A photograph of a person sitting on a set of wide, stone steps. The person is in silhouette, wearing a dark hooded garment and is reading a book. The scene is lit from the side, creating strong highlights on the edges of the stone steps and deep shadows elsewhere. The overall mood is quiet and contemplative.

Great Service

**Welcome to St Peter's UCC In-Person and Livestream Virtual Worship Service!** Subscribe to our **YouTube Channel** to catch a new service at 10 am each Sunday! We also share a **podcast** weekly on our website of the scripture readings and sermon. The podcast can also be found on most podcast catchers & platforms, under "The Redheaded Preacher." Give us a like and 5-star rating to help others find us!

**Open Holy Communion.** We have communion the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and we invite all Christians and seekers after God to partake of the Lord's Supper with us regardless of denominational background. To participate from home, please have a small cup of juice, wine, or other beverage you are comfortable with, and a piece of bread with you. When Rev. Lanford prompts us to "take and eat" (and "drink"), then we will all do so - physically separated, but together in spirit.

**Who We Are.** St. Peter's is an Open and Affirming congregation. We've been in the heart of downtown Skokie for over 152 years. 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 **welcome all people** to share worship, membership, marriage, baptism, funeral, and fellowship with us.

**Attendance.** We would like to get to know you better, too! If you are comfortable doing so, please put your first name and last initial in the comments section under the video, and where you are watching us from!

**Donations.** We have several options for giving, and your donation helps support our church and its various ministries. Now more than

ever, every contribution (large or small) is important to keep us going:

- **Text Your Gift.** Text the amount you want to donate to **844-997-2346**.
- **PayPal.** Visit [PayPal.me/stpeteruccskokie](https://www.paypal.me/stpeteruccskokie) Uncheck the "Paying for Goods or Services" box to not pass on the fees to St Peters.
- **Vanco Give+ App.** Download the Vanco GIVE+ app from **iTunes** or **Google Play**, put in the church's zip code 60077 and select St. Peter's from the drop down. Set up an account with a password (or process as a guest), select your donation frequency, amount, and add payment info. There is also an option here to offset the processing fee.
- **Mail a Check.** We are collecting mail daily, and depositing regularly throughout the week.

**Contact Us.** You can email us – we are accessing email from home during the Shelter-in-Place order. Or call and leave a voicemail, we are picking up messages regularly while we are not in the building. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for daily updates and messages, and check our website for additional details, weekly announcements, and more.

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**OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR**  
**Sunday, October 17, 2021, 10:00 AM**  
**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

**WELCOME GUESTS!**

\* Indicates all who are able are invited to stand

**PRELUDE** "Partite Sopra L'aria della Folia do Spagna"  
by Bernardo Pasquini

**THE RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**THE SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS** Jen Schneider

\***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 67)

**Pastor:** May God be gracious to us and bless us and  
make his face to shine upon us,

**Congregation:** *That Your way may be known upon  
earth, Your saving power among all  
nations.*

**P:** Let the peoples praise You, O God;

**C:** *Let all the peoples praise You!*

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**When we hear James and John in their approach to Jesus in today's lesson, we confess we hear our approach to You in prayer as well: "We want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." So many of our prayers, and a source of some of our confusion about You, are grounded in asking You for our will to please be done. We have good and loving intentions, and we are honored to express them to You.**

