

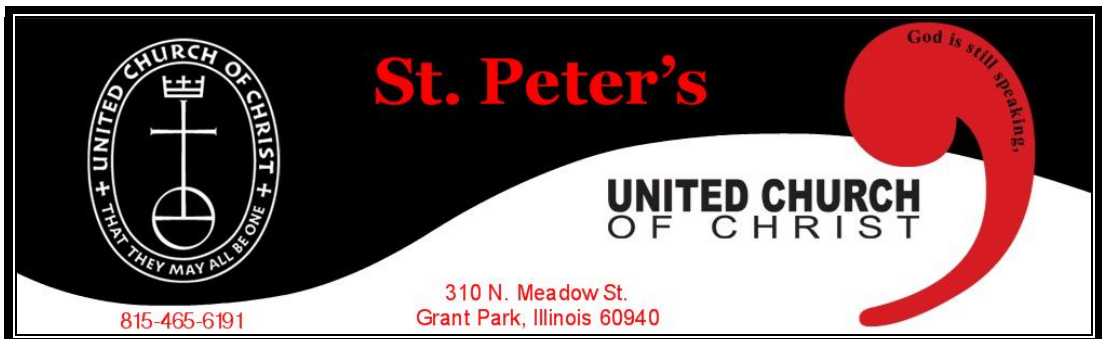
# ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.  
Church Office – (815) 465-6191  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP - April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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

## Pre-Service Music

## Ringing of the Bell

Prelude                    “Now the Green Blade Riseth” (*Dixon*)                    Shari Ohm

Welcome & Announcements                    Bev Junker

\*Call to Worship                    Bev Junker

Leader: We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world.

People: **So we mix our worship and our work, our faith and our life.**

Leader: We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,

People: **we gather as people who have been called to see the world  
from a different point of view.**

Leader: God has called us together.

God has called us to be part of a community.

People: **God challenges us to consider questions of priority as we  
engage with the world.**

\*Prayer of Invocation                    Pastor Kyle

\*Opening Song                    “Stand Up and Bless the Lord”                    #11

## A Moment for Missions

## Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading                    2 Corinthians 5:1-10                    Bev Junker

<b><u>*Worship in Song</u></b>	“Be Thou My Vision”	#502
<b><u>Scripture Reading</u></b>	2 Kings 6:8-23	Pastor Kyle
<b><u>Sermon</u></b>	“What Do You See?”	Pastor Kyle
<b><u>*Closing Hymn</u></b>	“Onward, Christian Soldiers”	#509
<b><u>*Spoken Benediction</u></b>		
<b><u>*Benediction in Song</u></b>	“Christ for the World! We Sing” (v. 3)	#561
<b><u>Postlude</u></b>	“Jubilate Deo” ( <i>Nordman</i> )	Shari Ohm

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

Gary Ekhoﬀ	Gene Sievers	Carter Fortin
Louise Sievers	Nancy Lewke	Linda Havelly
Austin Delaney	Mason Beseke	Rev. Frank Hoss
Ken & Sandy Erickson	Mildred Katz	Pauline Mitchell
Minnie Pﬂingsten	Melissa Mort	Taylor Cleary
James & Delores Caton	The Family of Marie Lorenz	Dennis Balgemann

**\*\*Please join us next Sunday as we celebrate the retirement of Marcia Langlois as our church Office Manager! There will be a time of fellowship with refreshments following the service!**

## **Giving of your tithes/offerings:**

Please give of your tithes/offerings by placing your financial gifts in the offering plates in the back of the sanctuary. If you prefer to mail your offerings, please send to St. Peter's UCC, PO Box 220, Grant Park, IL 60940 or drop off your financial gifts to the church during office hours.

Additionally, you may sign up to give automatically from your checking or savings account via an EFT automatic withdrawal – if you'd like a form to fill out, please contact the church office and we'll help you set one up.

