

# ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*ORDER OF WORSHIP - May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021*



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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.

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

## Pre-Service Music

## Ringing of the Bell

### Prelude

“Song of Praise” (Hughes)

Shari Ohm

## Welcome & Announcements

### \*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 71)

Pastor: We come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord God;  
We will praise His righteousness, His alone!

People: **O God, from our youth You have taught us, and we still proclaim Your wondrous deeds. So, even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake us, until we proclaim Your might to all the generations to come. Your power and Your righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens. You have done great things, O God, who is like You? Our lips will shout for joy when we sing praises to You; our souls also, which You have rescued.**

Pastor: O God, who is like You? Let our lips shout for joy, let us sing our praises to You!

### \*Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Kyle

*Heavenly Father, we pray that our behavior and our lifestyles reflect You. We acknowledge that acting out of righteousness and justice is more acceptable to You than sacrifice for wrongs that are repeatedly committed. We pray that we remain a righteous being, doing things that are acceptable in Your sight. We pray that when we fall short, we do not remain in a place of un-holiness; we declare that we will always pursue the paths of righteousness, Amen.*

**\*Worship in Song**      “Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him”      #17

**Time with Children**

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer**

**Service of Communion**

Invitation to Confirmation Students  
Words of Institution  
Prayer of Blessing  
Sharing in the Bread & the Cup  
Invitation to the Congregation  
Sharing in the Bread & the Cup  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Hymn of Praise**      “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”      #59

**Scripture Reading**      James 1:19-27

**\*Worship in Song**      “O, How I Love Jesus”      #109

**Sermon**      Worthless Religion      Pastor Kyle

**\*Closing Hymn**      “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”      #356

**\*Spoken Benediction**

**\*Postlude**      “Jubilate Amen” (*Charles*)      Shari Ohm

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

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

**Scripture Reading: James 1:19-27**

<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent, and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

<sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word and so, deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word, but does not do what it says, is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

<sup>26</sup> Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

<sup>27</sup> Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

## **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 them off 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.



Dear St Peters,

Thank you to Pastor Kyle for the recognition in church and the Church Council for the party and gifts. I would also like to thank the ladies who made the fellowship hall so beautiful with the pastel colors, flowers and goodies. Thank you to all those who shared the fellowship of the day and all of the cards and gifts. I am blessed to have been able to serve St Peter's for all of those 33 years. I hope in that time I have been helpful. Thank you again,

God's Blessings,  
Marcia Langlois

## 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!