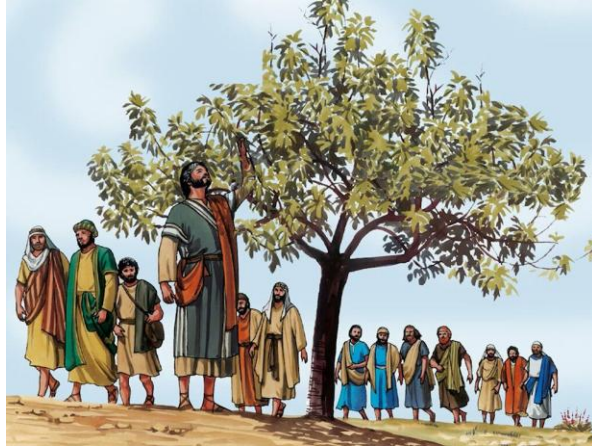


ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

ORDER OF WORSHIP - July 11th, 2021



Summer Worship – 9:00 am
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310 N. Meadow St.
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

God is still speaking

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

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“He Leadeth Me” (*Bradbury*)

Shari Ohm

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Enter into the sanctuary and look around. Gaze upon the beauty and splendor of the people of God. All of us, rich or poor, male or female, old or young are created in the image of God.

People: **Behold the beauty and splendor of God’s people.**

Pastor: We believe in the steadfast love of God and that it is better than life, so let our lips offer God our praise as long as we shall live.

People: **We often doubt God’s love. We often doubt that God will really provide when it matters.**

Pastor: But this is what matters today: God said, “Come ALL who are thirsty; come to the water.” No matter your age, your sex, or your status, God is calling you!

People: **So with faith – bold and timid – we bring our prayers and praise to worship God.**

*Prayer of Invocation

*Opening Worship

“And Can It Be?” (*vs 1, 2, & 4*)
“More Like Jesus”

#366
Screen

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 119:105-112

Children’s Message

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

<u>*Song</u>	“Run to the Father”	Screen
<u>Scripture Reading</u>	Matthew 24:32-35	
<u>Responsive Hymn</u>	“Thy Word”	#664
<u>Sermon</u>	“Fig Tree Theology”	Pastor Kyle
<u>*Closing Hymn</u>	“How Great Thou Art”	#51
<u>*Spoken Benediction</u>		
<u>*Postlude</u>	The Church’s One Foundation” (<i>Wesley</i>)	Shari Ohm



We at St. Peter’s are praying for:

Gary Ekhoﬀ
 Louise Sievers
 Austin Delaney
 Mildred Katz
 Minnie Pﬂingsten
 Gilbert Stadt

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

Carter Fortin
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 Joy Currier
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Judy Schneider and Shari Ohm, Organists

Peg McCraw, Custodian

Jessica Bornemann & Kole Stadt, Youth Advisors

Neal Currier & Josh Hamann, Connect Leaders

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No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here

Psalm 119:105-112 (NIV)

- ¹⁰⁵ Your Word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.
- ¹⁰⁶ I have taken an oath and confirmed it,
that I will follow Your righteous laws.
- ¹⁰⁷ I have suffered much;
preserve my life, LORD, according to Your Word.
- ¹⁰⁸ Accept, LORD, the willing praise of my mouth,
and teach me Your laws.
- ¹⁰⁹ Though I constantly take my life in my hands,
I will not forget Your law.
- ¹¹⁰ The wicked have set a snare for me,
but I have not strayed from Your precepts.
- ¹¹¹ Your statutes are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.
- ¹¹² My heart is set on keeping Your decrees
to the very end.^[a]

Matthew 24:32-35 (NIV)

³² “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its’ twigs get tender and its’ leaves come out, you know that summer is near.

³³ Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it^[a] is near, right at the door.

³⁴ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.



Vacation Bible School – “Be Courageous”
This Saturday!

(July 17th, 4PM to 7 PM)

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 short VBS program and cookout for the kids and their families.

Families and friends are also invited to join us for our Sunday morning service at 9 am. (Registration forms are on back tables in the sanctuary.)

NEW HOURS

Beginning August 2nd, St. Peter's UCC will have new office hours for the Office Manager.

Monday – Thursdays (8-11 am)
Fridays (9-12 am)



Are you a handyperson? Or, simply willing to do a task or two around the church? We are in need of everyone's help to accomplish tasks, big and small, in and around the church grounds. A list will be on the bulletin board near the church office soon, or you can contact the church office for a list and description of things that need to be done.



St. Peter's is looking for someone (or more) to voluntarily lead our Fusion Youth Ministry as Kole Stadt and Jessica Bornemann have recently announced that they are stepping down.

Fusion is for students in grades 6-12. Leaders will be asked to plan and lead missions projects, organize monthly gatherings and events, or have unique and fellowship style events for our youth. To learn more, please see Pastor Kyle.