

# 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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**“The LORD detests the way of the wicked,  
but He loves those who pursue righteousness.”  
Proverbs 15:9, NIV**

# Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

## Welcome & Announcements

Ian Hamann

## Ringing of the Bell

## Prelude

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (*arr. Drennan*)

## \*Call to Worship

Ian Hamann

Leader: Let us enter into the House of the Lord to quiet our hearts and minds from the distractions of this life.

People: **We come to worship because for us to live is Christ.**

Leader: As the body of Christ, let us proclaim our faith together.

People: **We live for Christ, we live by Christ, we live with Christ, we live through Christ, and we live in Christ.**

Leader: Let the God of grace be glorified and lifted on high.

People: **In all we say and do, in all we think and speak, in this hour of worship, and in every moment of our lives. Amen.**

## \*Prayer of Invocation

## \*Song of Worship

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

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## Children’s Moment

## Choir Anthem

“In the Shadow of Your Wings” (*Blake*)

## Scripture Reading

Proverbs 15:1-9

Ian Hamann

## Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kyle

## Service of Communion

<b>*Song</b>	“I Am Thine, O Lord” <i>(vs 1-3)</i>	#408
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## Worshipping God with our Offerings

## Prayer of Dedication

Offertory                      “Quiet Reflection” (*Lasky*)

*Response	“Doxology”	#34
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**Scripture Reading**      2 Corinthians 5:11-21      Pastor Kyle

**Sermon**                      “Things to Search For: Righteousness”      Pastor Kyle

**\*Closing Song**      “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”      #405

## **\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**We at St. Peter's are praying for:**

*Gene Sievers, Carter Fortin, Brian Koop, Linda Havelly, Taylor Cleary,  
Joy Currier, Heather Phillips, Mary Ann Price, Keith Myers, Marge Myers,  
Sandy Erickson, Dorothy Kutemeier, Judy Schneider, Delores Schimmin,  
Megan Breckenridge, Neal Currier, Russ Koehn, Pamela Nolan,  
Alexis Verhulst, Katheryn Hickey-Scott, Bucky Burrell, Delores Hartman,  
Ann Wessman, and Patricia Regnier*

## Notes of Interest

\*\*\* Don't forget to spring ahead next Saturday!

\*\*\* Please join us for Soup, Supper, and Scripture on the following  
Wednesday nights during Lent at 6 p.m.: March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Announcements

**Adult Study Hour (Sundays @ 9 am):** Join us during the 9 a.m. Christian Education Hour in the Clyde Lange Fellowship Hall located in the church basement. We are studying the Book of Acts. Did you miss it? It's okay. Jump in any time. Last week's lesson & notes are available on our church webpage under Christian Education.

**Lay Readers:** We are still in need of lay readers for March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup> (Easter), 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are willing to do any of the above dates, please sign up on the lay reader sign up sheet on the back table in the sanctuary.

**The Beecher Food Pantry:** is asking for any non-food items. Donations may be dropped off in the baskets located by the courtyard entrance. Thank you.

**Feed My Starving Children:** Members of Zion Lutheran Church of Grant Park have scheduled a 'servant project' with Feed My Starving Children (Aurora, IL). We wish to invite our closest neighbors to join us for a food packing event! Join us on Monday, April 10, 2023, @ 4:30-6:15 p.m. to go to Aurora, IL, to 'pack meals' for those in need of food. Carpooling will be established among those attending--departure will be 3 p.m. that day from Zion's (GP) parking lot. Children (age 7 and older), youth, and adults are all encouraged to participate. A 3:1 student to adult ratio is recommended. Call Zion GP's church office at 815-465-6011 to place yourself on the volunteer list. Check out <https://www.fmssc.org/about-us/faqs> for more information.

**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. On March 20<sup>th</sup>, they will be serving salads. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna at (815-465-6933). Thank you.

**Fusion Lunch Sign-Up:** There is a sign-up list sheet on the back table in the sanctuary for individuals, families, friends, groups, (however you want to do it), to provide lunch for the Fusion Youth Group each month. You may sign up to cover a month by bringing lunch and serving it, by providing it and letting them serve it, or providing a monetary donation to offset the cost of the lunch. Josh Hamann or Neal Currier will be in touch with you prior to the month that you sign up for to confirm the date (which is normally the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month). On average, there are nearly 25 students and leaders to feed. Fusion truly appreciates your support as this allows them to keep the gatherings free for the students and the overall cost of their monthly gatherings at a lower amount.

## Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Members of several Grant Park churches, in support of the Fusion Youth Group at St. Peter's UCC in Grant Park, are raising funds and hands-on support to provide beds and bedding to children without them so that they don't have to sleep on floors. The missions' project the area churches will be supporting is called "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" ([www.shpbeds.org](http://www.shpbeds.org)). The ministry is a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling, and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. To purchase and assemble 30 beds (at a minimum), an amount of \$7,500 needs to be raised (\$250 per bed). Once the minimal goal is raised, the beds will be ordered and a date/location will be set for assembly by anyone in the area who is willing to help. There are several options to donate to the fund: Direct cash/check donations may be made to the church. Please put in the memo line/or on the envelope that the donation is towards "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" Project. You may give online by going to [www.stpetersgp.org/give](http://www.stpetersgp.org/give) and choose the "Give to: Sleep in Heavenly Peace" category. All donations are tax deductible. Stay tuned to the Grant Park facebook page and St. Peter's website for updates on amounts raised, upcoming assembling date/location, and more. On behalf of the Fusion Youth, we appreciate your support.



**Bunco Night:** We will be having a Bunco night on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. RSVP to the church office by March 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have a card table to loan for the event, please let us know.



**Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser:** Who doesn't enjoy homemade cinnamon rolls? We will be selling them by the half dozen. All proceeds will go to the Fusion youth group. Stay tuned on the church website and in the church bulletin for more details!



Want to help beautify our church sanctuary for Easter? We will be selling Easter Lilly plants for \$20 each. If you would like to purchase one or more, please fill out the following information with your payment. Please place it in the offering plate or turn it into the office. Forms must be turned in by Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

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