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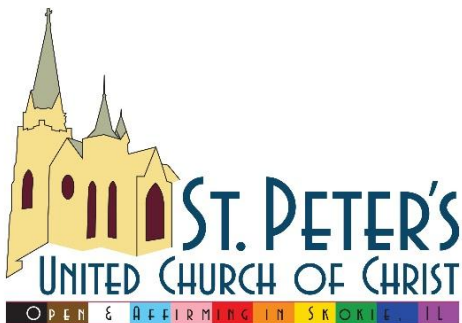
Welcome

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR

Sunday,
June 15, 2025
10:00 AM

Trinity Sunday

Father's Day





Welcome to Worship!

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

In-person Worship. All are welcome to join us

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



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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 **joyously welcome all people** to share worship, membership, marriage, baptism, funeral, and fellowship with us.



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During our sacred music, listen. Be attentive. Feel God's Spirit connecting all of us gathered here, those with us online and in spirit, and those who cannot be present today.

PRELUDE Selected

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peggy Reins

You may stand in body or spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 8*

One: O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: You have set your glory above the heavens.

One: of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
When I look at your heavens, the work of your
fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

**All: What are human beings that you are mindful of
them, mortals that you care for them?**

One: Yet you have made them a little lower than God,

All: and crowned them with glory and honor.

One: You have given them dominion over the works of
your hands; you have put all things under their
feet:

**All: sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

One: O Lord, our Sovereign,

All: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

#1



1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,

3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide Thee,

4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee:
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

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.
 God in Three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty! A-MEN.

CALL TO CONFESSION

P: The book of Proverbs tells us that there has been wisdom from the beginning of time, since before the creation of the Earth. Wisdom cries out to all people. But we do not always listen. Sometimes we turn from wisdom's way. Let us confess to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A: Holy, holy, holy God, the praise slip easily from our lips. But as we are swept up in those lofty words, we can miss the point. Because we can describe you, we start to think that we can understand you. We try to predict your actions, expect your favor, and control your mercy. We overlook the complexities of your blessing, praying mostly for people we think are worthy of our concern. Holy God, forgive our limited vision of you. Let us be open to you in all of your awe and wonder. Amen.

Quiet Reflection

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Hear the good news of the gospel. Ours is the God of grace, truth and love.

All: **There is nothing we can do and nothing that can be done to us that will ever stop God from loving us.**

One: Through the One in Three, we are forgiven, we are loved, we are being made whole.

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

You may be seated

SPECIAL MUSIC**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Beth Sterba

Hebrew Scripture:

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Christian Scripture:

John 16:12-15

SERMON

“Bring Many Names”

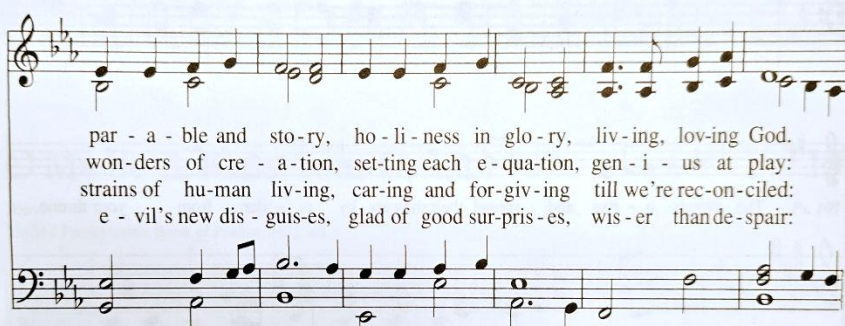
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"Bring Many Names"

