


ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

ORDER OF WORSHIP - May 16th, 2021



Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.
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**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

God is still speaking.

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310 N. Meadow St.
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

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

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

“Festive Voluntary” (*Lau*)

Shari Ohm

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 19)

Pastor: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

People: **The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing our hearts.**

Pastor: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

People: **In keeping God’s word, there is great reward.**

Pastor: Therefore, let us bow down and worship our God.

People: **Let us glorify Him this hour in word and in song.**

*Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Kyle

*Opening Hymn

“O Worship the King”

#2

Time with Children

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 59:1-4; 7-20

Hymn of Praise

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

#48

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

*Responsive Song

“Gloria Patri – Glory Be to the Father”

#734

Scripture Reading

Romans 6:15-23

Sermon

Sin: Does Anybody Still Care?

Pastor Kyle

***Closing Hymn**

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

#353

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Recessional” (*Wagner*)

Shari Ohm



We at St. Peter's are praying for:

Gary Ekhoﬀ
Louise Sievers
Austin Delaney
Ken Erickson
Minnie Pﬂingsten
Joy Currier

Gene Sievers
Nancy Lewke
Mason Beseke
Mildred Katz
Melissa Mort
Paul Loverin
The family of Lisa DeJonge

Carter Fortin
Linda Havelly
Rev. Frank Hoss
Pauline Mitchell
Taylor Cleary
Dennis Balmemann

Romans 6:15-23

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law, but under grace? By no means! 16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. 18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

19 I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. 20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. 21 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in[b] Christ Jesus our Lord.

Isaiah 59:1-4; 7-20 shortened

59 Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. ² But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear. ³ For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt. Your lips have spoken falsely, and your tongue mutters wicked things. ⁴ No one calls for justice; no one pleads a case with integrity. They rely on empty arguments, they utter lies; they conceive trouble and give birth to evil.

⁷ Their feet rush into sin; they are swift to shed innocent blood. They pursue evil schemes; acts of violence mark their ways. ⁸ The way of peace they do not know; there is no justice in their paths. They have turned them into crooked roads; no one who walks along them will know peace. ⁹ So justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us. We look for light, but all is darkness; for brightness, but we walk in deep shadows.

¹⁰ Like the blind we grope along the wall, feeling our way like people without eyes. At midday, we stumble as if it were twilight; among the strong, we are like the dead. ¹² For our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities: ¹³ rebellion and treachery against the LORD, turning our backs on our God, inciting revolt and oppression, uttering lies our hearts have conceived.

¹⁴ So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter. ¹⁵ Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey. The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice. ¹⁶ He saw that there was no one, He was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so His own arm achieved salvation for Him, and His own righteousness sustained Him.

¹⁷ He put on righteousness as His breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped Himself in zeal as in a cloak. ¹⁸ According to what they have done, so will He repay wrath to His enemies and retribution to His foes; He will repay the islands their due. ¹⁹ From the west, people will fear the name of the LORD, and from the rising of the sun, they will revere His glory. For He will come like a pent-up flood that the breath of the LORD drives along.^[a] ²⁰ “The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,” declares the LORD.



YOU earned it! All of YOU!

In celebration of St. Peter's UCC & Zion Lutheran raising over \$10,000 in support of the Fortitude Homeless Shelter, we are offering FREE Ice Cream.

Location: Grant Park Community Center

When: Wednesday, June 23rd

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Dawn Broers, founder and executive director of Fortitude, will be present to answer any questions about the Homeless Center and to provide more information.

Donations towards the Homeless Shelter will be accepted during that evening.

Are you a 2021 Graduate or a family member of one?

If you are an 8th grade, 12th grade, or college graduate of the Class of 2021, please contact the church office this week at (815) 465-6191 to provide the name of your graduate.

If you are a college graduate, please provide the degree.

If you are a High School graduate, please provide any information about plans following school or information about special awards/moments in High School to be read at next Sunday's service.

All graduates are invited to join us for our Graduation Recognition Sunday on May 23rd at the 10:30am worship service.

Baccalaureate Service

This Wednesday, all are invited to attend the Baccalaureate Service here at St. Peter's to honor the class of 2021. The service will begin at 7pm.

Sunday School

Sunday, May 23, the Sunday School classes will be playing Bingo to end the year. Come prepared to have lots of fun!

Reminder that there is a Council Meeting on May 25th at 7pm.



Don't forget to stop downstairs before today's service to enjoy a special treat during our Fellowship Hour. Thank you to Larry and Shari Ohm for their work and effort for doing this for the church! While you are down there, please check out our rummage sale items left. Items are by donation, so please shop away!

Rummage Sale Update

A HUGE thank you to all who helped with our rummage sale. We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. It's always a big undertaking, but definitely worth the work. We are hoping to have another one during Oktoberfest!