

# 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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# Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

## Welcome & Announcements

Rebecca Timmons

## Ringling of the Bell

## Prelude

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee” (*arr. Barker*)

## \*Call to Worship

Rebecca Timmons

Leader: People of God, let us enter into the presence of the Holy.  
To know the warmth of love,

People: **To have the assurance that someone cares,**

Leader: To be confident of our worth,

People: **To be bold to love in return,**

Leader: To be washed over with grace,

People: **To be accepted as we are.**

Leader: This is to know a bit of God.

People: **Let us worship God in this place.**

## \*Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Kyle

## Opening Hymn

“O Worship the King”

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## Children’s Moment

## Pastoral Prayer

## Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:15-21

Rebecca Timmons

## **Worshipping God with our Offerings**

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory      “How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place” (*Lau*)

\*Response      “Doxology”      #34

**Scripture Reading**      Deuteronomy 6:1-9      Pastor Kyle

**Hymn**      “The Bond of Love”      #395

**Sermon**      “Modern Family Values: Valuing Love”      Pastor Kyle

**\*Closing Song**      “Lord, Be Glorified”      #465

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**      “Finale” (*Handel*)

### **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 & Marge Myers, Sandy Erickson, Dorothy Kutemeier, Judy Schneider, Delores Schimmin, Megan Breckenridge, Neal Currier, Pamela Nolan, Katheryn Hickey-Scott, Bucky Burrell, Delores Hartman, Ann Wessman, Craig Schneider, Patricia Regnier, the family of Arlene Armstrong, and the family of Eleanor Tyson*

### **Notes of Interest**

\*\*\* We are in need of lay readers through August. 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 office will be closed this Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Announcements

**Congregational Meeting:** There will be a congregational meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup> following church service.

**Zion UCC (Dyer, IN) Installation Service:** There will be an installation service for Pastor Tom Norwalk on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> @ 3 pm at Zion UCC in Dyer, Indiana. Everyone is invited to attend. If you desire to stay for dinner in the fellowship hall, kindly RSVP to [dyerzionucc@gmail.com](mailto:dyerzionucc@gmail.com) or (219) 365-5288.

**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 at any time. Last week's lesson & notes are available on our church webpage under Christian Education.

**Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders):** On May 7<sup>th</sup>, the youth will be going to Fair Oaks Farm. They will have lunch, depart to go to the farm, and return about 5:30 p.m. 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.

**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. 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.

**The Beecher Food Pantry:** is asking for corn, cereal, dish soap, canned fruit, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hamburger helper, paper towels, toilet paper, canned tomatoes, french style green beans, baking mixes, ketchup, canned tuna, and pancake mix . Donations may be dropped off in the baskets located by the courtyard entrance. Thank you.

**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 April 17<sup>th</sup>, they will be having a potluck. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna at (815)-465-6933. Thank you.

## 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)). We have reached our initial goal of \$7,500, but anything we receive will continue to go towards more beds. You can donate by direct cash/check donations to 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.



We are excited to announce that registration for the 2023 summer camp season at [Pilgrim Park](#) and [Tower Hill](#) is now underway! We hope to share information about the many camp offerings for various age groups, including Spirit Camp, which is geared towards campers in grades 3-10. Our UCC camp provides an opportunity for campers of all ages to encounter God in a truly special way.

Thank you,  
Colleen, Diane and Sara  
*Spirit Camp Directors*

Direct link to sign up for  
camps: <https://outdoorministries.campbrainregistration.com/>



Spring is in the air! Before we know it, the rummage sale will be upon us. Please keep this in mind as you are cleaning things out to get rid of. We will only be doing the ONE sale this year, so take advantage of this time to purge. We are going to have it June 8<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., June 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and June 10<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. As always, we need help setting tables up June 4<sup>th</sup> after church service, sorting and pricing items Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, and volunteers to help work the sale. Donated items can be dropped off June 4<sup>th</sup> (after church) through June 8<sup>th</sup> between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. or by appointment. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office. Thank you!

# Concert Announcement