

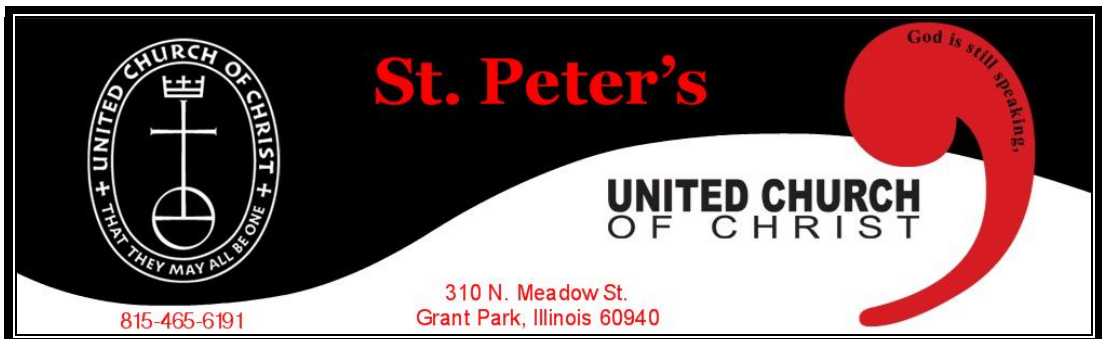
# ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.  
Church Office – (815) 465-6191  
*Website:* [www.stpetersgp.org](http://www.stpetersgp.org)  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP - April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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

## Pre-Service Music

## Ringing of the Bell

Prelude      “You’ll Never Walk Alone” (*Rodgers*)      Judy Schneider

## Welcome & Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

People: **I will be glad and exult in You; I will sing praise  
to Your name, O Most High.**

Leader: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold  
in times of trouble.

People: **And those who know Your name put their trust in You,  
for You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.**

### \*Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Kyle

### \*Opening Songs of Worship

“Great is the Lord”	#50
“Let There Be Praise”	#54
“Good God Almighty”	Screen

## Recognition of Service of Marcia Langlois

Words of Recognition

Presentation of Gift

Special Music Dedicated to Marcia

## A Time with Children

### Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

#### Scripture Reading

Leviticus 25:35-43

#### \*Worship in Song

“We Have Heard the Joyful Sound”

#554

#### Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-45

Pastor Kyle

#### Sermon

“In Who Do You See Jesus?”

Pastor Kyle

#### \*Closing Hymn

“The World is Full of Stories”

#558

#### \*Spoken Benediction

#### \*Benediction in Song

“Christ for the World! We Sing” (*v. 1*)

#561

#### Postlude

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” (*Johnson*)

Judy Schneider

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**\*\*Please join us next Sunday as we recognize and honor our seven confirmation students! Please be in prayer for these young people as they confirm their faith in Christ Jesus:**

**Max Currier, Ryder Greenholt, Lexi Hamann, Mitchell Hiland,  
Kennedy Marcotte, Kaylee VanSwol, & Emily Voigt**

## **Giving of your tithes/offerings:**

Please give of your tithes/offerings by placing your financial gifts in the offering plates in the back of the sanctuary. If you prefer to mail your offerings, please send to St. Peter's UCC, PO Box 220, Grant Park, IL 60940 or drop off your financial gifts to the church during office hours.

Additionally, you may sign up to give automatically from your checking or savings account via an EFT automatic withdrawal – if you'd like a form to fill out, please contact the church office and we'll help you set one up.

Lastly, visit our church webpage for giving and make a secure donation at [www.stpetersgp.org/give/](http://www.stpetersgp.org/give/) . You can give just one time or set it up for reoccurring gifts as well.



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

Gary Ekhoﬀ

Louise Sievers

Austin Delaney

Ken & Sandy Erickson

Minnie Pﬂingsten

James & Delores Caton

Gene Sievers

Nancy Lewke

Mason Beseke

Mildred Katz

Melissa Mort

The Family of Marie Lorenz

Carter Fortin

Linda Havelly

Rev. Frank Hoss

Pauline Mitchell

Taylor Cleary

Dennis Balgemann

## **Leviticus 25:35-43**

<sup>35</sup> “If any of your fellow Israelites become poor and are unable to support themselves among you, help them as you would a foreigner and stranger, so they can continue to live among you. <sup>36</sup> Do not take interest or any profit from them, but fear your God, so that they may continue to live among you. <sup>37</sup> You must not lend them money at interest or sell them food at a profit. <sup>38</sup> I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt to give you the land of Canaan and to be your God.”

<sup>39</sup> “If any of your fellow Israelites become poor and sell themselves to you, do not make them work as slaves. <sup>40</sup> They are to be treated as hired workers or temporary residents among you; they are to work for you until the Year of Jubilee. <sup>41</sup> Then, they and their children are to be released, and they will go back to their own clans and to the property of their ancestors. <sup>42</sup> Because the Israelites are my servants, whom I brought out of Egypt, they must not be sold as slaves. <sup>43</sup> Do not rule over them ruthlessly, but fear your God.”

## **Matthew 25:31-45**

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on His right and the goats on His left.

<sup>34</sup> “Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

<sup>37</sup> “Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we

see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

<sup>40</sup> “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

<sup>41</sup> “Then He will say to those on His left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

<sup>44</sup> “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

<sup>45</sup> “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’



We are looking for a new office manager to fill our vacancy here at St. Peter’s UCC. If you are interested, please submit your resume in a sealed envelope to the church by April 25<sup>th</sup>. You may drop your resumes off at the church office or mail them to us at PO Box 220, Grant Park, IL 60940.

The position is currently 16 hours per week.

## Upcoming Events!!!



### Rummage Sale

Spring is in the air and you what that means: spring cleaning! What better way to get rid of your gently used items you no longer need than to donate them to the church rummage sale.

We will be having the sale Friday, May 14, from 9am to 5pm, and Saturday, May 15, from 9am to noon.

Drop off for rummage sale items will be May 10-13 from 9am to 1pm or by appointment.

We will need help setting up tables on Sunday, May 9, and volunteers that week to sort, price, and set up items on the tables. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please contact Jackie Timmons at (815) 466-4048. Thank you!



**St. Peter's (Pastor Kyle)  
vs.  
Zion Lutheran (Pastor Cory)**

It's all in good fun and for a good cause!

Pastors Cory and Kyle are challenging their congregations to raise financial support for Fortitude.

The two pastors slept out on the street on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> to raise awareness about local homelessness and poverty.

Your donations (make checks/cash payable to your church and label – Fortitude Challenge) help provide funds for the emergency shelter and future purchase of a permanent site, provide financial assistance for guests obtaining permanent housing, and more.

The church that raises the least will travel to the other church this summer and serve that church ice cream!

Please have your donations made by the end of April!

**What's Your Mission: Check out the updated webpage to see ways you can be involved.**

**<https://stpetersgp.org/2816-2/>**