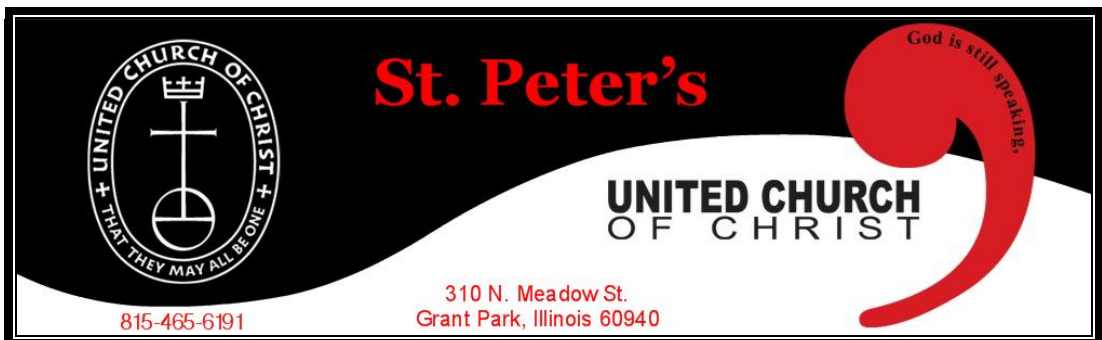


ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

ORDER OF WORSHIP - May 30th, 2021



Summer Worship – 9:00 am
Church Office – (815) 465-6191
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*** - In the way you are able, whether in body or in spirit, please rise.**

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

“In Sacred Memory” (*Moore*)

Shari Ohm

Welcome & Announcements

Ron Hamann

***Call to Worship**

Ron Hamann

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties and for all the wonder of our country’s story.

People: **We give thanks to You, O God!**

Leader: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times who have labored for our country.

People: **We give thanks to You, O God!**

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the world’s common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their brothers and sisters.

People: **We give thanks to You, O God!**

Leader: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave their lives in that service.

People: **We give thanks to You, O God!**

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

***Opening Hymn** “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” #728

Hymn “America, the Beautiful” #727

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

***Patriotic Hymn** “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” #730

Scripture Reading John 15:1-17 Bev Junker

Sermon Sacrifice & Love Pastor Neal

***Closing Hymn** “Let There Be Peace on Earth” #614

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude** “Hymn of Faith” (*Baylor*) Shari Ohm

We at St. Peter’s are praying for:

Gary Ekhoﬀ
Louise Sievers
Austin Delaney
Mildred Katz
Minnie Pﬂingsten

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

Carter Fortin
Linda Havely
Rev. Frank Hoss
Joy Currier
Taylor Cleary

John 15:1-17

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes^[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in Me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me.

⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in Me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹ "As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. ¹⁰ If you keep My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commands and remain in His love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in My name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.



Outside Garage Sale

Want another opportunity to purge? Well, here's your chance! On June 10th, 11th, and 12th, the church will be selling places in the church yard for \$10 each person. You can come, set up your stuff, and sell from 9am to 5pm those days. You keep your profit and bring your own tables. The \$10 donations will go to the rummage sale profit to be spent at a later date. All payments must be made in the form of a check made out to St. Peter's UCC. If you have any questions and/or are interested in participating, please contact Jackie at 815-466-4048.

Contact Information Update

If you have not contacted the church office to update your contact information, please do so. 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 yard/parking lot (weather permitting). We hope you all can stop by and have a piece of cake with us!



Vacation Bible School – “Love Thy Neighbor” (July 17th & 18th)

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

VBS will be on Saturday, July 17th, from 4pm to 7 pm in the church lawn (weather permitting).

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 cookout for the kids and their families.

Each child and their families are invited to join us on Sunday, July 18th, 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 23rd

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.