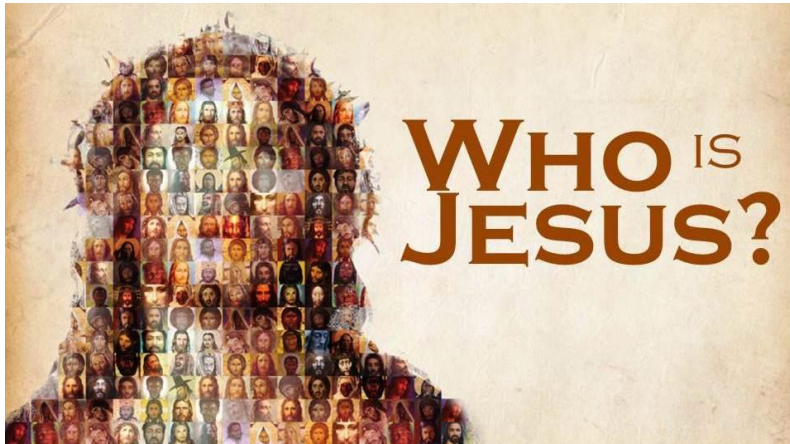
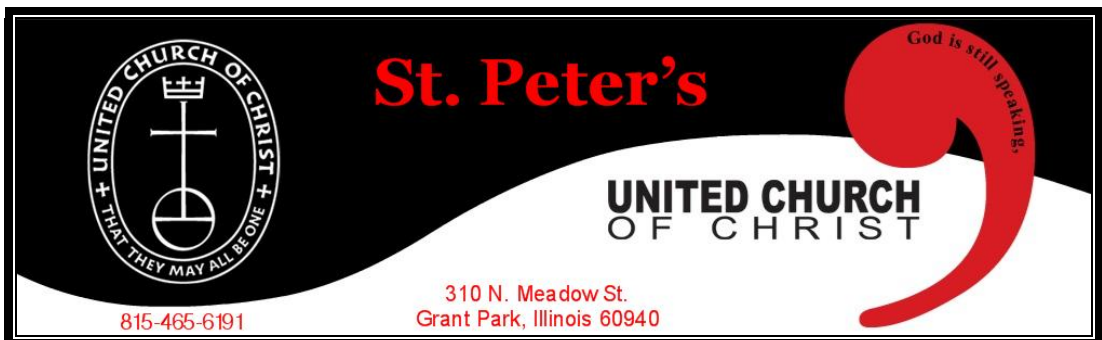


ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
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ORDER OF WORSHIP - March 7th, 2021

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

Pre-Service Music

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Communion Meditation” (*Smith*)

Shari Ohm

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 1)

Pastor: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers.

People: **But whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditate on His law day and night.**

Pastor: That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.

People: **Whatever they do prospers. So Lord, we cry out for Your help to obey all your ways.**

Pastor: Come, let us worship the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

O God, we have heard the teachings of Jesus many times in our lives; however, we confess that we have not always obeyed them. We easily become angry and agitated, we fail to keep our promises and be faithful to one another, and we lack the boldness to follow Jesus' example among our world in which we live. Grant us Your forgiveness and show us true joy as we strive to obey Your law. Amen.

Worship with Music

“Mighty to Save”
“God, We Praise You”

9 am
10:30 am

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
Sharing of the Bread & Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Song of Response “He is Exalted”

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Sharing of Concerns & Joys
Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:17-42

Hymn

“Up on a Mountaintop”

Sermon

“Who is Jesus? Teacher, You’ve Got to be Kidding Me!”

Closing Hymn

“10,000 Reasons”
“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners”

9 am
10:30 am

Spoken Benediction

Postlude

“Gavotte” (*Bach*)

Shari Ohm

Ways to Give:

Option 1 – Place your offerings in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

Option 2 – Mail in your financial gifts to the church office. The address is St. Peter's UCC, PO Box 220, Grant Park, IL 60940.

Option 3 – Drop off your financial gifts to the church during office hours.

Option 4 – 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 – 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.

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

Jerry Regnier

Austin Delaney

Delores & James Caton

Ken & Sandy Erickson

Minnie Pﬀingsten

Taylor Cleary

Gene Sievers

Carter Fortin

Mason Beseke

Linda Havely

Mildred Katz

Melissa Mort

The family of Lyle Lehnert

Sherrie Hruby

Louise Sievers

Rev. Frank Hoss

Craig Schneider

Pauline Mitchell

Jerry Regnier

Matthew 5:17-42

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

²³ “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

²⁵ “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’^[e] ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to

stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹ “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’^[f] ³² But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³ “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ ³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷ All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.^[g]

³⁸ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’^[h] ³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. ⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Up On a Mountaintop

SLANE 10.10.9.10 ("Be Thou My Vision")

Up on a mountaintop, Jesus sat down,
Teaching the people who gathered around:
Look for the blessings that God kindly brings;
God's loving kingdom is changing all things.

You are the salt and you're also the light.
Flavor God's world, with your faith shining bright.
Know that I've come here, God's word to fulfill.
Keep the commandments and follow them well.

Let go of anger, for it is a sin.
It will destroy you, both outside and in.
Even your thinking can lead you astray;
Whatever tempts you, just throw it away.

Keep strong the bonds between husband and wife;
Keep your commitments for all of your life.
Don't swear by heaven or by earth below;
Let "yes" be "yes" then,
and let "no" be "no."

If any hurt you, then you may resist,
But not with hatred or weapon or fist.
God's way is stronger than any you face;
Stand up and love them! And give them God's grace.

Love those who hate you and pray for them, too.
God's mercy reaches out far beyond you.
Seek, as God's people, God's wholeness each day
So you can witness to God's perfect way.

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Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

(Chorus)

Savior He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as you find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender – Yes I surrender

(Chorus)

Shine your light and
let the whole world see
We're singing for the
glory of the risen king Jesus

(Chorus)

You're my Savior,
You can move the mountains
God You are mighty to save,
You are mighty to save

Forever Author of Salvation
Your rose and conquered the grave
Yes You conquered the grave
You are mighty to save

10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day
dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever
lies before me
Let me be singing when the
evening comes

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love, and You're
slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart
is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep
on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart
to find

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength
is failing
The end draws near and my time
has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise
unending
Ten thousand years and then
forevermore

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name
I'll worship Your holy name