



Welcome

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR

**Sunday,
March 6,
2022
10:00 AM**

**First Sunday of
Lent**



40 DAYS
OF
Lent



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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



Ways to Give

Text Your Gift. 844-997-2346 Super easy after a first-time setup

PayPal. [PayPal.me/stpeteruccskokie](https://www.paypal.com/merchot/display?hosted_button_id=68888888888888888888888888888888) Uncheck the "Paying for Goods or Services" box to not pass on the fees to St Peter's

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

In Memoriam

by J. Cottier

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jen Schneider

Those who are able please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We have gathered in the presence of God our Creator, who sets before us the ways of life and death.

C: We have gathered in the presence of Jesus the Christ, who calls us to accept the cost of discipleship that we may know its joy.

P: We have gathered in the presence of the Spirit, who sustains us in trial and rejoicing.

A: In our living and in our dying, we belong to God. In the shadow of God's wings, we sing for joy. Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION

P: In every time, prophets and apostles have come to call the people of God to repentance and newness of life. We too are called to admit our sin, and to commit ourselves anew to follow in God's way. Let us do that; let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: We confess, gracious God, that we are not worthy of Your love for us. You lead us out of the land of slavery; yet when the journey is hard, we long to return to the comfort of our chains.

C: *You speak to us through Your prophets, telling us how our rebellion hurts and angers You; yet we harden our hearts and close our ears.*

P: You come to us in Jesus, revealing Your love for all people and suffering pain for us; still we do not turn in love and obedience to You.

C: *We do that which we ought not to do, and we leave undone those things we ought to do. There is no health in us. Sinful and rebellious as we are, we cannot trust in ourselves and the things that we do; we can trust only in Your grace.*

P: Speak the Word, O God, and we shall be made free. Forgive us, receive us, and give us courage to serve You with renewed hearts and wills;

A: Through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

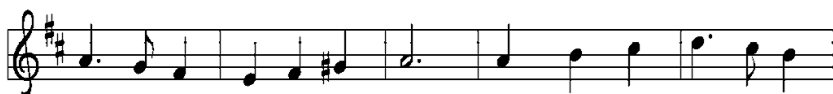
P: Do not fear. I say to you in the name of Jesus Christ: your sins are forgiven. Your faith has made you free. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old has passed away. Behold, the new has come. Thanks be to God!

HYMN "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

SSB #2



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-cst not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

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Please be seated.

WORDS ABOUT OFFERINGS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Peter Svenson

Old Testament:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Gospel:

Luke 4:1-13

MUSICAL MEDITATION Selected

Ben Westphal

CALL TO PRAYER

Em G/D Am/C D Em C B⁷

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me. O

5 Em G/D Am/C D Em B⁷ Em *Last Time*

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O *Last Time*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT PRAYERS

HOMILY

“Confirming, Revealing Trials”

Rev. Richard Lanford

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Exhortation and Invitation

Rev. Lanford

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 and Consecration

RESPOND

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Eat of This Bread

♩=65

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.

Chords: E^b, A^b, Ddim, Gm, Cm, Fm, Fm⁷, B^bsus, B^b, B^b, E^b.

The Words of Institution

Participation in the Sacrament of Holy Communion

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;

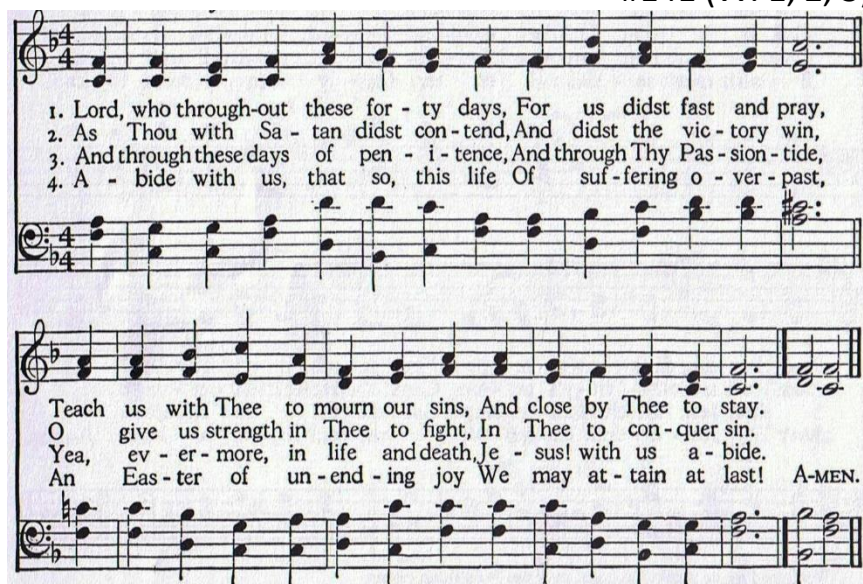
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory forever. Amen

Those who are able please stand.

HYMN "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

#141 (vv. 1, 2, 3)



1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days, For us didst fast and pray,
 2. As Thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, And didst the vic - tory win,
 3. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through Thy Pas - sion - tide,
 4. A - bide with us, that so, this life Of suf - fering o - ver - past,

Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, And close by Thee to stay.
 O give us strength in Thee to fight, In Thee to con - quer sin.
 Yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
 An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last! A-MEN.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE There is a Balm in Gilead arr. F. Russel

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 Sterba
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Kathy Zipperer

News in the Pews

Welcome to worship this first Sunday in Lent as we journey toward the cross and the empty tomb.

