



Welcome

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR

**Sunday,
November 6,
2022**

10:00 AM

**Twenty-second
Sunday after
Pentecost**



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

PRELUDE "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS Jenn Schneider

Those who are able please stand

CALL TO WORSHIP/CALL TO SONG 2x
 Olivia Altmayer

Text and music: Phil Porter, 1990

Gath-ered here in the mys-tery of this hour, gath-ered here in one strong
 bod - y, gath-ered here in the strug-gle and the power, Spir - it draw near.

This chant may be sung as a round.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- L: Gracious God, we humbly confess our faults. For anger, impatience and quickness to misunderstand, forgive us. For thoughtlessness, indifference, and self-centering, forgive us.
- C: For unkindness and the lack of kindness, forgive us. For not speaking out against injustice and suffering, forgive us.**
- A: For all the times we have not followed Jesus in the ways of love -- forgive, heal, and transform us into Your servant people! In the name of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Titus 2:11, 14*

- L: Hear the good news as it comes to us from Titus: “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all . . . Christ it is who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.”

We are redeemed, which means we are set free by the price Christ paid, and in our liberty we can serve God and people with joy and peace. In laying hold of the gospel today, let the whole church say . . .

- A: Alleluia! Amen.**

HYMN

"Lift Up Your Hearts"

#27 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

1. "Lift up your hearts!" We lift them, Lord, to Thee;
 2. A - bove the lev - el of the for - mer years,
 3. Lift ev - ery gift that Thou Thy - self hast given;
 4. Then, as the trump - et call, in aft - er years,

Here at Thy feet none oth - er may we see;
 The mire of sin, the weight of guilt - y fears,
 Low lies the best till lift - ed up to heaven:
 "Lift up your hearts!" rings peal - ing in our ears,

"Lift up your hearts!" E'en so, with one ac - cord,
 The mist of doubt, the blight of love's de - cay,
 Low lie the bound - ing heart, the teem - ing brain,
 Still shall those hearts re - spond, with full ac - cord

We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.
 O Lord of Light, lift all our hearts to - day!
 Till sent from God, they mount to God a - gain.
 "We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord!" A-MEN.

The congregation may be seated

WORDS ABOUT OFFERING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Psalter:

Psalm 119:137-144

Gospel:

Luke 19:1-10

MUSICAL MEDITATION “Eat This Bread”

The congregation may retake their seats

PASTORAL PRAYERS & SILENT PRAYERS

The Rev. Carol Ann Munro

SERMON

“Sweating the Small Stuff”

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, Bbsus, Bb, Ddim, Gm, Cm, Fm, Bb, Eb.

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: “Zacchaeus Was a Tax Man”

Sing to the tune of "The Church's One Foundation"

**Zacchaeus was a tax man who one day climbed a tree,
For he was short in stature and said he could not see.
And yet he had a problem that mattered even more:
He didn't see the suffering his greed had caused the poor.**

**O Lord, you saw Zacchaeus — so wealthy, yet alone.
You said, "Come down — and hurry! I'm coming to your
home."**

**For you broke bread with sinners and saw within each one
A person loved and treasured — God's daughter or God's
son.**

**It wasn't just the treetop that helped Zacchaeus see;
Your love and welcome showed him how different life
could be.**

**He said that he'd start over and work to make things fair;
He'd speak the truth, bring justice, and find new ways to
share.**

**O Christ, you bid us welcome and help us all to see!
May we respond by building a just society.
Then children won't be hungry and all will share your
bread.
Then those who now must struggle will live in joy instead.**

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CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “The Church's One Foundation”

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	Maria Altmayer
LIVESTREAM RECORDING	Jenn Schneider
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Laurie Mitchell

News in the Pews

Good Morning! Great is the Lord. ... One generation shall praise Your works to another" (Psalm 145:3-4, NKJV). With all the saints, O God, I praise your name.

A warm welcome back to the Rev. Dr. Carol Ann Munro!

Although retired from pastoral ministry, she is and has been busy in many ways, only one of which is doing a lot of pulpit supply, so we are grateful she was available this Sunday! She is a spiritual advisor / director, too. She holds her membership in Northfield Community Church, U.C.C.

Collecting for the Holiday Meals program at the Jewel in the Village Crossing Shopping Center is ON! Its so important to get there NOW and donate so we have enough dinners to supply the families at District 69's low income families, Pastor Cranford's ministries as well as our own that come to our doors. The Jewel program cuts off donations for Thanksgiving meals about 2 weeks before Thanksgiving (to order them) so its crucial to donate asap. Thanks so much for continuing to help keep this program alive!

