



# ST. PETER'S United Church of Christ

**310 North Meadow Street (Grant Park, IL 60940)**

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Sunday School--9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.

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# January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

\* In the way you are able, whether in body or in spirit, please rise.

## Welcome & Announcements

Audrey Lehnert

## Ringling of the Bell

## Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision” (arr. Kim)

## Lighting of the Candles

Hailey Langlois

## \*Call to Worship

Audrey Lehnert

Leader: As the Word of God came to Jonah,

People: **The Word of God also comes to us.**

Leader: To Jonah, God called him to get up, go to Nineveh, and proclaim His Word.

People: **To us, God calls us to get up, go into all the world, and proclaim the Good News of salvation.**

All: **Lord, give us the courage to follow You and to obey Your Word.**

## \*Unison Prayer of Invocation

*Merciful God, You are our light and our salvation. Living in Your presence, we have nothing to fear. Open our hearts to hear Your Word this day. As we hear the stories of how You call Your children into action, make us ever ready to follow Jesus on whatever path He leads. Cast aside our fears and doubts and teach us to trust wholly in You. We ask in the precious and loving Name of Jesus. Amen.*

## \*Hymn

“Lovingkindness”

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## Scripture Reading

Mark 1:14-20

## **Adult Choir**

“Oh, What a Wonderful Name” (*Atthouse*)

## **Children’s Sermon**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

### **\*Hymn**

“I Need Thee Every Hour” (vs. 1-2)

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## **Worshipping God with our Offerings**

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory “Fantasia on ‘O How I Love Jesus’” (*Krug*)

Doxology

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## **Scripture Reading**

Jonah 1

Pastor Kyle

## **Sermon**

“Fish Stories: The ‘One’ that Got Away”

Pastor Kyle

### **\*Closing Hymn**

“When We All Get to Heaven”  
(Extinguishing of the Candles)

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## **\*Closing Prayer & Benediction**

### **\*Postlude**

“The Heavens are Telling” (*arr. Wells*)

## **We at St. Peter’s are praying for:**

*Gene Sievers, Carter Fortin, Linda Havelly, Taylor Cleary, Joy Currier, Heather Phillips, Sandy Erickson, Dorothy Kutemeier, Judy Schneider, Delores Schimmin, Pamela Nolan, Katheryn Hickey-Scott, Ann Wessman, Roger Sturm, Kristopher Meyer, Ione Engleking, Bill Riley, Larry Erickson, Jeff Jones, Craig Schneider, Dean Lohrbach, Jackqueline Dupuis, Tom Kastner, Margaret Kastner, Kim Woolley, and the family of Julia Lewke.*

## Announcements

**Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders):** The Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build is on February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You will need to sign up again if you plan on attending. On February 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be a spaghetti dinner. For more details, visit our Facebook page or go to our church website at [www.stpetersgp.org](http://www.stpetersgp.org), (Under Ministries Section). You can also contact Josh (815) 693-5341 or Neal (815) 549-5911.

**The Beecher Food Pantry:** The food pantry does not need any donations at this time. Thank you.

**Dartball:** There's always room for more players, so if you are interested, please contact Tim Frahm at (872) 222-1408.

**2023 Young at Heart Meetings:** The United Methodist Church of Grant Park would like to invite you to their Young at Heart meetings every third Monday of the month from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Grant Park Community Center. There will be no meeting in January. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna at (815) 465-6933. Thank you.

**Congregational Meeting:** The annual congregational meeting will be held next Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

**Offering envelopes:** Offering envelopes are now available on the table outside of the church office.

Occasionally I am asked, “What can I (we) do to strengthen our faith and help the church grow?” I’ve been praying about this lately and here is my reply:

### **THE CHURCH: BE ALL IN**

**Be the Church:** There are many ways you can “be” the church. First, make a commitment to be more active in worship. If you normally come once a month, start with twice a month. If once a year, try once a month. The more you’re present, the more exposure you and your family has to the Truth of God’s Word.

**Serve the Church:** Serving the church doesn’t always mean having to be a council member or a committee member (though we always could use more). It can be helping with one specific event, signing up to be a lay reader, watering the flowers once a week, etc. What interests you? Step up, step in, and obey Christ’s teachings to serve one another.

**Love the Church:** Let’s be honest. We could all give a little more (financially, of our time, and of our resources). When we put the love of our church ahead of everything (except our love for God), we learn to prioritize our schedules and our giving. Take time to visit an older or struggling member. Send a text, a card, or make a phone call to encourage someone.

As the body of Christ, we worship together, we grow together, and we love together. It is OUR responsibility to build up one another, to raise our children in the Christian faith, and to support the ministries and functions of our local church body.

It takes all of us to be ALL in.

# Lovingkindness

Let praises now awake the dawn,	Your lovingkindness
We'll greet Your mercy with a song;	How great is Your love, O God
Your people stand and sing	How great is Your lovingkindness
For all Your lovingkindness	O God of goodness, our joy forever
You've carried us in faithfulness,	To sing the glad refrain
Upon the paths of righteousness;	Of grace that saved us
Our gracious King, You've crowned us	Of sweet forgiveness;
With Your loving kindness	Oh how great is Your lovingkindness

Chorus:

How great is Your lovingkindness,  
O God of goodness;our joy forever  
To sing the glad refrain of grace that saved us,  
Of sweet forgiveness;  
Oh how great Your lovingkindness

You lift us with a father's hand,  
You shelter us with Your commands;  
What heart could fully comprehend  
Your mercies endless  
You lead us through the shadows deep,  
Where doubts trace ev'ry step it seems;  
But as the darkness breaks, we'll see the morning promise

Chorus

A life laid down to rescue us  
With arms outstretched upon the cross;  
The greatest gift there ever was of lovingkindness. (2X's)