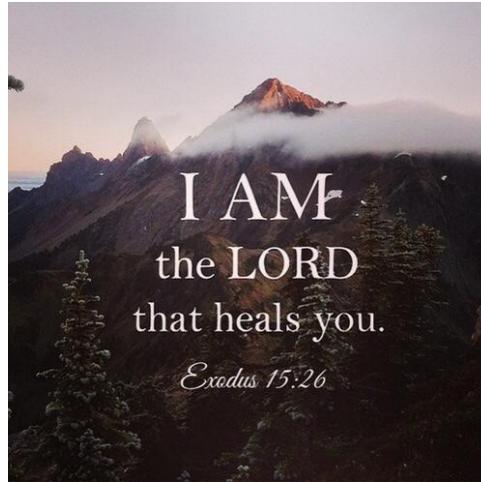


# ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*ORDER OF WORSHIP - June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021*



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Summer Worship – 9:00 am  
Church Office – (815) 465-6191  
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God is still speaking.

310 N. Meadow St.  
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

815-465-6191

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

## Ringing of the Bell

Prelude                    “What A Wonderful World” (*Weiss*)            Judy Schneider

## Welcome & Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

Pastor:    We enter into this house of worship in reverence and awe to praise the Lord our God – for He is great.

People:    **We come to join with all creation in singing songs to Him.**

Pastor:    As we gather to worship and praise, we are reminded that God is worthy of all our praise!

People:    **That is why we come, to share together in the news of all of His saving deeds.**

Pastor:    Let us bring our songs and prayers as we give our hearts and souls to faithful worship.

People:    **We come to bring Him our worship and praise, to lift up the name of our God – whose holy splendor, honor, and majesty shines forth from His presence.**

### \*Prayer of Invocation

<u>*Opening Worship</u>	“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” (x2)	#651
	“This is the Day”	#652
	“I Will Call Upon the Lord”	#653

## Children’s Sermon

## Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 96

**\*Hymn**

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

#442

**Scripture Reading**

Exodus 15:22-27

**Sermon**

From Bitterness to Betterness

Pastor Kyle

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Rise Up, O Saints of God”

#590

**\*Spoken Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

“Bless His Holy Name” (*Crouch*) Judy Schneider

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**We at St. Peter’s are praying for:**

Gary Ekhoﬀ  
Louise Sievers  
Austin Delaney  
Mildred Katz  
Minnie Pﬂingsten  
Gilbert Stadt

Gene Sievers  
Nancy Lewke  
Mason Beseke  
Pauline Mitchell  
Melissa Mort  
Dennis Balgemann

Carter Fortin  
Linda Havelly  
Rev. Frank Hoss  
Joy Currier  
Taylor Cleary  
Austin Langlois

## *Contact Information Update*

If you have not contacted the church office to update your contact information, please do so. This would be a tremendous help as we would like to have as up-to-date information as possible for church newsletters and special letters sent out to the congregation throughout the year. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you soon.



## Graduation Invite

The Timmons' family would like to invite all of you to celebrate Nick's graduation with a party on June 27 from 2pm to 5pm. It will be held outside in the church courtyard (weather permitting). We hope you all can stop by and have a piece of cake with us!

## Exodus 15:22-27

<sup>22</sup> Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days, they traveled in the desert without finding water. <sup>23</sup> When they came to Marah, they could not drink its' water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.<sup>[a]</sup>) <sup>24</sup> So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?"

<sup>25</sup> Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink.

There, the LORD issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test. <sup>26</sup> He said, "If you listen carefully to the LORD your God and do what is right in His eyes, if you pay attention to His commands and keep all His decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you."

<sup>27</sup> Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

## Psalm 96

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, praise His name;  
proclaim His salvation day after day.
- <sup>3</sup> Declare His glory among the nations,  
His marvelous deeds among all peoples.
- <sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;  
He is to be feared above all gods.
- <sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the nations are idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup> Splendor and majesty are before Him;  
strength and glory are in His sanctuary.
- <sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- <sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;  
bring an offering and come into His courts.
- <sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the splendor of His<sup>[a]</sup> holiness;  
tremble before Him, all the earth.
- <sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns.”  
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;  
He will judge the peoples with equity.
- <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
- <sup>12</sup> Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;  
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.
- <sup>13</sup> Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for He comes,  
He comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples in His faithfulness.



## **Vacation Bible School – “Be Courageous” (July 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>)**

We’re trying something different for Vacation Bible School this year!

VBS will be on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, from 4pm to 7 pm.

Children of all ages are invited to join us for a Bible lesson, crafts, games, music, and more from 4 pm – 6 pm.

At 6 pm, there will be a short VBS program and cookout for the kids and their families.

Each child and their families are invited to join us on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am for our worship service where they will receive a special VBS gift and will provide a special song during our service.



**YOU earned it! All of YOU!**

In celebration of St. Peter's UCC & Zion Lutheran raising over \$10,000 in support of the Fortitude Homeless Shelter, we are offering FREE Ice Cream.

**Location:** Grant Park Community Center

**When:** Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Dawn Broers, founder and executive director of Fortitude, will be present to answer any questions about the Homeless Center and to provide more information.

Donations towards the Homeless Shelter will be accepted during that evening.