Poinsetta Orders are being taken now! See the form in your bulletin or November Announcer. Orders need to be in by Sunday December 4th.

The Women's Guild meets THIS WEDNESDAY November 9th at 11:30 AM for our delicious Cookie Walk Meeting. Bring a batch of cookies and a cookie tin if you have one and join us!!

Advent Devotionals: This year we have decided to only get paper copies of the devotional. We'll happily mail copies to those who requested digital.

Village Inn Fundraiser – will be November 13th from 11AM to 11PM. Lately folks haven't been coming out to help us raise funds by just ordering food, so please come and order on this day and we'll get 20% of the total. If you'd like to try something different, let Annie or the office know, we'd love to switch it up if that's what folks want. Thanks so much.

Our Holiday Craft Show is Saturday, November 19th from 10 AM to 3 PM. 42 vendors, baked goods and raffle baskets will be in store for you, lots of holiday gift ideas for those you love, including those 4-legged friends! Tell your friends and plan to join us!

Our Advent Vespers service will be Sunday, November 27th at 6 PM. Join us for this special evening prayer service with an advent focus. Candlelight and music, scripture reading and silent prayer await you for this special evening. All are welcome.

Holiday Concert December 4th at 4PM!! We've changed the title a few times but this one should stick. Join us for a wonderful advent night together featuring "The Harmonaires" a women's singing group, and we hear Santa will be making an appearance. They'll be holiday music and a sing-a-long. A jingle mingle will follow with sweet and savory refreshments. \$10 suggested donation for adults, \$5 kids 3 and up.

We still NEED Nursery Attendants! 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

HOSPITALIZED: As of this writing, Chad McCoy remains at the University of Iowa Medical Center after having what at first was diagnosed as a brain aneurysm. He has left the ICU for the Intermediate Neuro Unit, which is a good sign. Please keep him, Peggy, and his parents in your prayers. Pastor's friend Bruce Gillette is hospitalized in New York.

Your Board of Elders met last Thursday via Zoom.

Happy birthday / anniversary! Having a birthday this week are Anna Riley, Bridgette Sterba, Paul Brzozowski, and Peter Svenson. Celebrating a wedding anniversary are Rich and Jenn Schneider (today!) and Marcia Hilliard and Andre Gloeckner (the 12th).

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Next Sunday our Guest Preacher will be the Rev. Tim Stevens, most recently the Intentional Interim Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Evanston. A fun fact, he and our Pastor both attended the same non-UCC seminary (not at the same time). David Iannotti is scheduled to be our Lector, and hopefully also the lay liturgist.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

PRESIDENT	Jenn Schneider
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Regular Reminders!

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 worshiping with us on-line, when prompted, please take whatever bread you have set aside for this, 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! 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.

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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

MISSION MOMENTS

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2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Hold on to Faith

It's been almost a week since we celebrated Halloween. You might know Halloween as a day for trick-or-treating, costumes and kids' parties. But did you know that it started as a holy day? In fact, the root word of Halloween (hallow) means holy. The ending of the word, "een" is short for "evening." Halloween is the eve of the Christian holiday of All Saints Day.

Traditionally, Halloween was the day to defy death, to shout to evil, "Our God is greater and we are not afraid of you!" Centuries ago, Celtic people gathered on this day around bonfires, wore costumes and enacted battles between forces of good and evil. Some of the rituals we still follow today, like scary costumes and jack-o-lanterns, continue that tradition.

All Saints Day, officially on November 1 but often celebrated in United Church of Christ congregations on the first Sunday in November, is a day to remember and honor saintly people in the past. On this day, we might recall those people in our congregation, family or wider church community who have had an impact on the world in God's name. The following day, November 2, is officially All Souls Day. On this day, we honor everyone who has passed away, especially those who lived ordinary lives which did not garner recognition like the Saints. Many churches combine All Saints and All Souls celebrations as a reminder that God welcomes all into the tender arms of love and mercy in the life that is to come.

However you celebrated this week, or continued in your worship today, this week is a powerful one that can in many ways mirror the entire Christian journey. Beginning with the ancient rituals of Halloween, you have had the chance to look death in the face and proclaim that you are not afraid, because you know that the eternal life God promises is stronger than death. Then, on All Saints Day, you recognize the power of those whose connection to God is especially visible. Finally, on All Souls Day, you celebrate a God whose love encompasses all, now and into eternity. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 119:137-144

You are righteous, O LORD, and your judgments are right.

You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.

Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.

Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth.

Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my delight.

Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.

When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner."

Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."