



ST. PETER'S United Church of Christ

310 North Meadow Street (Grant Park, IL 60940)

Sunday School--9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday, May 11th, 2025

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

Welcome & Announcements

Audrey Lehnert

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

“How Great Thou Art” (*arr. Kim*)

Lighting of the Candles

Piper Pickens

***Call to Worship**

Audrey Lehnert

Leader: Enter into the presence of the Almighty God, Who knit us together in our mothers’ wombs, Who breathed spirit into us and Who has provided generations of love.

People: We come to honor mothers and all who mother us with gentleness, courage, and compassion.

Leader: God, like a mother eagle, shelters us under her wings.

People: We join together to offer God our praise and thanksgiving for His nurturing spirit, in all Who gives life and love.

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Opening Hymn**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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Scripture Reading

Titus 2:3-5

Audrey Lehnert

Children’s Message

Adult Choir Anthem

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” (*Hine*)

Pastoral Prayer & Responsive Mother's Day Prayer

Leader: God of all generations, today we offer our thanks for mothers – for birth mothers, adoptive mothers, grandmothers, mentors, and all women who have shaped us with wisdom and love.

People: **Bless them with strength, joy, and peace.**

Leader: We remember, too, those who grieve: those who have lost mothers, those who long to be mothers, and those whose relationships are complicated.

People: **God of healing, hold them close. Be their comfort and guide.**

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.

***Hymn**

“Faith of Our Mothers”

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Worshipping God with our Offerings

Offertory Sentence & Prayer

Offertory “Abiding Love” (*Wells*)

*Doxology

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Sermon

“Spiritual Motherhood: Not Just for Moms”

***Closing Song**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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***Benediction & Choral Benediction**

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” (*Lutkin*)

***Postlude**

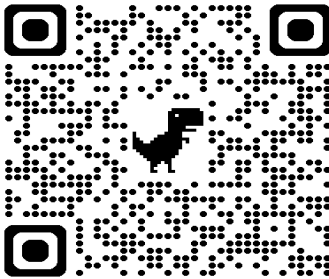
“Recessional” (*Wagner*)

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), Colette Lawrence (Steve's mother), Tim Langlois (Marcia's son), Kristopher Meyer (Krystal Frahm's brother), Jeff Jones (Betty's son), and Tim Miller (Norma Lehnert's brother)

Looking for Today's Scripture!

**Scan the barcode with your phone to access today's
Scripture readings and announcements!**



Don't have a phone? Still want a hard copy of the announcements?
That's okay! ½ sheet inserts are available on the back table in the sanctuary
with announcements if needed. Feel free to pick one up!

Faith of Our Mothers

1 Faith of our mothers, living still
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;
In nursery lore and fireside love,
Thy presence still pervades the air.
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to Thee till death.

2 Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may Thy consecration prove
Source of a finer, nobler race;
Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
We will be true to Thee till death.

3 Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
For youthful longing, youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way,
Thy providential care without.
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
We will be true to Thee till death.

4 Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
In truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
Still serve the home and save the Church,
And breathe Thy spirit through our deeds;
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
We will be true to Thee till death.

Help Needed: St. Peter's needs a few people to help in a variety of ways. If you are interested in helping in any of the areas, please contact the church office. Each area of service does not take a lot of time, or training, but are vital in keeping the ministries of our church going.

Audio/Sound System: We need an individual, or two, to learn the basics of turning on and adjusting the sound for our microphones.

Facebook Live Streaming: An individual, or two, that can log in to our St. Peter's facebook page 5 to 10 minutes before each service and press live stream. If willing, to move the camera/stand to record each person/choir/etc. participating in the service. Finally, someone to press "finalize" on the ipad at the conclusion of the service.

Website Updates: At a minimum, we are looking for someone who could log in each week and update weekly announcements and the calendar. For the individual who may be more savvy, or willing to learn, there are other neat features that would enhance our website if interested.

Graduation Sunday: Graduation Sunday will be next Sunday, May 18th. If you have or know a preschool, kindergarten, 8th grade, high school, or college graduate, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Zion UCC in Dyer: Zion UCC is having their annual Tea Party on May 17th from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Kids of all ages are welcome to come to this free event. They will have a Story Teller here also. For more information, please contact the church.

Fusion: We are inviting everyone from St. Peter's UCC (and their friends) to join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship & food! Need a ride - let us know! There will be plenty of activities, opportunities to explore the Kankakee State Park and river and plenty of conversation.

*If you are under 18 and want to attend (without a parent/guardian) please let us know so that we have a permission slip on file for you.

Please plan on attending as this is always a wonderful event.

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 Stu Fisher.