



ST. PETER'S United Church of Christ

310 North Meadow Street (Grant Park, IL 60940)

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

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Sunday, July 23rd, 2023

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

Welcome & Announcements

Rhiannon Currier

Ring of the Bell

Prelude

“Declaration” (Grodén)

*Call to Worship

Rhiannon Currier

Leader: Come, those who are tired of carrying the heavy burdens of life.

People: **Jesus said, “Come to Me, and I will give you rest!”**

Leader: Take His yoke, put it on your shoulders, and learn from Him.

People: **Jesus said, “I am gentle and humble. My yoke is easy to bear and this burden is light.”**

Leader: Come, Christians, to worship Your Creator.

People: **To rest from the things that are troubling, to learn what Christ can teach of life, to realize what we can offer to others, and to return into the world to serve others.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Unison Prayer of Invocation and Confession

God of forgiveness, we confess that we often find ourselves burdened by the problems in life, and as we try to “fix” things on our own, we bury ourselves deeper in the turmoil of our problems. Forgive us when we try to handle life’s situations and don’t rely on Your strength. Enter now, Holy Spirit, into this time of worship and fill us with an overwhelming sense of Your power, strength, and love to change us, to mold us, and to make us more like You. Amen.

*Opening Worship

“He Lives”

#302

“How He Loves”

Bulletin/Screen

Scripture Reading

John 3:22-30

Rhiannon Currier

Children's Moment

Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Song of Worship

“In the Garden” (vs. 2)

#300

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory “Meditation on ‘Strength and Stay’” (Smith)

*Response “Gloria Patri” #734

Scripture Reading

Genesis 4:1-16

Pastor Kyle

***Hymn**

“Hallelujah! What a Savior” (vs. 1, 3, 5)

#301

Sermon

“Getting Rid of Jealousy & Comparison” Pastor Kyle

***Closing Song**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

#501

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“March in G” (Dixon)

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, Larry Ohm,
Jaycie Couwenhoven, and the family of Jackie Davis*



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 doing 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 30 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” **on the back table in the sanctuary**, or you can donate directly and we can buy the items for you. We have also put a jar in the back of the sanctuary for you to drop your change (noisy offering) which will also go to this drive. Thank you to all who have supported the Dine in to Donate events. It has brought in quite a bit of money. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Timmons at 815-466-4048 or text 567-249-5141. Thank you!

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 gather at 6:30 p.m., begin our time of devotion at 7 p.m., and are done around 7:30 p.m. (you may stay longer if you desire). We currently meet every Wednesday through August 23rd. 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 6th-12th graders): On August 13th, the youth will be going to the Kankakee Water Park. 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.

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.

Noisy Offering: A big glass jar is located in the back of the sanctuary 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.

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. There will be no meeting in August. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna at (815)-465-6933. Thank you.

Texas Roadhouse Dine In To Donate: Thank you to all who came out to support our fundraiser! We received a check for \$125!

Panera Bread Fundraising Night: Thank you so much for all you attended this fundraiser. We are still waiting to hear back what was earned.

Vendor Sale: We will be having a vendor sale during the Grant Park festival this year. We are looking for home based vendors (Tupperware, Scentsy, etc.) and crafters who are interested in selling their items on Friday, September 8th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, September 9th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$10 per table and set up will be Thursday, September 7th. If you are a home based vendor or know of someone who is in the church, please contact Jackie Timmons asap as only one vendor per each business will be allowed to sell. Please contact the church office at 815-465-6191 if interested.

Holy Land 2025 Trip: Pastor Kyle is eager to lead another trip to the Holy Land. Are you interested? Have you ever considered the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus? Not sure, but want to learn more? Join us for an informative meeting and discussion about a trip in 2025. The meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8th @ 7 pm in the church conference room. Interested, but unable to attend the meeting? Let Pastor Kyle know and he'll provide information as plans begin to unfold.



Sunday, August 20th - 2 to 5 PM

Everyone is welcome to join us for a family fun event on Sunday, August 20th, at St. Peter's UCC (310 N. Meadow Street) in Grant Park, IL.

There will be a dunk tank to raise money for local missions' projects (on a donation basis), a large sand pit area for children to play in, an inflatable Lumberjack Axe Throwing Game, a Water Inflatable castle/slide, an inflatable volleyball/jousting ring, a dry inflatable for kids to play in, a bags (aka corn hole) area, an outdoor volleyball area, and more.

The inflatables are FREE for everyone.

Hungry? Pick up a pulled pork sandwich or meal (with chips, a dessert, and a beverage). Cost to be determined prior to the event for food purchase.

How He Loves

He is jealous for me
Love's like a hurricane, and I am a tree
Bending beneath the weight of His wind and mercy.
When all of a sudden,
I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory
And I realize just how beautiful You are
And how great Your affections are for me.

Oh
How He loves us so
Oh how He loves us
How He loves us so

We are His portion and He is our prize
Drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes
If grace is an ocean, we're all sinking
So heaven meets earth like an unforeseen kiss
And my heart turns violently inside of my chest
I don't have time to maintain these regrets
When I think about the way

He love us
Oh how He loves us
Oh how He loves us
Oh how He loves
Yeah He loves us

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