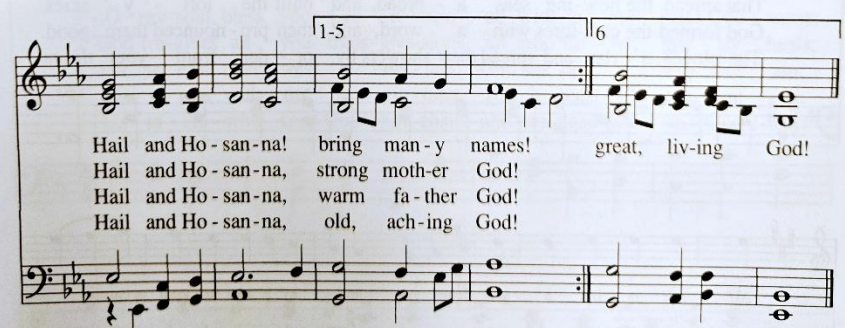
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1 Bring man - y names,	beau - ti - ful and good,	cel - e - brate, in
2 Strong moth - er God,	work - ing night and day,	plan - ning all the
3 Warm fa - ther God,	hug - ging ev - ery child,	feel - ing all the
4 Old, ach - ing God,	grey with end - less care,	calm - ly pierc - ing



par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
 won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:
 strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:
 e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:



Hail and Ho - san - na!	bring man - y names!	great, liv - ing God!
Hail and Ho - san - na,	strong moth - er God!	
Hail and Ho - san - na,	warm fa - ther God!	
Hail and Ho - san - na,	old, ach - ing God!	

5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move, say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for jus - tice, giv - ing all you have: Hail and Ho - san - na, young, grow - ing God!	6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known, joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and Ho - san - na, great, liv - ing God!
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PASTORAL AND SILENT PRAYER**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.

CALL TO OFFERING**OFFERTORY**

If you donate electronically, you may place an "Electronic Giving" card into the plate as it comes around so you can enjoy participating in the physical act of giving.

You may stand in body or in spirit.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

The image shows a musical score for the Offertory Response "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah". It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." are written below the notes. Above the first staff, the letters A, E, A, D, Bm, and E are written above the notes. The second staff also has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody continues on a treble clef. The lyrics "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le - lu - ja, hal - le - lu - ja." are written below the notes. Above the second staff, the letters A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, and A are written above the notes.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A: Giver, Steward, and Guide, may these gifts we bring magnify beyond the boundaries of our community to create new possibilities in the world. Bless our offerings of presence, ability, and resources as we participate as best we are able. Amen.

Will those who are able please stand up

CLOSING HYMN "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

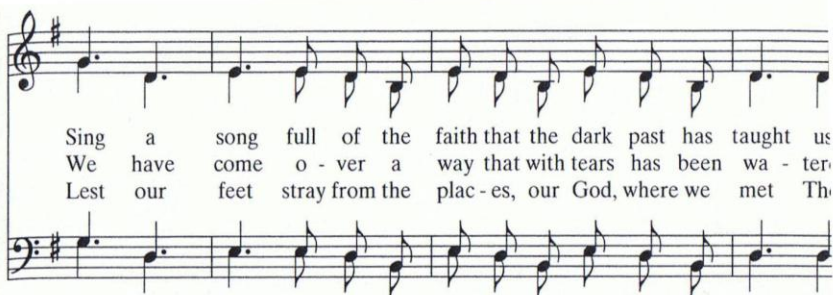
1. Lift ev-ery
2. Ston-y the
3. God of our

voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring, Ring with the har - mo -
road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, Felt in the days when
wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, Thou who hast brought us

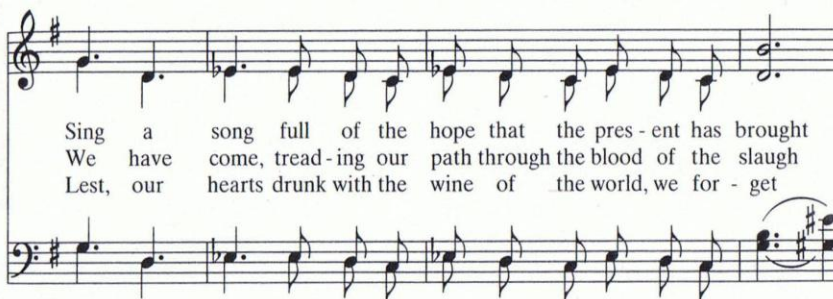
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hope un - born had died; Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our
thus far on the way; Thou who hast by Thy might led us in -

lis - tening skies; Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
wea - ry feet Come to the place for which our *fa - thers sighed?
to the light; Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

