

# Welcome

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR

**Friday,  
March 29,  
2024**

**7:00 PM**

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**Good Friday**



AN OPEN & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION IN SKOKIE, IL



# Welcome to Worship!

**SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM**

**In-person Worship.** Masks and distance recommended, not required

**Livestream on YouTube.** Live at 10am then available on our channel

**"The Redheaded Preacher" Podcast.** Available wherever you get your podcasts, includes sermon and scriptures only, posted weekly by Tuesday



## Ways to Give

**Text Your Gift.** Text your gift to [844-977-2346](tel:844-977-2346)

After a short set-up the first time, simply text your gift amount

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**Send a Check.** Mail to the address below ... this way still works fine

**Set up Vanco.** Contact the church office to enroll in regular giving



## Open Communion

**All Christians** and seekers after God are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper with us the **first Sunday of every month** and special Holy Days (Christmas, Maundy Thursday, and Easter). **At-home Communion** participants are invited to provide their own elements and join when Pastor bids you, "take, eat, and drink."



## About St. Peter's UCC

We've been in the heart of downtown Skokie since 1867. We are a part of the United Church of Christ, which means we are passionate about our faith and open in our thinking. We believe in a Triune God who **loves everyone**, regardless of gender identity, orientation, race, status, or physical or mental ability, and we **joyously welcome all people** to share worship, membership, marriage, baptism, funeral, and fellowship with us.



## Contact, Follow, or Talk to Us

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**St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Skokie**  
**Order of Worship for Friday March 29 2024 at 7:00 PM**  
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*Welcome to worship. We ask everyone to join in silence upon entering the sanctuary.*

**PRELUDE**

“When Twilight Comes”

**A WELCOME**

*Rev. Richard Lanford*

*From: UCC Worship Ways*

**INVOCATION**

**A: Ever-present God, on this Good Friday night, our whole world is engulfed in shadows as we remember the story of Jesus' death. We confess that we want to push the fast-forward button on this familiar story because it hurts so much. It hurts to think of the betrayal and arrest of Jesus. It hurts to imagine Jesus abandoned and suffering on the cross with only a faithful few watching him breathe his last breath. It hurts to watch your light overtaken by the shadows of the world.**

**But we must find our place in this crucifixion story and feel the pain that is there: The pain of the world, of faithless decisions; of betrayal; of injustice. Jesus entered that pain out of faithfulness to you and to us, to witness to the Truth that is Justice, Wholeness and Love. We confess, we are afraid to enter this pain with Jesus. Strengthen us with your courage; offer glimpses of hope in the shadows of death; let us know you are present with us here in this moment of pain; now as always. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**VOCAL REPRISE "When Twilight Comes"**

# A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS

## Psalm 22

*Read by Rich Schneider*

P: In the silence of our Sanctuary, let us come to our loving God in prayer.

### CALL TO PRAYER

Em G/D Am/C D Em C B7

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me. O

5 Em G/D Am/C D Em B7 Em *Last Time*

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with guitar chords (Em, G/D, Am/C, D, Em, C, B7) and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me. O". The second system starts at measure 5 and has the same chord structure (Em, G/D, Am/C, D, Em, B7, Em) and lyrics: "Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O". The final measure of the second system is marked "Last Time".

### SILENT PRAYERS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Sung by Diane Meggs*

“Were You There When they Crucified My Lord?”

**THE READING OF CHRIST’S PASSION**

*After each reading, a candle is extinguished*

Peter Disowns Jesus

*Read by Marlene Russell*

John 18: 15-18 & 25-27

Musical Response

Jesus Before the High Priest

*Read by Judy Paige*

John 18:19-24 & 28-32

Musical Response

Jesus Before Pilate

*Read by Pat Mauer Erdman*

John 18: 33-40

Musical Response

The Crucifixion of Jesus

*Read by Barb Todd*

John 19:1-25 & 31-37

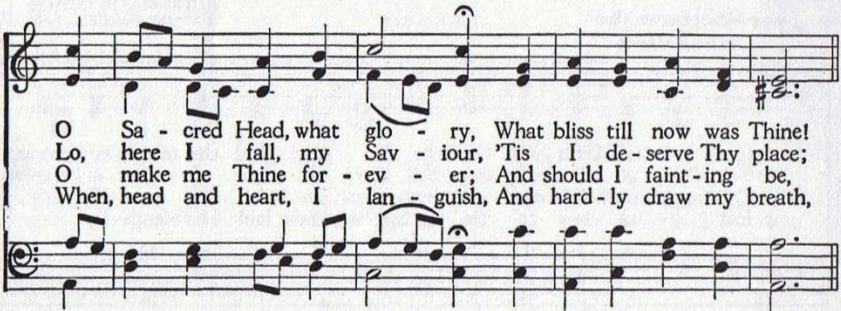
## HYMN "Oh Sacred Head, Now Wounded" #142 (v.1)



