



Welcome

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR

**Sunday,
April 17,
2022**

10:00 AM

Easter Sunday





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



Ways to Give

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

PRELUDE

Selected

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Those who are able please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP *From Psalm 118*

P: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed!

P: The stone that the builders rejected

C: Has become the chief cornerstone of life!

P: This is the Lord's doing,

C: And it is marvelous in our eyes! Alleluia!

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

You may choose to sing in verse 1, line 2, "All of us" instead of "Sons of men"

Andantino

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

P: Doubters, believers, disciples, deceivers: come to the One who makes all things new. The gates of righteousness are open to us, and a welcome awaits all who truly enter the presence of God, seeking forgiveness. The God whom we have rejected offers acceptance, healing and transformation; so let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A: Redeeming God, You bring life out of dead ends, and hope in the midst of despair. Forgive us for doubting that You are still at work even in the darkest hour, even in the most painful moments. Forgive us for our hesitant action, our cautious compassion, our too-frequent reluctance. Redeeming God, teach us a stillness that leads to acts of kindness and clarity of vision. Shape in us a trust that leads to faithful witness and bold compassion. Form us in Your love that loosens our worry and eases our anger. Make us true disciples filled with love, acting with justice, and living out hope. In Jesus the Risen One we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P: “God proves God’s love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life” (Romans 5:8-10).

Friends, believe the Easter gospel: In Jesus Christ crucified and risen, God’s love washes away our sins and gives us a new, everlasting quality of life nothing else can craft or destroy. In laying hold of this is good news, let the Easter assembly affirm . . .

**A: Christ was given,
Christ is risen,
And we are forgiven!
Alleluia! Amen**

HYMN "The Day of Resurrection" # 165 (vv. 1, 2)

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

Please be seated.

THE SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judy Paige

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mark Loach

The Epistle:

First Corinthians 15:19-26

The Gospel:

Luke 24:1-12

MUSICAL MEDITATION “The Strife is Over”

by: Lehenbauer

HOMILY

“Flipping the Script Part 3”

Rev. Richard Lanford

HYMN "O God, In Raising Jesus"

Will those who are able please rise, and sing to the tune of "The Church's One Foundation"

**O God, in raising Jesus that Resurrection Day,
You showed us you are with us and will not go away.
You give us bright tomorrows and free us from our sin;
You're with us in our sorrows and show us love will
win.**

**You give us hope of heaven and life to live in you.
The promise you have given is wonderful and true!
Yet resurrection glory is more than hope you give.
For this amazing story can change the way we live.**

**Through Jesus' resurrection, we find our courage grow
To risk and serve your kingdom, to go where some
won't go.**

**Through Jesus' resurrection, we find we're called to be
A new and hopeful people who help set others free.**

**So send us to the places where troubles still abound,
Where people face injustice, where grief and pain are
found.**

**We pray we'll go with courage for we have peace to
share;**

Now help us live your message of new life everywhere.

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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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Sanctus (singing) #521

Prayer of Consecration

The Words of Institution

Participation

CLOSING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

"Thine is the Glory"

(vv. 1, 2)

Inside the rear cover of the hymnal

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Thine is the Glory". It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score is arranged for three parts: Pastor (P), Congregation (C), and All (A). The lyrics are written below the staves. The score includes a main body of the hymn, a refrain, and a final verse. The music is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are as follows:

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-ers 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.

BENEDICTION *(with a Celtic flavor)*

P: May all the joy and excitement of this day be with us.

C: May the power of Christ's resurrection go with us.

P: May the good news of this wondrous day be with us.

C: May the promise and hope of Easter go with us.

P: May we in the days ahead, sing, pray, live, love, act and serve all for the glory of God. For Christ is risen!

A: Christ is risen indeed! A joyous Easter to all.

Amen! Live boldly!

POSTLUDE "Finale" from Symphony No. 3

by Saint-Saens

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	Beth Lanford
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Laura Olson

News in the Pews

Welcome to worship on Easter Sunday! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Welcome, one and all, to this Resurrection Sunday worship celebration!

Thank you to everyone who played a role in putting this, and the Holy Week services together, including running the live-streaming. Thank all of you for coming here to praise the God of Resurrection together!

Don't forget we're handing out Easter goody-bags for the children in attendance after worship, but our Easter Coffee Hour has been CANCELLED due to Covid concerns.

About Communion: All Christians and seekers after God are invited in to partake of the Lord's Supper here regardless of denominational background. We practice open Communion. We do, however, ask our own St. Peter's U.C.C. young folk to first go through the Communicants Class (6th grade). IF you are with us in person, we hope you took one of the pre-filled Communion cups (juice) with the wafer on top. When the Pastor prompts us, please peel off the top layer of the cup covering to get at the wafer, then pull the wafer off to eat. If you are worshipping with us on-line, the prayer of consecration extends to all who participate wherever you are and whenever you partake of the service (thank You, Holy Spirit!). When prompted, please take whatever

bread you have set aside for yourself and anyone with you, take and eat as prompted; when it's time for the cup, please do the same with whatever you have put in your cup at home (juice, wine, water, etcetera).