Lastly, visit our church webpage for giving and make a secure donation at [www.stpetersgp.org/give/](http://www.stpetersgp.org/give/) . You can give just one time or set it up for reoccurring gifts as well.

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## **2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

<sup>5</sup> For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. <sup>2</sup> Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup> because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed, but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore, we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body, we are away from the Lord. <sup>7</sup> For we live by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So, we make it our goal to please Him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

## 2 Kings 6:8-23

<sup>8</sup> Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, “I will set up my camp in such and such a place.”

<sup>9</sup> The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: “Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there.” <sup>10</sup> So, the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.

<sup>11</sup> This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, “Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?”

<sup>12</sup> “None of us, my lord the king,” said one of his officers, “but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom.”

<sup>13</sup> “Go, find out where he is,” the king ordered, “so I can send men and capture him.” The report came back: “He is in Dothan.” <sup>14</sup> Then, he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

<sup>15</sup> When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?” the servant asked.

<sup>16</sup> “Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

<sup>17</sup> And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

<sup>18</sup> As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, “Strike this army with blindness.” So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked.

<sup>19</sup> Elisha told them, “This is not the road and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man you are looking for.” And he led them to Samaria.

<sup>20</sup> After they entered the city, Elisha said, “LORD, open the eyes of these men so they can see.” Then the LORD opened their eyes and they looked, and there they were, inside Samaria.

<sup>21</sup> When the king of Israel saw them, he asked Elisha, “Shall I kill them, my father? Shall I kill them?”

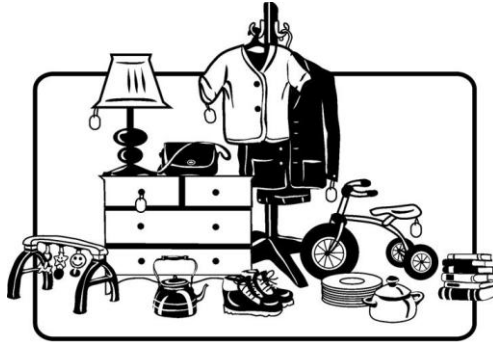
<sup>22</sup> “Do not kill them,” he answered. “Would you kill those you have captured with your own sword or bow? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink and then go back to their master.” <sup>23</sup> So, he prepared a great feast for them, and after they had finished eating and drinking, he sent them away, and they returned to their master. So, the bands from Aram stopped raiding Israel’s territory.



We are looking for a new office manager to fill our vacancy here at St. Peter’s UCC. If you are interested, please submit your resume in a sealed envelope to the church by April 25<sup>th</sup>. You may drop your resumes off at the church office or mail them to us at PO Box 220, Grant Park, IL 60940.

The position is currently 16 hours per week.

## Upcoming Events!!!



### Rummage Sale

Spring is in the air and you what that means: spring cleaning! What better way to get rid of your gently used items you no longer need than to donate them to the church rummage sale.

We will be having the sale Friday, May 14, from 9am to 5pm, and Saturday, May 15, from 9am to noon.

Drop off for rummage sale items will be May 10-13 from 9am to 1pm or by appointment.

We will need help setting up tables on Sunday, May 9, and volunteers that week to sort, price, and set up items on the tables. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please contact Jackie Timmons at (815) 466-4048. Thank you!



**St. Peter's (Pastor Kyle)  
vs.  
Zion Lutheran (Pastor Cory)**

It's all in good fun and for a good cause!

Pastors Cory and Kyle are challenging their congregations to raise financial support for Fortitude.

The two pastors will be sleeping out on the street on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> to raise awareness about local homelessness and poverty.

Your donations (make checks/cash payable to your church and label – Fortitude Challenge) help provide funds for the emergency shelter and future purchase of a permanent site, provide financial assistance for guests obtaining permanent housing, and more.

The church that raises the least will travel to the other church this summer and serve that church ice cream!

Please have your donations made by the end of April!

**What's Your Mission: Check out the updated webpage to see ways you can be involved.**

**<https://stpetersgp.org/2816-2/>**