

PRAISE
THE HOLY ONE

Welcome to St Peter's UCC In-Person and Livestream Virtual Worship Service! Subscribe to our **YouTube Channel** to catch a new service at 10 am each Sunday! We also share a **podcast** weekly on our website of the scripture readings and sermon. The podcast can also be found on most podcast catchers & platforms, under "The Redheaded Preacher." Give us a like and 5-star rating to help others find us!

Open Holy Communion. We have communion the 1st Sunday of the month and we invite all Christians and seekers after God to partake of the Lord's Supper with us regardless of denominational background. To participate from home, please have a small cup of juice, wine, or other beverage you are comfortable with, and a piece of bread with you. When Rev. Lanford prompts us to "take and eat" (and "drink"), then we will all do so - physically separated, but together in spirit.

Who We Are. St. Peter's is an Open and Affirming congregation. We've been in the heart of downtown Skokie for over 152 years. 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 **welcome all people** to share worship, membership, marriage, baptism, funeral, and fellowship with us.

Attendance. We would like to get to know you better, too! If you are comfortable doing so, please put your first name and last initial in the comments section under the video, and where you are watching us from!

Donations. We have several options for giving, and your donation helps support our church and its various ministries. Now more than

ever, every contribution (large or small) is important to keep us going:

- **Text Your Gift.** Text the amount you want to donate to **844-997-2346**.
- **PayPal.** Visit [PayPal.me/stpeteruccskokie](https://www.paypal.me/stpeteruccskokie) Uncheck the "Paying for Goods or Services" box to not pass on the fees to St Peters.
- **Vanco Give+ App.** Download the Vanco GIVE+ app from **iTunes** or **Google Play**, put in the church's zip code 60077 and select St. Peter's from the drop down. Set up an account with a password (or process as a guest), select your donation frequency, amount, and add payment info. There is also an option here to offset the processing fee.
- **Mail a Check.** We are collecting mail daily, and depositing regularly throughout the week.

Contact Us. You can email us – we are accessing email from home during the Shelter-in-Place order. Or call and leave a voicemail, we are picking up messages regularly while we are not in the building. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for daily updates and messages, and check our website for additional details, weekly announcements, and more.

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OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
Sunday, November 14, 2021, 10:00 AM
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME GUESTS!

* Indicates all who are able are invited to stand

PRELUDE

Selected

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenn Schneider

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our Call to Worship is a song!

Let's sing "Open the Eyes of my Heart, Lord"

SSB #24

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are: "O - pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O - pen the eyes of my heart. I want to see you, I want to see you. see you. To see you high and lift - ed up, shin - ing in the light of your glo - ry; pour out your pow'r and love as we sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly." O - pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O - pen the eyes of my heart. I want to see you, I want to see you."

Chords and musical markings include: E⁵ (no 3), B/D#, A², B⁷ sus/E, E, Esus, B, C#m, A², Bsus, B, C#m, F#m¹¹, Bsus, Bsus, E⁵ (no 3), B/D#, A²/C#, A², B⁷ sus/E, E.

Text: Paul Baloche, b. 1962
 Music: Paul Baloche
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***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Pastor: When we have a vision of God high and lifted up, and when we don't, we know that in the presence of God (which is always) we are humbled, and like Isaiah Chapter 6, know that we are sinners living among a people of "unclean lips." Upon his confession, Isaiah knew God's forgiveness and God's call. Let us confess, and also know the mercy of the Holy One!

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Mighty and Loving God, before You we confess the arrogance of our doubts and the falsehoods of our denials. Many of us have neglected to pray and have forgotten to give thanks. We confess that many activities have become more important to us than gathering, or getting on-line, for worship. We let our busyness crowd out times of private prayer. We shake our heads at the evil around us, but do little to witness to a better way. Your law is seldom consulted, and Your pathways of self-sacrificing love rarely explored.

Turn us around, God! Only You can meet our need, and transform our lives to be like that of Your Son Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Verse 10 of Hebrews 10 says "And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." To be sanctified in this case, according to my study Bible, is to be "ceremonially cleansed and perfected." By our Savior Jesus. Through His offering of love to pay what we never could, our sins are wiped away and we become clean and complete before God, so great was the accomplishment of grace on Golgotha. Please join me in claiming aloud this priceless gift by saying together . . .