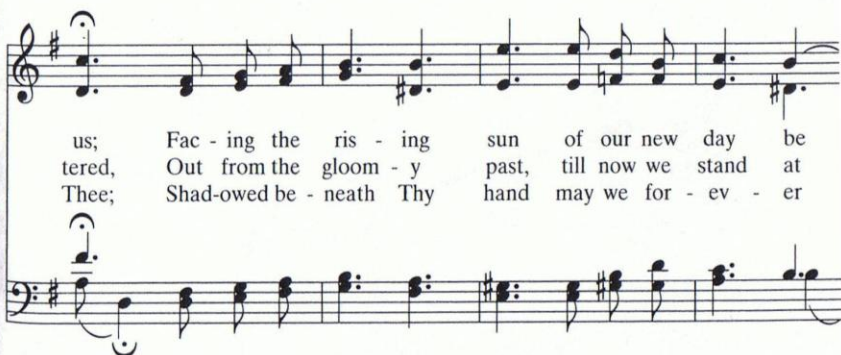
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Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee



Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - ter
 Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get



us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, Out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 Thee; Shad-owed be - neath Thy hand may we for - ev - er



gun, Let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Selected

During the Postlude, we pause to reflect as we prepare to follow God out into the world.

Today's liturgy is adapted from:

Rev. Eric Beene, White Bluff Presbyterian Church, Savannah, GA.

All Truth: Service Prayers for Trinity Sunday, by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A.

Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.

FOR WORSHIP TODAY

INTERIM MINISTER	Brenda Barnes Jamieson
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Ben Westphal
DEACON	Peter Svenson
LIVESTREAM RECORDING	Jen Schneider
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Mike Ryan

NILES PRIDE RAINBOW WALK

Join us for a march in support
of LGBT rights followed by a
picnic in the park

11am-2pm
June 21 2025

Kirk Lane Park
Niles, IL



More Info:
Nilespride.org

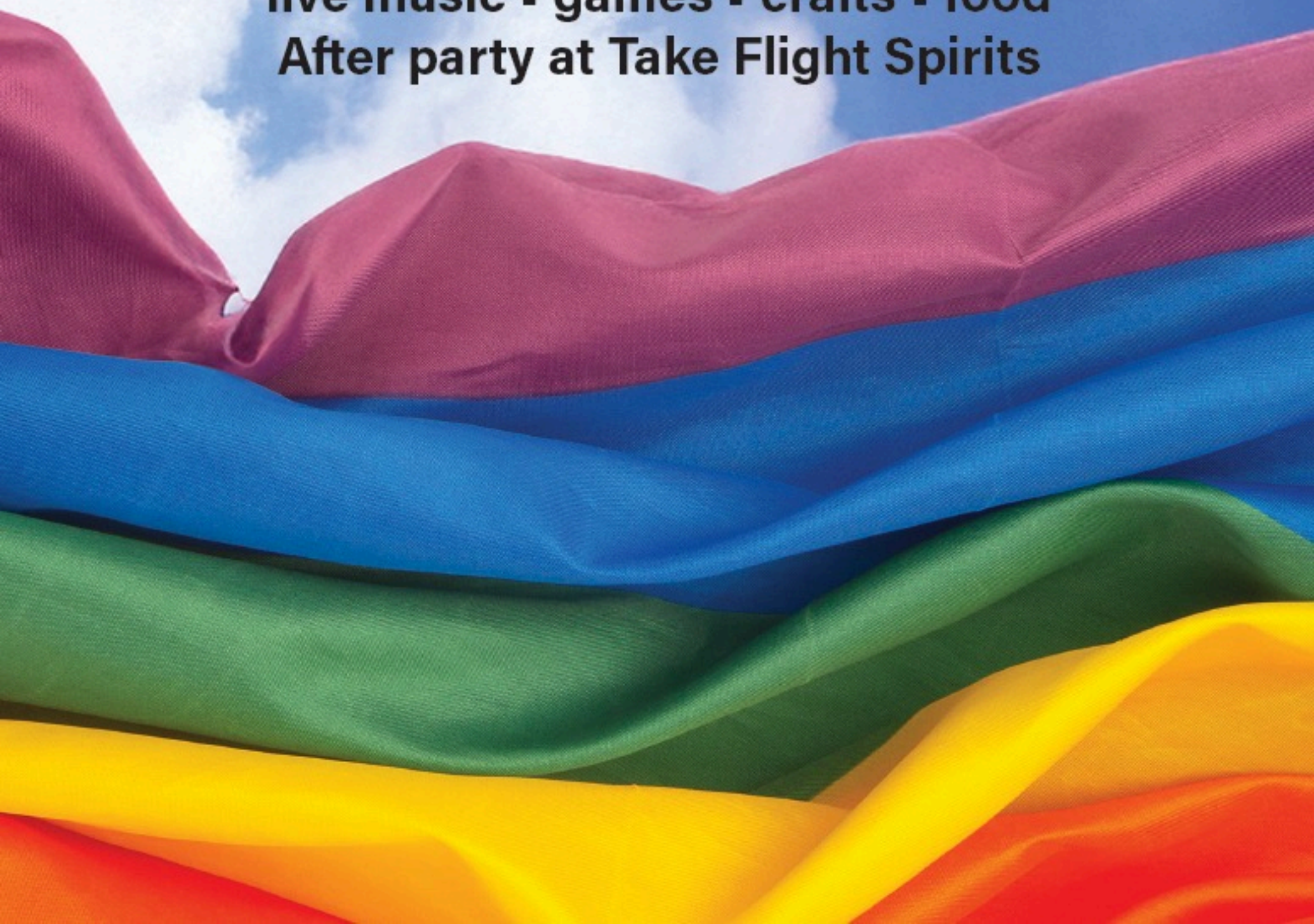
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Skokie PRIDE

