



ST. PETER'S United Church of Christ

310 North Meadow Street (Grant Park, IL 60940)

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday, July 27th, 2025

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

Welcome & Announcements

Kelly Schneider

Ring of the Bell

Prelude

"Glory and Grace"

Schram

*Call to Worship

Kelly Schneider

Leader: God is eager to restore us to right relationships.
The Creator is waiting to claim us now as God's own.

People: **We have come to meet the God who welcomes us.**
We have gathered to experience God's steadfast love.

Leader: Listen, for God will speak to those who want to hear,
Turn your hearts toward the one who saves us.

People: **We bow down to receive God's mercy.**
We open ourselves to the source of peace.

Leader: God will answer us and will give what is good.
God restores us to faithfulness and righteousness.

People: **We come asking, searching, and knocking.**
We seek the good gifts only God can provide.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Opening Hymn

"Take My Life"

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Scripture

Ephesians 2:8-9

Kelly Schneider

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer

Joys & Concerns

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.

***Hymn**

"Lord, Be Glorified"

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Worshipping God with our Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *"Cantilena"*

*Doxology

Roff

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Commission of Litany

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Scripture Reading

2 Chronicles 7:14

Sermon

"Are You Making the Cut?"

***Closing Hymn**

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

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***Benediction**

***Postlude**

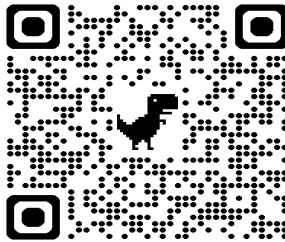
"March in G"

Dixon

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 & lone Engleking, Tim Miller (Norma Lehnert's brother), and the family of Shirley Riley.

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



CHURCH OFFICE: PLEASE call before showing up as the days the office is open 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...1 week from today, all items will vanish!

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are from the funeral of Shirley Riley this past Thursday. We pray for comfort for Shirley's family during this difficult time.

GP DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS...: "How to Succeed in GP Drama Club Without Really Trying 3.0 The Return of Butch: Night at the Museum 2025" on Saturday, August 2 and Sunday, August 3 at 7:00pm in the Hamann Center.

LITURGIST SIGN-UP: A sign-up sheet is located on the counter in the east entryway.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S:

Office Open – Monday(8:00am-12:00pm) and Friday(9:00am-1:00pm)

LITANY FOR COMMISSIONING OUR PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

INVITATION: Search Committee please come forward when called.

THE WORD

1 Corinthians 12:4-12 ⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. ⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, ^[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ^[b] ¹¹All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

CONGREGATION, PLEASE JOIN RESPONSIVELY

LEADER: There are different gifts

CONGREGATION: But it is the same spirit who gives them.

LEADER: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit.

CONGREGATION: To be used for the common good.

ADDRESS TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Siblings in Christ, you have committed yourselves to a significant leadership task on behalf of the entire congregation. In recognition of the importance of your work, we pause to express our gratitude and to remind ourselves that you do not undertake this task alone; you will be guided by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, the prayerful support of the members of this church, and through the assistance of the Eastern Association, Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ.

COVENANT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: We, who are serving on the Pastoral Search Committee for St. Peter's United Church of Christ, promise to perform faithfully the vital task of searching for a new pastor. We pledge, with God's guidance and your prayers, to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in all we do, say, and decide. We will endeavor:

- To establish a harmonious working relationship within our committee;
- To maintain consistent attendance at our Search Committee meetings;
- To be open and patient listeners to each other and to the congregation;
- To listen carefully to your hopes and dreams as we consult with you, the members, in the development of a description of our church community; and the style of pastoral leadership we seek;
- To maintain strict confidentiality in all we read, say, and hear – protecting both the privacy of each other and of potential candidates;
- To review all profiles with open minds and hearts, treating all candidates fairly and justly;
- To seek decisions not made by majority rule, but by coming together of minds, hearts, and souls in a consensus that will build a firm foundation for the effective future mission and ministry of this church.

CONGREGATION:

We pledge, as a gathered community of faith, to be patient with you and to respect your need to be confidential in your task. We recognize that the work of our Search Committee is a difficult assignment and will take much effort. We pray for you and offer our support and words of encouragement throughout this time. These things we promise in the hope and belief that you will be faithful to the guidance of the spirit as you see a new minister to minister with us.

CLOSING PRAYER