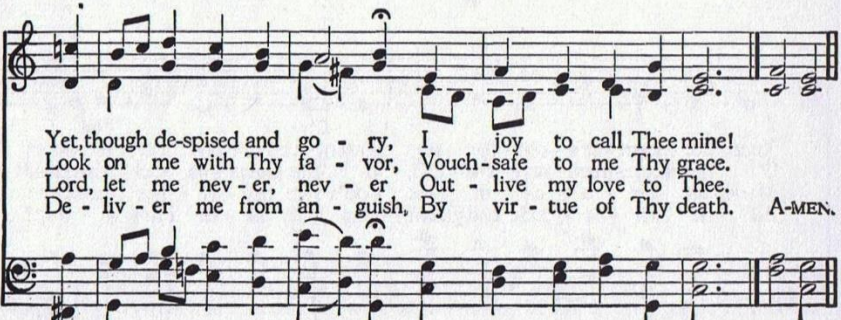
1. O Sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
 2. What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;  
 3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,  
 4. When strength one day shall fail me, Lord, fail me not, I pray:



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown;  
 Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain;  
 For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?  
 When pangs of death as - sail me, Be - side me, Je - sus, stay:



O Sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss till now was Thine!  
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - iour, 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;  
 O make me Thine for - ev - er; And should I faint - ing be,  
 When, head and heart, I lan - guish, And hard - ly draw my breath,



Yet, though de - spised and go - ry, I joy to call Thee mine!  
 Look on me with Thy fa - vor, Vouch - safe to me Thy grace.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er Out - live my love to Thee.  
 De - liv - er me from an - guish, By vir - tue of Thy death. A - MEN.

**SILENCE****READERS THEATER**

*Pastor Lanford, Jenn Schneider and Peggy Reins*

**SILENCE**

*The light exits the sanctuary*

**BENEDICTION**

P: "The Light had died out  
From trauma and hate  
From fear and frustration  
From greed, ego, and power.  
The Light was gone  
By the time myrrh and aloes  
Anointed the Empty One.  
The Light was gone  
As spices and linen wrapped the Empty One.  
The Light was gone  
As the Empty One was placed in the tomb-  
Set in a space of shadows.  
And as the dusk wrapped around the tomb,  
We, too, walk away."

*-The Rev. Michelle Torgian*



## THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

*The congregation is invited to leave the sanctuary, silently, as they feel ready.*

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### FOR WORSHIP TONIGHT

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| MINISTER       | Rev. Richard Lanford |
| MUSIC DIRECTOR | Ben Westphal         |
| DEACON         | Jenn Schneider       |
| LIVESTREAM     | Beth Lanford         |

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# News in the Pews

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**Welcome to our somber Good Friday service this year,** guided by the Passion Story as told in the Gospel according to John. From the cross, Jesus gave Mary and John into each other's care. He gives us, too, into each other's care.

**Tomorrow the Riley family is serving as representatives and members of St. Peter's U.C.C.** as it is our turn to provide the food for and serve at the Community Kitchen of A Just Harvest! Tomorrow also we are hoping for a nice sized crew to help prepare the sanctuary for worship and the eggs for the egg hunt on Sunday.

**Resurrection Sunday lets Sunday School take a one-week hiatus,** but worship with Communion is at 10 AM (attended Nursery), followed by the Easter Egg Hunt for children at 11:15 in our Gym, followed yet again by the Easter Brunch at 11:30. Suggested donation is \$5; reservations were requested but we won't turn you away if you did not make them.

**The Church Office is closed** the Monday after Easter.

**Thanks to Ben Westphal for putting tonight's service together,** to everyone who participated in leading it, and to all of you who came tonight to commemorate the passion and death of Jesus.

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