



# Welcome

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR

**Sunday,  
August 21,  
2022  
10:00 AM**

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**Eleventh Sunday  
after Pentecost**





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

**PRELUDE**                    “Dorian Echo Fantasy”            by Sweelinck

**THE RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**THE SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS**            Jenn Schneider

*Those who are able please stand.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *From Psalm 71*

P: You who have done great things, O God; who is like  
You?

**C: You who have made me see many troubles and  
calamities will revive me again;**

P: from the depths of the Earth You will bring me up  
again.

**C: You will increase my honor, and comfort me once  
again.**

**A: Let us praise the Triune God!**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

P: Jesus, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof;

**C: But only say the word, and your servant will be healed.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Holy One, we confess that sometimes when we sense You making a claim on us, we act like young Jeremiah and seek excuses that give us a way out. We still get stuck in preferring to do our will rather than Yours, and we admit it. Forgive us, merciful One!

**C: We also relate to the synagogue leader we'll hear about in Luke, who got supremely bent out of shape at Jesus' act of deep love on the sabbath. There are rules for a reason, we argue, and some of them are even Godly reasons! Only to realize later, if we do realize it, that we stopped at the letter of the law broken, and not its Spirit. Forgive us when that damages Your work, Lord!**

P: Like the Psalmist, who called on You to deliver him and rescue him from the grasp of the unjust, we also call upon You for rescue and deliverance; unlike him, though, who seems to have no doubts You will do so, we confess to harboring boats of doubt and fear when it comes to Your help. Forgive us, Lord Christ!

**A: For these, and any other ways we have grieved Your Holy Spirit, we ask for another chance, and for real progress in our spiritual lives, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *First Peter 3:17-18*

“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.”

Jesus brought us back to God by his life and teaching, and through His Passion and death on Calvary. Once, for all time and for all persons, in order to restore our relationship with the Lover of our souls and to transform us more and more into a people whose nature is also merciful, compassionate, and giving. In Christ our sins are forgiven and the way for new life is before us. Please join me in claiming this great good news by saying . . .

**A: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## HYMN

## "O Young and Fearless Prophet"

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1. O young and fear - less Proph - et Of an - cient Gal - i - lee:  
 2. We mar - vel at the pur - pose That held Thee to Thy course  
 3. Cre - ate in us the splen - dor That dawns when hearts are kind,  
 4. O young and fear - less Proph - et, We need Thy pres - ence here,



Thy life is still a sum - mons To serve hu - man - i - ty,  
 While ev - er on the hill - top Be - fore Thee loomed the cross;  
 That knows not race nor sta - tion As boun - daries of the mind;  
 A - mid our pride and glo - ry To see Thy face ap - pear;



To make our thoughts and ac - tions Less prone to please the crowd,  
 Thy stead-fast face set for - ward Where love and du - ty shone,  
 That learns to val - ue beau - ty, In heart, or brain, or soul,  
 Once more to hear Thy chal - lenge A - bove our noi - sy day,



To stand with hum - ble cour - age For truth, with hearts un - cowed,  
 While we be - tray so quick - ly And leave Thee there a - lone.  
 And longs to bind God's chil - dren In - to one per - fect whole.  
 A - gain to lead us for - ward A - long God's ho - ly way. A-MEN.

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*The congregation may be seated.*

**CALL TO OFFERING****PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Beth Sterba

Old Testament:

Psalm 71:1-6

Jeremiah 1:4-10

**MUSICAL MEDITATION** Selected*Those who are able please stand.***GOSPEL:**

Luke 13:10-17

**RESPONSE:** “Gloria Creator”

Tune # 493

**A: Glory to the Creator,****And to the Christ,****And to the Holy Ghost!****As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,****World without end! Amen, Amen.***The congregation may sit down***PASTORAL PRAYERS & SILENT PRAYERS****THE LORD’S PRAYER** (‘debts’)*The Lord’s prayer is on p. 37 of the hymnal***SERMON** “Dr. Jesus Getting Into 'Good Trouble'”

*Will those who are able please rise to sing*

**HYMN:** "That Woman in the Crowd"

*Please sing to the tune of "The God of Abraham Praise"*

**That woman in the crowd — she could not stand up tall;**

**Her back was bent, her head was bowed — and Jesus saw!**

**That Sabbath day of rest, he saw her misery;**

**He told her, "Woman, from your ailment you are free!"**

**He saw another thing, when others thought her odd;**

**He saw a child of Abraham, a child of God!**

**And soon she saw it, too! She must have been amazed!**

**She stood up tall and offered God her thanks and praise.**

**A leader said, "You're wrong!" for sin was what he saw.**

**He could not understand this One who broke the law.**

**The Sabbath rules were strict and work was not allowed —**

**Not even when it healed a woman bent and bowed.**

**Christ said, "What matters most? What rules will you obey?**

**You care for ox and donkey on the Sabbath day!"**

**For Jesus knew the truth — that people matter more,**

**And God loves things that heal, encourage and restore.**

**What barriers do we build to God's abundant grace?  
Do we want church to be a perfect, law-filled place?  
Or will we dare to love — to see what Jesus saw —  
That God's great welcome matters more than rule and  
law.**

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## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Voluntary in F”

by Stanley

*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.*

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## **FOR WORSHIP TODAY**

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MINISTER	Rev. Richard Lanford
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Ben Westphal
DEACON	Beth Lanford
LIVESTREAM	Jennifer Schneider
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Kathy Zipperer

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# News in the Pews

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**Good Morning!** “You have not come to something that can be touched, ... [but] to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant” (Hebrews 12:18, 24, NRSV). Welcome to worship.

