such basic gifts become your sign:****We see you broken in the bread;****We know your love in common wine.****God, pour your Spirit on us all,****And on these gifts that we receive;****For in Christ's presence we recall****His life and death, and so believe.****From North and South, from West and East,****Now reconciled, we gather near;****We taste your Kingdom's banquet feast,****So finding strength to serve you here.***The congregation may be seated.***SCRIPTURES**

Epistle: 1st Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: Luke 22:1-8, 14-27, 31-34, 39-65

Those who are able please stand.

HYMN 'Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow"

#145 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

1. 'Tis mid - night; and on Ol - ive's brow The star is
 2. 'Tis mid - night; and, from all re - moved, The Sav - iour
 3. 'Tis mid - night; and, for oth - ers' guilt, The Man of
 4. 'Tis mid - night; from the heav - en - ly plains Is borne the

dimmed that late - ly shone: 'Tis mid - night; in the gar - den now
 wres - tles lone with fears; E'en the dis - ci - ple that He loved
 Sor - rows weeps in blood; Yet He, who hath in an - guish knelt,
 song that an - gels know; Un - heard by mor - tals are the strains

The suf - fer - ing Sav - iour prays a - lone.
 Heeds not His Mas - ter's grief and tears.
 Is not for - sa - ken by His God.
 That sweet - ly soothe the Sav - iour's woe. A - MEN.

MEDITATION

SILENCE

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Rev. Lanford

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Words of Institution

Participation in the Sacrament of Holy Communion

CLOSING PRAYER

A: Thank you, God, for sending Jesus Christ to meet with us on this holy night. In this Supper, we share once more in the new covenant intended for all Your children. We are linked with them in a kinship made evident at the Table and in acts of caring every day. Inspire Your Church to draw upon the sacrament's hold on our souls to spread love in Your world. In Christ's name, and using His words we also pray . . .

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**

Those who are able please stand.

HYMN “Go to Dark Gethsemane” # 144 (vv. 1, 2)

1. Go to dark Geth-se-m - a - ne, Ye that feel the tempt-er's power;
 2. Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, View the Lord of life ar-raigned;
 3. Cal-vary's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; There, a - dor - ing at His feet,
 4. Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb, Where they laid His breath-less clay;

Your Re-deem-er's con - flict see, Watch with Him one bit - ter hour;
 O the worm-wood and the gall, O the pangs His soul sus-tained!
 Mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own Sac - ri - fice com-plete;
 All is sol - i - tude and gloom,—Who hath tak - en Him a - way?

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Selected

The music after the service is intended as a time of reflection. After the postlude, please depart in silence.

FOR WORSHIP TONIGHT

MINISTER

Rev. Richard Lanford

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Ben Westphal

LIVESTREAM

Beth Sterba

News in the Pews

Tonight we remember Jesus' last meal with His friends, which we call the Last Supper. With gladness, yet soberly, we welcome all friends of Christ to this worship service and His table.

Thanks to everyone who attended tonight's service and to those who served in the church's ministries tonight -- the Deacon, ushers, Communion Elder, chairlift operator, and Music Director!

Why do we call this day "Maundy Thursday"? The "Maundy" is from the Latin word *mandatum* which means "command." Jesus gave two commandments at the Last Supper; to love one another as He loved us (John 13), and to "do this in remembrance" of Him.

Please sign the black attendance pad and pass it toward the center aisle when no one else seems to be coming, even late.

If someone can help the Pastor change the cross cloth to Black for tomorrow, either tonight after the service, or sometime tomorrow, it would be greatly appreciated!

About Communion: All who love the Lord and seek to follow Him are invited to share in the sacrament regardless of denominational background. We do ask St. Peter's U.C.C. young ones to have taken Communicants Class (6th grade). At each entrance to the sanctuary there are tables with pre-filled Communion cups (grape juice) topped with a small wafer; we are using these since we re-opened during COVID last year. The top peels off to get the wafer for the bread, below is the juice. We partake with the Pastor when prompted during Participation.

Our Holy Week services continue with a Good Friday service of the Seven Last Words from the Cross. The hybrid service is at 7:00 PM, and as tonight, we need to require masks.

Resurrection Sunday worship service will be at 10:00 AM this coming Sunday, April 17th! The giving of Easter goody-bags to children and an Easter Coffee Hour follow the service. The Choir sings and Communion is celebrated.

There is no Sunday School on Easter Sunday. It resumes April 25th at 9 AM.

Offering plates are in the Narthex and by the Schmidt memorial window. Thank you.

The Nursery will be attended for the Easter service.

Our People

Happy birthday! Having birthdays this week are Henry Aguayo, Marcia Hilliard and Ken Itter. Marking anniversaries are Juanito and Analise Banoyo. Blessings to you all!

The Lenten Bible Study is off this coming Wednesday. We'll resume on April 27th the usual time.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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

Regular Reminders!

Please remember that we can always use food contributions for the Mini-Pantry! There are now copies of a list of suggestions and items by the narthex and on the shelves where the food is kept by the offices. Take one home! 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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