

# ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.  
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## St. Peter's

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

310 N. Meadow St.  
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

God is still speaking

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

10:30 AM

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

## Welcome and Announcements

Larry Ohm

## Ringing of the Bell

## Prelude

“Spirit of the Living God” (*Iverson*)

## \*Call to Worship

Larry Ohm

Leader: Let us come celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of our Faithful God.

People: **For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Leader: We are assured that God’s love has been lavished upon us forever.

People: **We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of this love.

## \*Unison Prayer of Invocation and Confession

*How incredible is your love, O God! We have been made new in your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace and joy. On this day, we are reminded of our own selfishness and stubbornness when we willfully seek our own ways and desires. We are reminded about how angry we often become when others aren’t held accountable for their actions; yet we’ve done our best to remain faithful. Remind us once again how Your love has forgiven us and how we need to rejoice when others experience that same loving forgiveness. Come, now, and bless us with Your love and grace. Amen.*

## \*Opening Song

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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## Children's Message

### Presentation of our Offerings

Offertory Sentence & Prayer

Offertory "Near the Cross" *arr. DeCou*

Doxology #34

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### Scripture Reading

Psalm 32

Larry Ohm

### Pastoral Prayer

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

### Responsive Song

"Gloria Patri"

#734

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

### Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

### Sermon Hymn

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

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### Message

"Free Steak for Everyone"

Pastor Kyle

### \*Closing Hymn

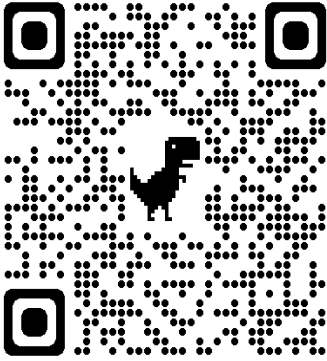
"Softly and Tenderly"

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### \*Benediction

\*Postlude (Depart to Serve) "Allegro Alla Marcia" (*Brahms*)

## Giving of our Offerings and Financial Gifts



Forget your offering? Don't carry cash or checks anymore?

Scan our QRC code to take you directly to our safe/secure online giving link.

God loves a joyful giver!

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

*Gary Ekhoff, Gene Sievers, Carter Fortin, Linda Havelly, Taylor Cleary, Nancy Lewke, Joy Currier, Donna Dorrough, Richie Rodriguez, Heather Phillips, Mary Ann Price, Marge Myers, and the family of Cheyenne Jones*

### Serving You Today:

**Greeters:** Norma Lehnert  
David Lehnert

**Liturgist:** Larry Ohm

**Organist:** Ann Smith

# Announcements

**Rummage Sale** will be upon us soon. Please keep this in mind as you are cleaning out things to get rid of. We will be doing sales on June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> (community sales weekend) and in September (Oktoberfest weekend). Would you rather “purchase” a parking spot and sell your stuff? We will be doing that too. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Timmons at (815) 466-4048 or text (567) 249-5141. Thank you.

**The Rummage Sale Committee** will have a meeting today after church down in the Clyde Lange Fellowship Hall. If you would like to join our committee, please attend the meeting or contact Jackie Timmons. Thank you.

**Worship Opportunities** are available as we are looking for lay readers and ushers. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

**Specially marked envelopes** have been made for Fusion and Fortitude. They are located on the back two tables in the sanctuary. Thank you for your generous support of these two wonderful programs.

**Bunco** will be held Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. Tables of four people will be \$5 a person (\$20 a table). You can bring your own dice or three will be provided for you. Drinks and snacks will also be provided, along with raffle items. Tickets will be 6 for \$5. We will play four rounds with prizes awarded for each round. We are also looking for people to bring their card tables and provide raffle baskets and food (drinks, snacks, and desserts). Please call the church office to reserve a table at (815) 465-6191. All reservations need to be done before April 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**Midweek Lenten Services** (Soup, Scripture, and Song) have begun and will be held each Wednesday from 6- 7:30 pm in the Clyde Lange Fellowship Hall.



Want to help beautify our church sanctuary for Easter? We will be selling Easter Lilly plants for \$20 each. All proceeds will go to support the St. Luke's Food Pantry in Beecher. 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 Thursday, March 31. Thank you.

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**One Great Hour of Sharing** UCC denominational offering will be received today. Envelopes for OGHS are available on the back tables in the sanctuary if you would like to support the offering. The offering provides financial support which enables the UCC's ability to provide disaster support, refugee ministry, and sustainable development initiatives. You may also text OGHS to 41444 to give, or mail a check to United Church of Christ, PO Box 71957, Cleveland, OH 44194. Please make the check payable to OGHS.

**Fusion** will be doing lunch and axe throwing April 3<sup>rd</sup> after church until 4 pm. If you want more information on attending, please contact Josh Hamann at (815) 693-5341 or Neal Currier at (815) 549-5911.

**The Missions Team** would like to help out the Manteno's Veterans Home by donating some items they need/like. If you are able to donate any of these items, it would be much appreciated. They are looking for Vogel Popcorn-All in One (carried in bulk size 8 oz bags- 36 in a case; can be purchased at GFS), Coke, Pepsi, Rootbeer, Orange Pop, coffee (to make in big pots), sturdy paper plates (for cookouts), Hawaiian Punch (gallon size), Country Time Lemonade (large powder can), disposable coffee cups with lids, Honey Bun donuts, Hostess cakes, Little Debbie cakes, Hershey's small size chocolate candy bars, microwave popcorn, chocolate and vanilla pudding snack packs, and individual packages of cookies (Oreo's, Chips Ahoy, Nutter Butter, etc.). Thank you for your support of these donations.

**Just a friendly reminder that deadlines for announcements** for church related functions need to be submitted to the office by Thursday 10 am to be included in the bulletin for that week. Newsletter items need to be submitted prior to the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Lastly, if you'd like something included on the church facebook or webpage, please let the church office or Pastor Kyle know.

# Christian Education Opportunity

## SECRET CHURCH



Want to do something Radical?

Join us on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm to attend Radical Church's simulcast for a 6-hour Radical experience.

More than 50,000 participants around the world will be pouring themselves into this intense study of God's Word and examination of how God created us.

Topics will include gender, sexuality, artificial intelligence, race, justice, genomics, and the Metaverse.

Life seems complicated these days, fragmented even. And everyone has an opinion. But what does the Bible say about all of these issues? About YOU? About ME? About the 7 billion people that fill every street, town, campus, village, apartment, and neighborhood?

Cost is \$35.00 person (includes snacks/drinks throughout the evening, course study guide, and the live simulcast here at St. Peter's). RSVP's must be made by March 31<sup>st</sup> for us to receive this price. Contact the church office if you want to be RADICAL.