All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

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Seasons and Special Services

MATTHIAS CLAUDIUS, 1782
Tr. JANE M. CAMPBELL, 1861

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WIR PFLÜGEN (DRESDEN)

JOHANN A. P. SCHULZ, 1800

Brightly

1. We plow the fields, and scat - ter The good seed on the land,
2. He on - ly is the Mak - er Of all things near and far;
3. We thank Thee, then, O Fa - ther, For all things bright and good,

But it is fed and wa - tered By God's al - might - y hand;
He paints the way - side flow - er, He lights the eve - ning star;
The seed - time and the har - vest, Our life, our health, our food;

He sends the snow in win - ter, The warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey Him, By Him the birds are fed;
Ac - cept the gifts we of - fer For all Thy love im - parts,

The breez - es and the sun - shine, And soft re - fresh - ing rain.
Much more to us, His chil - dren, He gives our dai - ly bread.
And that which Thou de - sir - est, Our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

REFRAIN

All good gifts a - round us Are sent from heaven a - bove;

**WORDS ABOUT OFFERING
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

History:

Epistle:

Peter Svenson
I Samuel 1:4-20
Hebrews 10:11-25

MUSICAL MEDITATION Selected

PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER ('debts')

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts,**

As we forgive our debtors.

**And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil;**

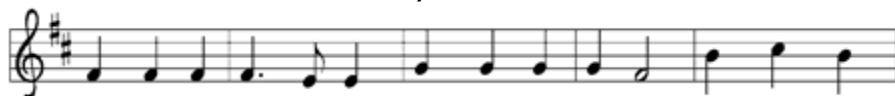
**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
And the glory forever. Amen**

SERMON: "Coming Through"

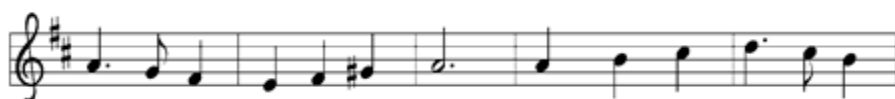
***HYMN:**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

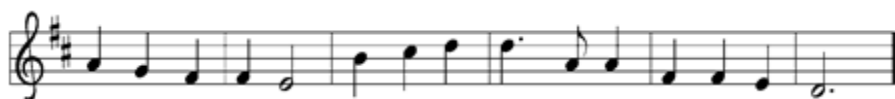
SSB #2



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



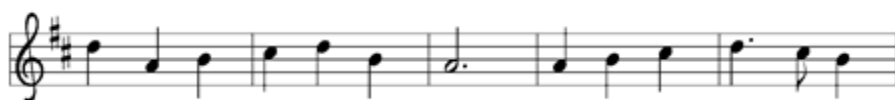
shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



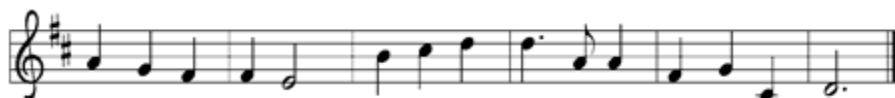
pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960

MUSIC: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870-1957

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***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE:** Selected

FOR WORSHIP TODAY

MINISTER	Rev. Richard Lanford
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Ben Westphal
DEACON	Beth Sterba
COUNTERS	Beth Lanford/Maria Altmayer
NURSERY	Beth Lanford

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Morning! Welcome to St. Peter’s United Church of Christ as we worship in the name of the Creator, the Savior and the life-giving Spirit. Amen.

Thanks to Wendy Svenson, Beth Lanford, and everyone else at our end who planned, helped organize, baked, and worked for or at yesterday’s Holiday Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale! Thanks of course are also due to all our vendors and to everyone who came as a guest / customer. Our volunteers are the best!

Today is our Fundraiser with the Village Inn! From 11 to 11, eat-in, carry-out or delivery, whatever you order (and mention you are with the St. Peter’s U.C.C. fundraiser when you do) will help St. Peter’s because afterward, the Village Inn will give the church 20% of all proceeds from your orders! We hope you can participate, and thank you if you do.

Having **birthdays** this week are Bruce Mau, Bobbie Muhrer (moved to MO with Henry), Chad McCoy, Heidi Tarzian, Christine Carnate Svenson, Isabella Banoyo, Libby Burmeister, Pat Mauer Erdman, and Dorothy Stielow. Beth and John Sterba have their wedding **anniversary** today! We wish all of them a joyful celebration.

