



# ST. PETER'S United Church of Christ

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

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Sunday Morning Summer Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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# Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

## Welcome & Announcements

Joliene Scott

## Ringling of the Bell

## Prelude

“Faith” (*Mendelssohn*)

## \*Call to Worship

Joliene Scott

Leader: How fortunate we are that God forgives us and loves us.

People: **For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.**

Leader: God makes us new in His Spirit!

People: **Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which He comes to offer us.**

Leader: Come, let us give thanks and offer Him a spirit of worship!

People: **Let us open our hearts and experience the peace of God.**

## \*Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Kyle

## \*Opening Hymn

“When Jesus Called You ‘Father’”

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## Children’s Moment

Pastor Kyle

## Scripture Reading

Joel 2:12-17

Joliene Scott

## Pastoral Prayer

## Hymn

“Faith of Our Fathers”

#530

## **Worshipping God with our Offerings**

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

“Chansonette” (*Nordman*)

\*Response

“Gloria Patri”

#734

## **Scripture Reading**

Nahum 2:1-3

Pastor Kyle

## **Sermon**

“Just Love: Understanding Sin & Judgment”

Pastor Kyle

## **\*Closing Song**

“O God, We Rage at Hurtful Things”

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## **\*Benediction**

## **\*Postlude**

“Postlude in D” (*Rinck*)

## **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, Pamela Nolan, Katheryn Hickey-Scott, Ann Wessman,  
Roger Sturm, Delores Thiessen, Ione Engleking, and Jaycie Couwenhoven*

\*\*\* We are still in need of lay readers for July and August. A sign up list is on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

\*\*\*Thank you so very much to everyone who donated and helped during the rummage sale. We couldn’t have done it without you! With sales this week, we have nearly doubled our money making over \$1,600!

\*\*\*The office will be closed tomorrow.

## Announcements

**Wine & the Word (Wednesdays this Summer):** Everyone is invited to join us Wednesday nights on the side porch of the parsonage as we fellowship with one another, share time in God's Word, and have a time of prayer. KIDS ARE WELCOME to come and play in the side yard (weather permitting). If the weather is bad, we'll meet in the church basement. You may bring an adult beverage (or two) to enjoy; otherwise we will have ice water & lemonade available each week. We will also have some wine to share for those who would like a glass. Feel free to bring a snack to share if you want (not necessary). Please bring a chair (in case we run out). We will gather at 6:30 p.m., begin our time of devotion at 7 p.m., and be done around 7:30 p.m. (you may stay longer if you desire). Our first gathering will be June 7<sup>th</sup>, and we will meet every Wednesday through August 23<sup>rd</sup> (except July 19<sup>th</sup>). As always, invite a neighbor or friend as this will be a casual time of gathering and a great time to meet and learn more about one another.

**Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders):** In July, Fusion will be doing a car wash at the Fire Dept. 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:** 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. Tomorrow, pizza, cheese, and crackers will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna at (815)-465-6933. Thank you.

**Noisy Offering:** A big glass jar is located by the altar to donate your loose change (it makes “noise” as you drop it in) or bills. This money will go toward the Teacher Book and Supply Drive. Thank you for your generosity!

**Culver’s Donate While You Dine Night:** From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, Culver’s will take 10% of all sales during that time to donate to our Teacher Book and Supply Drive. We are in need of volunteers to accomidate the extra traffic flow. If you are interested in helping that night, please contact Jackie Timmons at 815-465-6191 or text 567-249-5141. Thank you.

**Texas Roadhouse Dine In To Donate:** Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of all sales on July 3<sup>rd</sup> to our Teacher Book and Supply Drive. You **MUST** take a flier in or show a picture of a flier on your phone for us to get credit. Thank you for your support!

**Teacher/Homeschool Sale:** On July 20<sup>th</sup>, (5 p.m. to 8 p.m.), July 21<sup>st</sup>, (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.), and July 22<sup>nd</sup>, (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.), we will be holding a teacher/homeschool curriculum and supplies sale. If you know a teacher or homeschool family that would like to sell their items/trade them with someone else, please pass on the information. Tables are \$10 each and proceeds will support the Teacher Book and Supply Drive. Please contact Jackie Timmons for any more information.

# **When Jesus Called You "Father"**

## **AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D ("The Church's One Foundation")**

When Jesus called You "Father" in teaching folks to pray,  
And when He said we're children who need to trust Your way,  
O God, He knew Your closeness, Your guidance from above.  
Perhaps in Joseph's caring, He'd learned to trust Your love.

Some cannot call You Father; they will not use that name.  
The fathers they have known here have caused them fear and pain;  
And though You're like a father, You're like a mother, too.  
No single name can ever tell all we know of You.

Yet Jesus in His teaching described a father's joy  
When, at his son's returning, he ran to greet the boy.  
O God, when we have hurt You and struggled on our own,  
Just like that loving parent, You run to bring us home.

O God, You seek to save us, no matter what the cost;  
Our Father, Your intention is no one will be lost.  
As Jesus called You "Abba," and trusted in Your plans,  
We trust in You to guide us! Our lives are in Your hands.

You hold Your children's future when all will be made new.  
Your house has many dwellings so we may live with You.  
Just like a loving father, You answer when we pray.  
In thanks, may we your children now follow You each day.

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# **O God, We Rage at Hurtful Things**

## **ST. ANNE 8.6.8.6 ("Our God, Our Help in Ages Past")**

O God, we rage at hurtful things  
Beyond our own control,  
Like all the pain that illness brings  
To body, mind, and soul.

There's much we cannot understand;  
O Lord, we ask You, "Why?"  
And yet in Christ You know firsthand  
The tears your people cry.

O Christ, Your loving, saving touch  
Heals children, women, men.  
We pray for ones we love so much;  
Lord, make them whole again.

Now work through those Your Spirit sends  
To heal, restore, and care.  
May doctors, nurses, neighbors, friends  
Be answers to our prayer.

And when the journey seems too rough  
And You seem far away,  
Remind us, Lord: You are enough  
To bring us through each day.

Tune: Attributed to William Croft, 1708 ("Our God, Our Help in Ages  
Past") [\(MIDI\)](#)

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Fusion is having a car wash Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Fire Department. Come on out and get a great car wash and support our kids. Hope to see you there!



**Teacher Book and Supply Drive:** Last year, we had a great Supply Drive for the kids at Grant Park Schools. They still have leftovers! This year, we are going to do a Teacher Book and Supply Drive. It will run similarly to the school supply drive, but with a few changes. We are hoping to help about 75 local teachers to get books and some other supplies for their classrooms that they would normally pay out of pocket for. Teachers have a “wish list” that will be posted, or you can donate directly and we can buy the items for you. We have also put a jar up front in the sanctuary for you to drop your change (noisy offering) which will also go to this drive. Want to help another way? We have a Culver’s and Texas Roadhouse dine in to donate night set up. Culver’s will be on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.. Texas Roadhouse will be on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. (You MUST take a flier with you or show the flier from your phone for us to get credit for this one). If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Timmons at 815-466-4048 or text 567-249-5141. Thank you!