**The Chancel Flowers** are from Barbara and Jim Todd in honor of their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!! Congratulations Barb & Jim!

**Thanks to all who were able to contribute via your patronage at last Sunday’s Village Inn/St. Peter’s UCC Fundraiser!**

**Today, in place of a regular Council meeting, is our semi-annual Congregational Meeting,** in a hybrid format, held in the Memorial Room after worship ends. We will celebrate our successes, revisit our challenges, receive mid-year reports and generally have a ‘check-in’ halfway through our 2022 together. Please plan to participate!

**The deadline for articles** of the September newsletter is tomorrow: Monday, August 22nd!

**The Strategic Planning Initiative working group** meets at St. Peter’s this Wednesday at 7 PM with Rev. Dr. Stephanie Perdue, the Transitional Conference Minister of our Illinois Conference.

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**Next weekend, on Sunday the 28th,** our worship service will be held at Lorel Park. Helpers and a truck from the Village will arrive at the Laramie Avenue entrance at 9 AM to pick up folding chairs, a Deacon's table if desired, a music stand or two, and maybe more. The service cannot be live-streamed, so we encourage folks coming in person when possible, and it will be recorded for our YouTube channel so folks can attend the service virtually, later. Those who want to stay after worship for a picnic pot luck lunch and catch up with each other are asked to bring a dish or dessert to share; we are on our own for beverages. Maybe if someone brings some various kinds of balls/gloves, we can use the park for more than just worship, grub and talk!

**This week rummage sorting** is on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (6:30 – 8:30 PM), plus Fridays 10 AM to Noon. Come when you can, leave when you must, all assistance will be needed and appreciated. If you can't come at these times, you are welcome to come sort during office hours OR, if you have a key come whenever the mood strikes you!

**In September, the Micah 6:8 Committee is sponsoring a "Brief Collection"** for the Night Ministry's guests and clients at their Health Van stops and in the couple of shelters they hold. More details to come, or, check your Midyear Report from last year for them!

**No more produce for mini-pantry.** Sadly this isn't working out 😞 the box isn't airy enough and the produce isn't lasting long enough for this to be worth doing. Thank you to everyone who donated. Any unused produce will be brought to other places of need.

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# Our People

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**HOSPITALIZED:** Last month Jackie Johnson had her long-awaited foot surgery and after a week in Bella Terra is improving and healing through rehab at home. Rich Suckow and Judy Paige continue therapy as well."

**Happy birthday / anniversary!** Having a birthday this week are Clara Melone (99), Elizabeth Hoellerich, Allison Guenther, Juanito Banoyo, Ron Lundeen, Valerie (Paige) Mahoney, Harrison Kuras, Stephanie Lundeen and Henry Muhrer. Celebrating wedding anniversaries are Errol and Laurie Mitchell and Dan and Heather (Schuhrke) O'Hara. Blessings to you all!

**Please remember to lift up** Harrison, Angela and young Harry Kuras as Wednesday is another court date for them.

**Pastor Lanford will be unavailable other than for emergencies** from 9 AM to 3 PM this coming Saturday the 27th as he is participating via Zoom over a Conference-mandated Boundary Awareness Training. This is not the first time; the training is revised and required on a somewhat regular basis. To get credit he cannot skip any part of it.

**Office Manager Laura Olson** is taking two vacation days: she will be out of the office this Friday, August 26th and Monday the 29th.

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## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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

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## Regular Reminders!

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**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.** Also, if you are gardening and have extra produce, feel free to donate it to the mini-food pantry! Items can be left on the shelves under the stairs by the offices.

**Pastor's Podcast is now on all the Podcast platforms-** iTunes, Stitcher, Overcast, Spotify, Podcast Addict, Amazon Music and more. Just look up "The Redheaded Preacher" on your podcast catcher or music streaming service then hit subscribe and you'll get the newest editions weekly! You can also get it via the church's webpage link. Give us a 5-star rating and review if you can, it helps us grow so much.

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## **MISSION MOMENTS**

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**Luke 13:10-17**

**Healing Reign**

For eighteen years the woman in today's story suffered an ailment that kept her bent over and in pain. Jesus knew how to bring healing to the woman who suffered, but those around him wanted him to wait until after the sabbath. Jesus knew that suffering could not wait. If healing was available and ready at once, then it should be enacted.

Look around. What kind of suffering do you see in your region or neighborhood? Is there suffering that has been allowed to linger because it seems that it is never the right time to heal? What kind of healing can you and your congregation bring to those broken places?

Pray this prayer as you open your heart and mind to the suffering in your midst and the healing that might be available to alleviate that suffering.

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Jesus, our friend and brother,  
We breathe in and we breathe out.

With each breath in,  
we receive the suffering of our neighbors.  
With each breath out,  
we exhale your healing power.

With each breath in,  
we pray for courage and insight  
With each breath out,  
we become more like you.

With each breath in,  
we feel your strength and clarity  
With each breath out,  
we step forward, reach toward.

Jesus, our friend and brother,  
Guide us, we pray, as we breathe, pray, become, feel, step, reach,  
heal. Amen.

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**Psalm 71:1-6**

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me,

for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,

from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

Upon you I have leaned from my birth;

it was you who took me from my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of you.

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."

But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy';

for you shall go to all to whom I send you,

and you shall speak whatever I command you.

Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

### **Luke 13:10-17**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.

When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?

And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.