



ST. PETER'S United Church of Christ

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Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday, July 13th, 2025

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

Welcome & Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“Victory In Jesus”

Bartlett

***Call to Worship**

Kevin Mussman

Leader: Let us gather, children of God, in this place of worship to be shaped by His Word and to live faithfully to His commands.

People: **We commit ourselves to the Church, Christ’s body – to serve one another, to bear each other’s burdens, and to build each other up in love.**

Leader: Engrain in your minds to always love the Lord Your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.

People: **We hunger for the righteousness of God.**

All: **With joy and devotion we lift up our voices in praise – as one body of believers.**

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Opening Hymn**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

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Scripture

Psalm 119:1-11

Kevin Mussman

Children’s Message

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Song**

“To God Be the Glory”

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Worshipping God with our Offerings

Offertory Sentence & Prayer

Offertory “The Longer I Serve Him/My Faith Still Holds”

Gloria and William Gaither

*Doxology

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Adult Choir Anthem

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

John Dykes

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-2, 10, Matthew 22:37

Sermon

“A 3-D Message”

Liturgy of Farewell

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***Closing Song**

“God Be With You Til We Meet Again”

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***Benediction**

***Postlude**

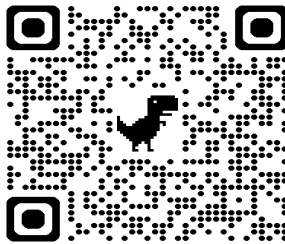
“We Are So Blessed”

Gloria and William Gaither

We at St. Peter's are praying for:

Dorothy Kutemeier, Ken & Sandy Erickson, Judy Schneider, Ed & Anita Bush, Dornita Hamann, Betty Jones, Brad Fisher, Jillien Pettit (Heidi Frahm's daughter), Tim Langlois (Marcia's son), Kristopher Meyer (Krystal Frahm's brother), Jeff Jones (Betty's son), Russ Koehn, Del & Ione Engleking, Shirley Riley, and Tim Miller (Norma Lehnert's brother)

LOOKING FOR TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Scan the barcode with your phone to access today's Scripture readings



CHURCH OFFICE: Michelle Claussen has begun working in the church office. As of now, the office will be open on Monday and Friday, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. PLEASE call before showing up as the days can change.

LOST AND FOUND: Looking for a lost item? We have clothing, card tables, chargers, dishes, etc on a table in the former lounge/library. Come take your stuff...3 weeks from today, all items will vanish!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S:
Office Open – Monday and Friday

LITURGY OF FAREWELL

LARRY HAMANN, *our Council President*: Our church community is constantly changing. People come and go. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives. Individuals move into our community and church life. Others leave us, growing toward new places, new experiences, new opportunities. It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings. Today we share a farewell with our pastor, Kyle, and his family, Jackie, Nick, Rebecca, and Anna.

PASTOR KYLE: I give thanks to God for the ways you have welcomed my family and I, supported us and journeyed with us as disciples of Christ. We pray for God's blessing upon you.

ENDING OF AUTHORIZED MINISTRY

AUDREY LEHNERT, *representing the Easter Association Committee of Ministry*: On December 2, 2018 our congregation called the Reverend Kyle Timmons to serve as Pastor and Teacher for St. Peter's United Church of Christ.

PASTOR KYLE: I thank St. Peter's United Church of Christ; its members and friends, for the love, kindness and support shown to me these last 6 ½ years. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been encouraged and accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

CONGREGATION: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that your time with us is ending. We express our gratitude for your ministry among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

PASTOR KYLE: I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

VOWS OF RELEASE

AUDREY: Do, you, the members and friends of St. Peter's United Church of Christ; release the Reverend Kyle Timmons from the duties of Pastor/Teacher?

CONGREGATION: We do, with the help of God.

AUDREY: Do you offer your encouragement as his life and ministry unfold in new ways?

CONGREGATION: We do, with the help of God.

AUDREY: Do you, Pastor Kyle, release St. Peter's United Church of Christ from turning to you and depending on you?

PASTOR KYLE: I do, with the help of God.

AUDREY: Do you offer your encouragement for the continuing ministry here and on the relationship with another who will come to serve?

PASTOR KYLE: I do, with help of God.

AUDREY: On behalf of the Committee of Ministry, Eastern Association of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ, I witness to the words spoken: words of thankfulness, forgiveness and release. The member churches of our association and conference hold each of you in prayer. We pledge our support in the transitions signified in this service.

PRAYER

LARRY: Let us pray together.

ALL: O God, we give thanks for remembered times, when we, together, have shared this life of faith. We thank you for the moments we have shared with Pastor Kyle in worship, in prayer, and in presence. We pray that Pastor Kyle will always be aware of your Spirit's guidance in his life and ministry. Help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but move in new directions until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.