

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



ALL SAINTS' DAY

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.
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310 N. Meadow St.
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

God is still speaking

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 7th, 2021

Totenfest

10:30 AM

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

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Welcome and Announcements

Heidi Frahm

*Call to Worship

Heidi Frahm

Leader: The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.

People: **Look, here is our God, for whom we have waited.**

Leader: This is the Holy One, for whom we have waited.

People: **Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.**

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Holy One?

And who shall stand in this holy place?

People: **We come, seeking the face of God.**

*Unison Prayer of Invocation

Faithful Redeemer, You are the beginning and ending of all things. You promise to wipe away every tear and that death and mourning will be no more. You make Your home among us and abide with us as our God. Teach us to live as the saints You have called us to be, that we may truly be Your people, living and doing Your will, in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

“Lift High the Cross”

#287

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

Message

“The Wonder Years”

Pastor Kyle

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession & Blessing

Responsive Song of Praise “For All the Saints” (v. 3) #529

Participation in the Lord’s Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Closing Hymn**

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

#469

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude (Depart to Serve)**

“All Hail King Jesus”

TOTENFEST:

In the life of the Christian church, churches annually take time to remember and celebrate the lives of faithful people who have died in the past 12 months. Totenfest is a distinctive practice that has its’ roots in the Evangelical tradition of the United Church of Christ.

Although the name Totenfest is unknown to many within the denomination and Christian communities, its’ importance as a special time of remembrance continues not only in our Evangelical heritage, but for all. It is a way of remaining related to deceased loved ones, as the process of grieving and remembering are vital to our spiritual health.

While some refer to this observance as “All-Saints Sunday” or “Memorial Sunday”, the term Totenfest fell into disuse in America as churches of German heritage started substituting English words for German ones.

Today, at St. Peter’s, we observe Totenfest as a day of remembering those in our congregation who went on to life eternal during the past year and also celebrate the new spiritual lives marked by baptism during the same period of time.

A Litany of Remembrance and Celebration

One: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in Christ.

***People:* They will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.**

One: We do not want you to be uninformed about those who have died,

***People:* So that you may not grieve as others who have no hope.**

One: For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,

***People:* Even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have died.**

One: But someone will ask "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?"

***People:* When you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed.**

One: God gives a body as He has chosen, to each kind of seed its' own body.

***People:* It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body.**

One: For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality.

***People:* For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**

Litany (continued...)

One: Jesus said "In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places. I go to prepare a place for you.

***People:* I will not leave you orphaned. I am coming to you.**

One: The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I said to you.

***People:* Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."**

One: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in Me, even though they die, will live,

***People:* "And everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die."**

One: For God created us for incorruption, and made us in the image of God's own eternity.

***People:* The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and no torment will ever touch them.**

One: "They are at peace and their hope is full of immortality"

***People:* "Because God tested them and found them worthy." Amen.**



Job Opportunity!

We are looking to fill the church custodian position. If you are interested in applying or have any questions, please contact the church office. We will be accepting resumes for the next several weeks.

Calling for Youth Leaders!

St. Peter's is looking for someone (or more) to voluntarily lead our Fusion Youth Ministry as Kole Stadt and Jessica Bornemann have announced that they are stepping down. Fusion is for students in grades 6-12. Leaders will be asked to plan and lead mission's projects, have monthly gatherings and events, and/or plan unique and fellowship style events for our youth. To learn more, please see Pastor Kyle.

We at St. Peter's are praying for:

Gary Ekhoﬀ, Gene Sievers, Carter Fortin, Austin Delaney, Linda Havelly, Taylor Cleary, Nancy Lewke, Dennis Balgemann, Joy Currier, Cheyenne Jones, Donna Dorrough, Ken Erickson, Shirley Riley, Richie Rodriguez, and Marge Myers

Serving You Today

Minister: Kyle Timmons
Organist: Judy Schneider
Lay Reader: Heidi Frahm
Greeters: Tom & Rita Morris

Year to Date Giving

Giving Thru September:
\$135,575
Spent Thru September:
\$131,529
*\$24,000 PPP loan is
included.

We are in need of lay readers and ushers for the following dates:

Lay Readers: November 14 and 21; December 24 4:30pm, 7:00pm, and 11:00pm and December 26

Ushers: November 28 (one); December 19, 24 (4:30pm, 7:00pm, and 11:00pm, and December 26

Please sign up on the clip board outside of the sanctuary doors or contact the church office.