Sunday, June 22, 1-4 p.m.
Oakton Park

family-friendly ▪ entertainment
live music ▪ games ▪ crafts ▪ food
After party at Take Flight Spirits



News in the Pews

Welcome, and Happy Father's Day! Today we remember that no matter the state of our human relations with parents, children and others, God our heavenly Father loves us and cares for us without fail.

We extend heartfelt gratitude to all our volunteers; without their help, this and every service would not be possible.

Welcome back and thank you to Katrina Sudman who is filling in for Ben today.

Celebrate PRIDE with us! There are two events we are representing St. Peter's UCC and we'd like to ask as many of you to join us as are able -let's show our LGBTQIA+ community how much we care! First, join us **Saturday June 21st at 11AM** for the Niles PRIDE Rainbow Walk! Then on **Sunday, June 22nd from 1-4PM** come to the Skokie PRIDE event at Oakton Park where we'll have a booth. Volunteers for the booth are always welcome and needed, contact Jenn S. or the office if you'd like to help. Or just come out to the festival and show your PRIDE! More information on our inserts included in this bulletin.

Rummage collecting now! Drop off during office hours (please call ahead if you don't have a key), bring on Sundays when you come to worship, or call us to arrange a time that works for you. We'll take most anything but no furniture and old TV's. Questions can be directed to Annie Noorts at: annie.noorts@gmail.com, or call the office.

Rummage sorting – Join us **Fridays from 10AM to 2PM** to sort, no experience necessary! There are jobs for every person, talk to Annie if you'd like to help but need more information. ***Starting this Wednesday, June 18th, we'll add a second weekly sorting date, evenings from 6-8PM.*** All are welcome and encouraged to come help us!

Saturday Morning Workdays resume! Join our hardworking trustees ***June 21st and 28th from 9AM-1PM*** to get back to much needed repairs. All skill levels are welcome. Contact Rich at richschneider@comcast.net for more info, or just show up during worktimes for as long as you are able.

Our Mini Pantry supply is low, please consider donating!

New pre-worship gathering - While Sunday School and choir take a summer vacation, you are invited to meet before worship to talk about one of the UCC's daily devotional readings from the past week. ***We gather at 9:15am in Lanford Fellowship Hall*** for a short opening prayer and finish by 9:45am. To get started, sign up for the Daily Devotional here: <https://www.ucc.org/daily-devotional/>.

Graduate or big event in the family? Let the office know so we can celebrate with you! office@stpeteruccskokie.org. Thanks!

Holiday Craft Show applications are being accepted now. If you are interested in having a table at our sale, contact Wendy or Annie for more information. For an application, email st.peteruccskokiebazaar@gmail.com, or contact the office.