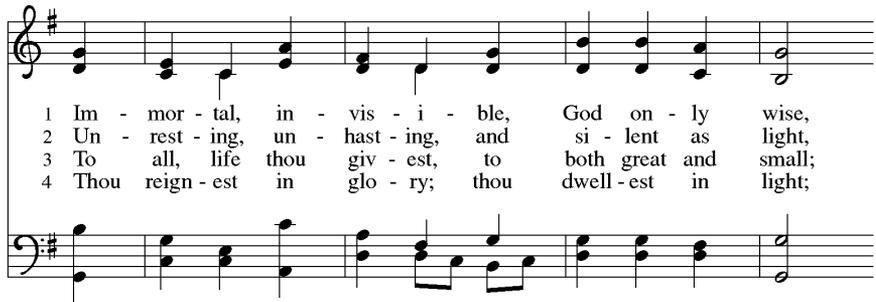
**But when do we pray, and not ask for something? When do we merely give our thanks, intentionally bask in the beauty of Your creation, or without asking, simply 'wait upon the Lord' silently? When we do ask You to do what we want, when is it for opportunities for service, or to become better at forgiveness, in our consideration of others, in holding our tongue, or for help in putting Your will first? Lord, hear our prayer for mercy, and for Your guidance that we know more fully how to pray. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jesus said, "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). Our God is all about restoring us to proper, holy and loving relationships to God and with others. God went so far as to send Jesus to do for us what we could do not do for ourselves, show us the depths of God's love, bring in the total and free forgiveness of sins, and the promise of the Holy Spirit to transform us into disciples of amazing grace. Will the congregation join me in laying hold of this great good news?

**ALL: Of course. Praise God! Alleluia!**

**\*HYMN:** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" SSB #34



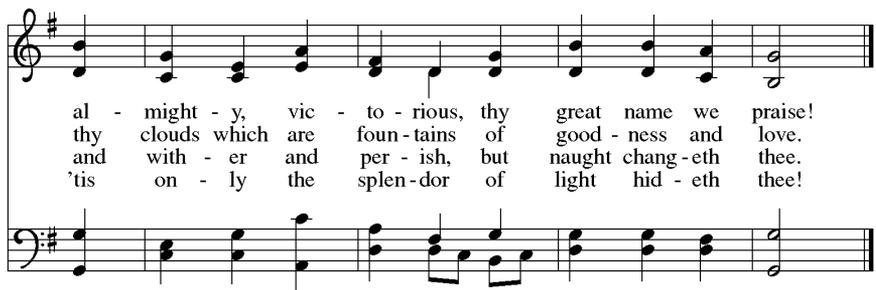
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.  
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876

## **WORDS ABOUT OFFERINGS/BLANKET SUNDAY**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Mandy Steegmueller

Old Testament:

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Gospel:

Mark 10:35-45

### **MUSICAL MEDITATION "O Perfect Love"**

arr. Schalk

## **PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT PRAYERS**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER ('debts')**

**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**

### **SERMON:**

"YHWH, Finally"

## \*HYMN:

## "How Firm a Foundation"

SSB #16



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign,  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, ah.  
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

**\*CHARGE**

P: Go in peace,

**C: *Keep the faith,***

P: Love one another,

**C: *Serve the Lord!***

**BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE:**

“Toccata in C”

by Carlos Seixas

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FOR WORSHIP TODAY

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Good Morning!** Paul urged Timothy to offer “supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings ... for everyone” (1 Timothy 2:1), and so we shall do today as part of our worship together. Welcome!

**Thank you to everyone who came here and helped** get the boxes out with remaining rummage items for the Cancer Federation truck last Friday!

**Your Church Council meets today after worship.**

**The Pet Blessing is today!!** It starts with a brief service at 3 PM in our Auditorium / Gym, and is of course open to the public. There is a \$5 suggested donation, which will be split between C.A.R.E. and St. Peter’s U.C.C. C.A.R.E. will be on hand with adoptable animals, information about adopting and short leashes for those getting a blessing. We’ll also have a big raffle, and treats for all.

**Tomorrow is Monday, October 18th. That is the deadline for articles to be submitted for the November issue of the Announcer newsletter.** Please get them in on time so Laura won’t have to get on the phones looking for you to get your article(s) in. That delays the newsletter production. Thank you!

**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, with links, on the first main page of announcements. Depending on how you set

up your PayPal account, you can arrange to pay whatever transaction fee there is yourself, or, that it will be included in your donation and deducted before it hits St. Peter's account (so St. Peter's, in effect, pays it). Thank you very much for giving!