We are always grateful for any and all offerings to the church. No amount is too small! As is said in the opening of the bulletin, 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, with links, on the first main page of announcements. Thank you very much for giving! Thanks also go very much to everyone who was able to respond to the year-end / Christmas appeal from our Board of Finance last month!

The LENTEN BIBLE STUDY starts this Wednesday, March 9th. This year we are trying a book study with a Biblical discussion guide. The book is *The Third Reconstruction* by the Rev. William Barber II and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove; See Peggy McCoy if you need an actual book (they are not expensive); see Pastor if you need a study guide, schedule of lessons, and to tell them you're participating, since the Zoom link will come from them! As of now we are starting over Zoom.

This Wednesday, March 9th, the Women's Guild meets at the church at 9:30 AM for a meeting; the Kitchen will be cleaned and reorganized as needed, followed by the usual business and fellowship meeting.

Tuesday is International Women's Day!

Next weekend don't forget to turn your clocks AHEAD one hour!

Village Inn Food Fundraiser is March 20th! 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!

Our People

HOSPITALIZED: Carol Burmeister is in hospice care at Elevate St. Andrews, 7000 N. Newark, Niles, 60714. Ralph is in the assisted-living area, the floor below (Room 432). Kelly Panzke is having her spine surgeries (2, over two days) any day now.

According to the schedule next Sunday's lector is Jenn Schneider, and the Nursery will be attended by Mike R.

Celebrating birthdays this week are Phil Lindroth, his family's friend John Gruze; Rich Schneider, Don Kahn; Jamie Iannotti, Jeff Loach, Lana Kahn; Ray Erdman, Adrianna Paige and Tracy (Paige) Puckett.

Happy belated birthday to Richard Hook, who celebrated his 85th on March 1st.

Our apologies as we had the wrong anniversary date for Bill and Alice Schaller, it is *March 16th*, not the 2nd as in the Announcer and last weeks' announcements.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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

Regular Reminders!

About Communion: For those worshipping in-person with us, we hope you picked up one of the wafer-covered Communion cups as you entered the sanctuary. Peeling off the top layer will get you to the wafer; the foil covering will open the cup to you. If you are joining us via the livestream, we invite folks to have ready with them some piece of bread and a cup of something (wine, water, juice) for the elements. As always, we will partake together in the Spirit (although perhaps apart in space and time) when the Pastor prompts us.

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!

2022 EASTER FLOWER ORDERS



Please find below the order form for the Easter plants that we will have to beautify our chancel on Easter Sunday. Sometimes there are limited quantities of plants available and G & E will substitute an equal value plant (Orders will be filled by date submitted.) Orders may be placed in the offering plate, brought or mailed to the church. Please write a separate check for your flower order made out to St Peter's UCC.

Orders must be placed by Sunday, March 27, 2022

Quantity	Type	Price	Total
	Easter Lily 6" pot	10.50	
	Azalea 6"pot	19.00	
	Hyacinth 4 bloom	9.00	
	Tulip 5-6 blooms	7.00	
	Rieger Begonia 6'	10.00	
Total			

Name & Phone

In Honor/In Memory of:



MISSION MOMENTS

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Luke 4:1-13

Wilderness Companions

UCC Women's Week – March 6-12

Women's week is an opportunity to celebrate the lives of women who have had an impact on the church. Here, some UCC clergywomen reflect on the women who were formative in their faith stories from childhood on. What a great cloud of women witnesses surrounds us!

My preschool teacher, Kay Mitchell...took me with her to church when she realized my parents were never going to. (Jane Sorenson)

Katie Weisenheimer met me after school in our church's fellowship hall. She played the piano, and I sang from the hymnal. She was an always-single woman. I might have been the daughter she would never have. Or she might have sensed the unhealthy environment of my home.

Whichever, she enabled me to live God and the church. (Diane Snowa)

My mom, Yolanda Rosas waited 25 years until her church recognized women's call to ministry and ordained her. I asked her why she waited so long? I would have left right away! She said, "someone had to make a way for you and your sister." God and she made a way for me and for so many! (Nancy Rosas)

Amelia Altenbaumer was our neighbor and distant relative...I loved being around her, swinging on her porch swing with her and sitting on the piano bench while she sang and played the piano. One time she asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I was about five years old at the time. I said a minister. Without hesitation her response was, "That's such a noble profession." She watered the seed God had planted... (Paula Compton)

Peggy Cleveland, a lay Presbyterian woman, who served as a missionary in Zaire and came back fully understanding the intersections of race and gender and colonialism which she infused into her work as Director of the Women's Center at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, when I was a student at Pacific School of Religion in the 70's. (Loey Powell)

Ann Landers, who, when I thought I was too old to enter seminary, advised someone that time would pass whether or not they pursued the degree they wanted. They could be four years older with the degree or without it. I started filling out applications immediately. It was a message from God to me. (Ellen Witko)

Learn more about the United Church of Christ at www.ucc.org.

DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

“When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.”

When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.”

LUKE 4:1-13

“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.”