



ST. PETER'S United Church of Christ

310 North Meadow Street (Grant Park, IL 60940)

Sunday School--9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.

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March 17th, 2024

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

*Opening Worship

“Victory In Jesus” (*Cottrell*)

Insert/Screen

Welcome & Announcements

Russ Koehn

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

“God So Loved the World” (*Stainer*)

Lighting of the Candles

Issac Hamann

*Call to Worship

Russ Koehn

Leader: Children of God, why are you here?

People: We have come seeking God with our whole heart, with our entire mind, and with a fire burning in our hearts.

Leader: You’re in the right place! This is God’s house.
The door is open to you. Let us worship God together.

People: Let us learn from His Spirit.

*Unison Prayer of Invocation

Holy God, we long to be lifelong learners. We long to approach you with curiosity and an open mind. Instead, we often live as if we know best. We forget that the disciples called You, “Rabbi, Teacher.” Forgive us for the times when we fail to be curious. Forgive us for the times when we assume we know best. Forgive us for the moments when we imagine that our learning is done and that we have all the answers. Like Peter – who was brave enough to ask, “How many times should we forgive?” – make us brave. Spark a desire in us to learn and may our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters. With hope and humility we pray, Amen.

*Hymn	“Lord, Prepare Me”	#482
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Scripture Reading Psalm 119:9-16 Russ Koehn

Children's Sermon

Choir Anthem “What a Savior” (*Fettke*)

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn	“Amazing Grace”	#422
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Scripture Reading Matthew 18:15-22 Pastor Kyle

***Hymn** “I Come to the Cross” #251

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory “If Thou Art Near” (*Bach*)

Doxology #34

Sermon “Wandering Hearts: Teach us, O Lord” Pastor Kyle

***Closing Hymn** “Lead Me to Calvary” #253

***Closing Prayer & Benediction**

***Postlude** “Come Thou Fount”

We at St. Peter's are praying for:

*Carter Fortin, Linda Havelly, Taylor Cleary, Joy Currier, Heather Phillips,
Dorothy Kutemeier, Judy Schneider, Delores Schimmin, Pamela Nolan,
Roger Sturm, Kristopher Meyer, Jeff Jones, Dean Lohrbach, Jackqueline
Dupuis, Don Claussen, Tim Langlois, Walker Hamann, Dawn Schroeder,
the family of Noah Hamann, the family of Craig Schneider, and the family of
Kenneth Buchmeier*

Announcements

Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6th-12th graders): For more details, visit our Facebook page or go to our church website at www.stpetersgp.org, (Under Ministries Section). You can also contact Josh (815) 693-5341 or Neal (815) 549-5911.

Youth Choir: The youth choir will be singing this Sunday.

Beecher Food Pantry: The pantry is only looking for donations of paper products and personal items at this time. Thank you for your continued support.

Church Life Trip to the Shrine: The trip has been canceled.

Easter Lilies



Want to help beautify our church sanctuary for Easter? We will be selling Easter Lily 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 22nd. Thank you.

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Victory in Jesus (Travis Cottrell)

I heard an old, old story
How a Savior came from glory
How He gave His life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me
I heard about His groaning
Of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sins
And won the victory

O victory in Jesus
My Savior, forever
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood
He loved me ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood

I heard about His healing
Of His cleansing pow'r revealing
How He made the lame to walk again
And caused the blind to see
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus
Come and heal my broken spirit"
And somehow Jesus came and
brought to me the victory

O victory in Jesus
My Savior, forever
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood
He loved me ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood

I heard about a mansion
He has built for me in glory
And I heard about the streets of gold
Beyond the crystal sea
About the angels singing
And the old redemption story
And some sweet day I'll sing up there
The song of victory

O victory in Jesus
My Savior, forever
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood
He loved me ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood

Holy Week Schedule:

Sunday, March 24th, marks the beginning of Holy Week. This year each worshiper will receive a cross shaped palm branch. We will celebrate the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem with triumphant music as we prepare for a remembrance of Jesus' final week before His resurrection.

Maundy Thursday is March 28th with a 7 p.m. service. This year's service will be a little different than the past few years as there will be snacks provided to eat during the service (serving as reminders of the Lord's final supper with His disciples). We will additionally share in a service of communion and be reminded of that special evening in the lives of Jesus and His followers.

Good Friday's service is also at 7 p.m. We encourage each of you to participate as we read from the Scriptures, meditate on Jesus' final hours of life, and focus our hearts and minds on the events leading up to resurrection Sunday.

Easter morning will begin with an Easter breakfast (8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.). An Easter egg hunt will take place beginning around 9 a.m. for our young children & youth. Please have your child(ren) bring their own baskets/bags (we will try to have extra available). If the weather permits, we will do it outdoors. Our Easter worship service will be at 10:30 a.m. with the celebration of the Lord's resurrection!

We understand that Easter can be a busy day with families planning lunches and gatherings; however, we strongly encourage you to take the time to start Easter by celebrating the reason for the day. We hope to see each of you during Holy Week.