**We are saddened to announce what some already know:** the death of long-time member Dorothy Taylor on the evening of October 12th. She was recently placed in care of hospice; she was 100 and a half years old. Arrangements are pending.

**About our new Mini-Pantry now that it's here:** Non-perishable food Items will be needed regularly to keep it stocked! Right now, however, we have a good supply. Donations can be brought to the office during office hours (M-F 9 – 2) or on Sundays and given to someone with access to the office. The Mini-Pantry is also intended to highlight, raise awareness of, and address food insecurity in our community. The Mini Pantry will operate on a "Give what you can, take what you need" system, and anyone from anywhere can deposit or withdraw food items. Recommended items include canned goods with ring-pulls; hygiene products: toothpaste/toothbrush, deodorant, soap, menstrual products, peanut butter, kids' snacks; non-perishable foods, bottled water.

**October 24<sup>th</sup> is our next Village Inn Fundraiser.** Order any way you like and just mention St. Peter's UCC fundraiser to your server on this day and we get 20% of whatever you spend. Thanks so much for your continued participation!

**October 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> is Blanket Sunday!** This wonderful program provides blankets and other comforting supplies to

those in tragedies and need, throughout the world! Please donate if you are able- we are accepting donations this Sunday as well. Thanks to the Women’s Guild for heading up this very worthy cause.

According to the just-revised lector schedule, next Sunday’s lector will be Annie Noorts.

**Having birthdays this week are** Shawna Taheny Frenzel and Sincere Williams (former Sunday Schooler). If you missed it last Sunday, we announced the birth of Willow June McDonald, daughter of Mike and Mandy (Taheny) McDonald, on October 9th.

**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 & sermon, and some words and prayer from Pastor just for the listeners of the podcast! Check it out!

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

October 17, 2021

Mark 10:35-45

Great Service  
*Children's Sabbath/Laity Sunday*

Dear Brother Jesus,

We follow you as closely as we can. We listen as carefully as we are able. We believe that we understand what you are asking of us.

But here's what's still hard, Jesus. Even though we pay attention, even though we pray, we still want to know who is first and who is last, we still want to know who is in and who is out, we still want to know who is important and who is unimportant.

We follow. We listen. We believe.

It's funny because, of course we'd like it to be we who are first. And in. And important. But more even than being the exalted ones, we want to know who the exalted ones are. We want to follow you, but we are both excited and comforted by the world's hierarchy. It's a relief to know, even if we cannot be the best, that somewhere there is a best.

But then, we follow. We listen. We believe.

Jesus, all the ways you speak in parable and mystery, of all the water-into-wine and walk-on-water miracles you perform, of all the healing, of all the times that people sat down with you and got up with their hunger fed, their thirst quenched, this is the hardest to understand.

But this is the truth of what you proclaim. There is no in or out. There is no first or last. There is no worthy or unworthy. There is just a big circle of love and abundance, in which all are welcome, and all are equal. All are beloved and all are accepted. All are needed and all are held.

Jesus, we follow. We listen. We believe. Help us, as we honor children today, as we celebrate the gifts of all of your ministers, ordained or not. Help us to live as we see, as we hear, as we believe.

In your many strong names we pray, Amen.



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## **SCRIPTURES FOR THE CONGREGATION**

**October 17, 2021**

Throughout the Book (after Chapters 1 & 2), the suffering, righteous-man Job has debated three old friends, then another interloper, all the while commenting about God, wondering why is suffering so, and what this says about God. At last the Lord blesses Job with a reply:

### **Job 38:1-7, 34-41**

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone  
when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you?

Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind?

Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together?

"Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert?

Who provides for the raven its prey,

when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?"

This story takes place right after Jesus has predicted His arrest, trial, suffering, death and rising again to the disciples for the third time:

### **Mark 10:35-45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

They replied, "We are able."

Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."