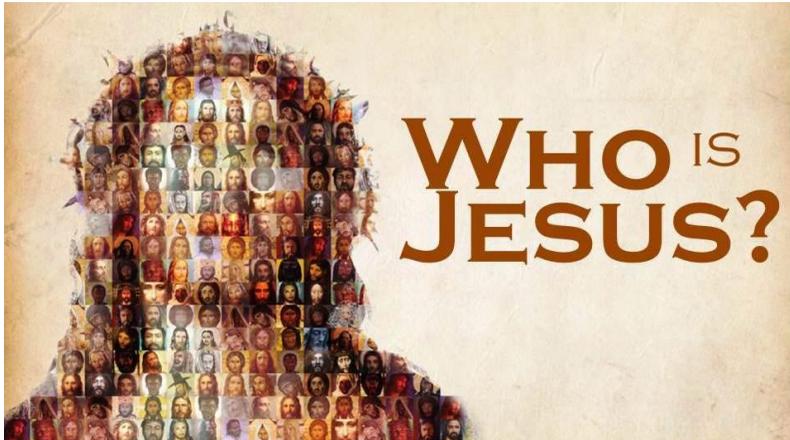


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Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 & 10:30
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310 N. Meadow St.
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 10th, 2021

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

Pre-Service Music and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Jesus Who Did Ever Guide Me” (Bach) Shari Ohm

Call to Worship

Leader: As we enter into the presence of God’s church, we call on the Holy Spirit to descend upon us.

People: *Like a dove, the work of the Holy Spirit can be swift.*
Like a dove, the work of the Holy Spirit can be soft and gentle.
Like a dove, the work of the Holy Spirit brings peace.

Leader: We pray that the Holy Spirit would enlighten us, guide us, and teach us so that we may know our Savior better.

People: *Like a dove, the work of the Holy Spirit is harmless.*
Like a dove, the work of the Holy Spirit speaks love.

Leader: Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.

Prayer of Invocation

Worship with Music

“Fairest Lord Jesus”
“I Will Call Upon the Lord”

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-8

Song

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”
“O Praise the Name”

9 am
10:30 am

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Concerns & Joys
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Singing of the Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen.*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3

Sermon: "Who is this Jesus: God's One and Only Son"

Closing Hymn

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"
"Jesus, Son of God"

9 am
10:30 am

Spoken Benediction

Postlude

"The Church's One Foundation" (*Wesley*)

Shari Ohm



Offering Envelopes:

Offering envelopes for 2021 are on the table near the courtyard entrance. If you do not have envelopes, but would like to receive them, please contact the church office and we will make sure you receive a box.

Isaiah 40:1-8

Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice of one calling:
"In the wilderness prepare
the way for the LORD^[a];
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.^[b]

⁴ Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,
and all people will see it together.
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶ A voice says, "Cry out."
And I said, "What shall I cry?"

"All people are like grass,
and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.

⁷ The grass withers and the flowers fall,
because the breath of the LORD blows on them.
Surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God endures forever."

Matthew 3

3 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ² and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

⁴ John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

¹⁵ Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Ways to Give:

Option 1 – Place your offering envelope or gift in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

Option 2 – You can mail in your financial gifts to the church office. The address is St. Peter’s UCC, PO Box 231, Grant Park, IL 60940.

Option 3 – You can drop your financial gifts off to the church during office hours.

Option 4 – You can 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.

Option 5 – You can visit our church webpage for giving and make a secure donation at www.stpetersgp.org/give/ You can give just one time or set it up for reoccurring gifts as well.

Christian Education Update:

Sunday School classes have resumed as of January 3rd. Currently, there are three different age-group classes. Pre-School – 5th Grade, Middle School, and High School.

Sunday School is at 9 am each Sunday. We'd love to see your child(ren) return to class as a Biblical foundation is important in everyone's life.

Confirmation Classes/Info:

The next two dates are the 17th, and 31st. Classes meet immediately following worship.

A simple reminder...even if/when classes are cancelled it is still required to be in attendance in Sunday School and church weekly.

2021 Congregational Meeting:

The 2021 Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31st immediately following the 10:30 service. If you can't be in attendance, but would like to participate via Zoom, please contact the church office by January 27th and let them know. We will email you an invitation to the Zoom meeting a day prior to the meeting.

If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, but would like to vote for the church budget and/or replacement council members, please let us know and we can provide that information over the phone and you can submit your vote over the phone or via mail.

We at St. Peter's are praying for:

(If you wish for your name to be taken off this list, or would like to be added to the list, please let Pastor Kyle or the church office know. Thanks in advance).

Gary Ekhoﬀ	Gene Sievers	Sherrie Hruby
Nancy Lewke	Melissa Mort	Carter Fortin
Austin Delaney	Mason Beseke	Rev. Frank Hoss
Delores & James Caton	Linda Havely	Paul Loverin
Ken Erickson	Mildred Katz	Ralph Kutemeier
Pauline Mitchell	Minnie Pﬂingsten	Louise Sievers
Jerry Regnier	The family of Steve Voigt	Sharon Heideman

The 2020 Financial Statements available

2020 financial statements are ready to be picked up in the Sunday School entry.

O Praise the Name

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

O praise the Name of the Lord our
God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your
praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your
sting?

The angels roar for Christ the King
O praise the Name of the Lord our
God

O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your
praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

O praise the Name of the Lord our
God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your
praise

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God
O praise the Name of the Lord our
God

O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your
praise

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Jesus, Son of God

You came down, from heaven's throne
This earth You formed, was not Your home
A love like this, the world had never known
A crown of thorns, to mock your name
Forgiveness fell upon Your face
A love like this, the world had never known

On the altar of our praise
Let there be no higher name
Jesus Son of God
You laid down Your perfect life
You are the sacrifice
Jesus Son of God
You are Jesus Son of God

You took our sin
You bore our shame
You rose to life
You defeated the grave
A love like this, the world has never known

Be lifted higher
Than You've overcome
Your name be louder
Than any other song
There is no power
Than can come against Your love
The cross was enough
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