Our People

Please keep St. Peter's extended family in your thoughts and prayers. Other folks that need your prayers include:

- Annie's friend Renee is fighting a long term, rare illness. She and her family are fighting to find a remedy that will slow and maybe even reverse the progress of this illness.
- Nicole McGinnis, childhood friend of Laura's who is fighting stage 4 cancer.
- David, uncle of Chad McCoy, as he undergoes kidney dialysis treatments.
- Prayers for healing for Ginger Kalensky and Dorothy Panzke.
- Robert Elliot, brother-in-law of Anna Riley, diagnosed with cancer stage 2.
- Prayers for Julius and all immigrants, refugees and displaced people.
- Judy Paige who is having knee therapy for the third time.
- Sharon Johnson's daughter Donna continues her battle with Lymphoma, which can be controlled but not cured.
- Susan Garcia's Aunt Janice battling cancer.
- Jane Abramchik continues to recover at home aided by a team of home caregivers and her husband Paul.
- Paul Brzozowski has now completed all treatment and will have MRIs every 2 months.

Others in our church family to keep close in our hearts include Larry Baumhardt, Lois Jarmuth and Bob Seitman.

If you are aware of others to include in our shared prayers, please let a church officer, an Elder, or the office know!

This week we wish Happy Birthday to Barbara Gack, Clementine (Muhrrer) Hoeing and Laurie Mitchell. **Happy Anniversary to** Valerie (Paige) and Christopher Mahoney.

According to the schedule and barring any switches, next Sunday's Lector will be Rich Schneider, and our Nursery Attendant will be Denise Hopp.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

PRESIDENT	Peggy Reins
VICE-PRESIDENT	Barb Todd
TREASURER	Chad McCoy
SECRETARY	Annie Noorts
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Maria Altmayer

Regular Reminders!

Let us know you were here! Please sign the attendance sheet in the black pew pads and when you think your pew is ready, please pass the pad towards the center aisle of the church.

We are always grateful for all offerings to the church. So many thanks to everyone who's been keeping us going with your donations! See inside the front cover for details on how to donate.

Our mini-food pantry is a daily mission this church does for the community of Skokie. If you are able, please donate!

Sign up for Coffee Hour! Regular coffee hours are on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. See our President Peggy if you are interested in signing up.



MISSION MOMENTS

Wisdom Calls (6/15/2025)

First Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31

I had a seminary professor who would start each class reading from his dogeared copy of Aesop's Fables, regaling us with lessons from Greek antiquity such as slow and steady always wins the race. (Thank you wise tortoise for showing us how to outsmart the hare.)

After closing the book, he would sit seemingly lost in thought before letting out a deep sigh and remarking, "Wisdom is a precious gift many seek, yet so few find."

The quest for wisdom has been around since the dawn of time, even before the classic, ageless tales Aesop told. For Christians, wisdom come to us in the person of Jesus Christ, who models for us through word and deed the smart choices we all need to make in if love is to prevail and justice is to reign.

Before God sent Jesus into the world, though, wisdom was often personified in literature as a woman crying out to be heard as we have here in today's reading from Proverbs.

It is here that personified wisdom is found standing beside the gates at the entrance of a town, calling out to those who would dare to stop and listen. This location of the town's gate wasn't random. In ancient society it was that spot where the town's elders would conduct business and settle legal matters.

Now many of us don't live in a gated community, which leads me to wonder how then can we hear wisdom's call in our lives? What is it going to take for wisdom's life-changing lessons to reach our ears?

Perhaps for wisdom to be heard we can start first by learning how to hold our tongues from quickly spewing out the answers we think we have. Maybe that is what Socrates was getting at when he said that "wisdom is in the knowing that we don't know anything."

Admitting we don't know anything doesn't come easy to us as it is often viewed as being inferior or powerless. But in a world where a slow tortoise can win a race against a speedy hare, perhaps it is time for us to start listening more to the cries of wisdom who stands by our proverbial gates, urging us to drop the pretenses of knowing everything to finally listen to the One who does indeed have the answers: God.

All-knowing God, we admit we don't have the answers that are needed in this world today. We turn to you now for wisdom from above, which will guide us in the right direction always. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(Rev. Donna Frischknecht Jackson is a communications specialist for the United Church of Christ and author of today's Sunday Bulletin.)