We are always grateful for any and all offerings to the church. No amount is too small! As we said in the opening announcements, you can support our work (and thus, your work too) by mailing in a check, signing up for electronic giving, or using PayPal as indicated, with links, on the first main page of announcements. Depending on how you set up your PayPal account, you can arrange to pay whatever transaction fee there is yourself, or, that it will be included in your donation and deducted before it hits St. Peter's account (so St. Peter's, in effect, pays it). Thank you very much for giving!

The Board of Elders have a Zoom / phone call meeting this Thursday at 4 o'clock.

A week from tomorrow (Monday, Nov. 22nd) is the deadline for articles for the December Announcer.

Dorothy Taylor's memorial service will be here this coming Saturday, November 20th, at 11 AM.

Wreath pickup will be Saturday, November 20th from 1 to 4 PM.

This coming Saturday is also Transgender Remembrance Day, when all the transgendered victims of murder on account of their gender identity are remembered. We lift them up during prayers the following Sunday.

HOSPITALIZED: Not exactly in the hospital, but Alice Schaller had outpatient surgery to mend a torn retina on Thursday. Harrison Kuras' father is now in rehab after his strokes. Please remember them in prayer.

According to the adjusted schedule, after a switch, next Sunday's lector is Jenn Schneider.

Pastor's podcast is available wherever you listen to podcasts! Just type in "The Redheaded Preacher" and you'll find us! Pastor's weekly podcasts include the prior Sunday's scriptures & sermon, and some words and prayer from Pastor just for the listeners of the podcast! Check it out!

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 14, 2021

1 Samuel 1:4-20

Praise the Holy One *Stewardship Sunday*

Today's reading ends on 1 Samuel 1:20, but the story of Hannah does not end there. Keep reading through 1 Samuel chapter two, and you'll hear something remarkable.

In chapter two, when Hannah receives good news that a hope long deferred has finally been realized, she bursts into song.

Her song, flowing from her grateful heart, has brought hope, encouragement, support and strength to generations of women and men who needed reassurance that God's love and presence are steadfast and strong. Her song for example, inspired another song by another woman of hope. Mary, the mother of Jesus, sings a song inspired by Hannah which you can find in Luke 1:46-55. If you compare the two songs, what do you notice that is different? What do you notice that is the same? How do you feel that the first song, by Hannah, inspired the second song, by Mary?

Maybe you also have been inspired by a piece of music and felt the desire to respond. If your response to life's ups and downs is to turn to music, then join United Church of Christ member and disability activist Karl Shallowhorn on his podcast, *Mental Health Verses*. In each episode, Karl interviews a guest about the music that has encouraged or supported them through various of life's difficulties.

Karl knows that music that inspires is meant to be shared and created to be passed from listener to listener. On the Facebook page for his podcast, Karl invites anyone who would like to "Just send an email to mentalhealth-verses@gmail.com with your song and the reason why it has supported you... whether it was a time you may have struggled, or simply when the tune has lifted your spirits to another level."

Who knows? Maybe like Mary, the music shared will encourage you to create and share music of your own.



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SCRIPTURES FOR THE CONGREGATION

November 14, 2021

1 Samuel 1:4-20

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth.

Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

One thing that has only been mentioned once in our introductions to the Hebrews lessons is that this letter was written to a community of Christians who badly needed encouragement to stick it out through persecution and hardship. Once more the writer starts with a reference to the days of priests offering animal sacrifices and contrasts it with what Jesus Christ has done, and then goes on from there with encouragement.

Hebrews 10:11-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God,"

and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days,

says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,"

he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Mark 13:1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?"

Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

POINSETTIAS

Orders are now being taken for Christmas

Poinsettias. This years' colors are White, Pink, Red & Marble. See below for details on each. To place an order, please fill in the form below, include payment and drop it off at the office, mail it to St Peter's, or place it in the collection plate on Sunday morning. *The deadline for ordering is Friday, December 3rd*, as we need to place the order with G & E Greenhouses, Inc. of Elburn, IL by Monday, December 6th. The plants will be delivered to the church in time to decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. You can pick up your plant(s) after the service or you can leave them to beautify our Sunday Christmas service.



Name:

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Quantity	Color	Price	Total
	White (6-1/2 " 5+ blooms 1 plant)	\$ 13.00	
	Pink (6-1/2 " 5+ blooms 1 plant)	\$ 13.00	
	Red (6-1/2 +7 Blooms, 2 plants per pot)	\$18.00	
	Marble (6-1/2 +7 Blooms, 2 plants per pots)	\$18.00	
Grand Total			