We are always grateful for any and all offerings to the church. No amount is too small! You can support our work (and thus, your work too) by mailing in a check, signing up for electronic giving, or using PayPal as indicated on the pew information cards. Thank you very much for giving!

The Announcer deadline is THIS TUESDAY 4/19/22.

Please get those articles in to Laura via email or leave on her desk!

The office will be closed this Monday for Easter Observance.

Village Inn Food Fundraiser is April 24th! Eat in, carryout or have delivered this delicious food and mention St. Peter's UCC to your server and we'll get 20% of whatever you spend! Thanks so much, mark your calendars!

Mark May 7th to come to the "Welcome Spring" Craft Show to possibly volunteer and of course shop! Please be sure to tell all your friends and neighbors of our celebrating Spring's arrival. Also we'll have St. Peter's finest Bake Sale so please make cookies or brownies if you can!

Today's brief pastoral prayer following the Lord's Supper will not incorporate birthdays or anniversaries, so in this space we wish happy birthdays this week to Bonnie Loach, Gail (Dennis) Balling and Darrell Kerbel, plus blessed anniversaries to David and Donna Gates Rees and Bob and Carol Iannotti!

The Lenten Study of The Third Reconstruction resumes Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 PM on Zoom.

Those who ordered Easter flowers and are here, please come and take yours after the service, including the Postlude, has ended. Thank you!

Thank you very much to all of you who contributed to our gathering of items for our Easter Kids gift bags! It's really appreciated. Unfortunately because of the pandemic and following safe practices, the actual Egg Hunt (like the Easter Breakfast) had to be cancelled despite our best efforts to re-format it this year. We will keep everything that will keep for next year!

As far as we know no one in our membership or extended church family is hospitalized at this time. Jenn Schneider's knee replacement has been postponed until June. Please remember her in your prayers.

Tune in next Sunday because the story is far from over!
Be part of it!

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!

Pastor's podcast is available wherever you listen to podcasts! Just type in "The Redheaded Preacher" and you'll find us! Pastor's weekly podcasts include the prior Sunday's scriptures and sermon, and some words and prayer from Pastor just for the listeners of the podcast!



MISSION MOMENTS

April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday

John 20: 1-18

Resurrection Joy

A Litany in Word and Song for Easter Day. Reader: Hallelujah!
Christ is Risen!

People: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen indeed!

Reader: We raise our voices in song because we cannot keep silent.

People: This is the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ! This is the good news of the resurrection!

All voices sing:

People rise up and praise our God!

People rise up and see what God has done!

People rise up and bless the name of the Lord: the Risen Christ.

Reader: On that first Easter day so long ago, the women crept to the tomb, expecting to find the body of their beloved friend and teacher. Instead, they were astonished to find that God had once again done the unexpected - turned death into life.

People: And they went away singing, "This is the good news of the resurrection!"

All Voices Sing:

Let us sing out with praise to God!

Let us sing out, the stone has rolled away,

Let us sing out and bless the name of the Lord: the Risen Christ.

Reader: The story they told that day continued to be told and retold, across borders and through generations. This is a story that transcends time and space. This is a story that brings freedom to the imprisoned, power to the meek and hope for the despairing.

People: And today we continue to sing together the good news of our Risen Savior! Hallelujah!

All voices sing:

Shout and then dance for God is good!

Shout and then dance, new life has come from death, Shout and then dance and bless the name of the Lord.

“People Rise Up” From Sing! Prayer and Praise

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IN HONOR AND IN MEMORY

EASTER 2022

Maria & Randy Altmayer

In memory of Tom Altmayer from the Altmayer family.

Barb & Sue Bailey

Our parents and loved ones.

Ezra & Rusell Gube

In memory of Rogelio Penalosa, Rev. Isagani Gube and Ner Gube.

Sharon Johnson

In memory of my daughter and husband.

Don & Lana Kahn

In loving memory of those we've lost.

Richard & Beth Lanford

In honor of the Resurrection. In memory of Dorothy Taylor.

Annie Noorts

In honor of Jennifer Schneider, our hard working president. Thank you for all you do!

Judy Paige

In memory of all loved ones.

Marlene Russell

In honor of friends and in memory of loved ones.

Alice & Bill Schaller

In memory of loved ones.

The Sterba Family

In honor of our inccredible parents/grandparents Barb and Jim Todd.

Felix & Arthur Svenson

In memory of Great Grandpa Felix

Wendy & Roy Svenson

In memory of our loved ones.

Todd Family

In memory of Dorothy Taylor.

Kathy Zipperer

In honor of JoAnne Zipperer's 90th birthday April 1st.



1 Corinthians 15:19 - 26

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body.

While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that 'the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.'"

Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary

the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.