



# Welcome

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR

**Thursday,**

**April 6,**

**2023**

**7:00 PM**

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**Maundy Thursday**



AN OPEN & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION IN SKOKIE, IL



# Welcome to Worship!

**SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM**

**In-person Worship.** Following COVID safety protocols

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



**"The Redheaded Preacher" Podcast.** On Soundcloud, includes sermon and scriptures only, posted weekly by Tuesday



## Ways to Give

**Text Your Gift.** 844-997-2346 Super easy after a first-time setup

**PayPal.** [PayPal.me/stpeteruccskokie](https://www.paypal.com/merchot/?x=1&url=https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/stpeteruccskokie) Uncheck the "Paying for Goods or Services" box to not pass on the fees to St Peter's

**Check or Cash.** Mail to the address below ... this way still works fine

**Vanco GivePlus App.** Contact the church office to set up 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 invite all people to share worship, membership, marriage, baptism, funeral, and fellowship with us.



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# St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Skokie

Order of Worship for Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday

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*Welcome to worship. We ask everyone to join in silence upon entering the sanctuary.*

**PRELUDE**

“In Memoriam”

by J. Cotter

## THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

*Those who are able please stand.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Come, come and seek the mysteries unfolding.

**C: Squint your eye and bend your ear to these deep things of God.**

P: The Son gathers with his followers, celebrating the ancient sacrifice of blood, of the coming of death, of the Passing Over of the Angel of death, foreshadowing what is to come. ...

**C: The Son gathers with his followers, showing them the extent of his love.**

**The Son gathers with his followers, instituting a new covenant.**

P: All things begin to come together here, here in the upper room.

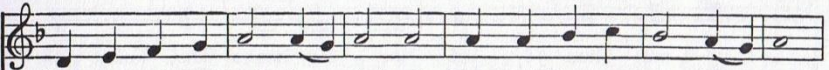
**A: Lord, let us look on and listen in to these mysteries. Draw us deeper still, Spirit of God, into the depth, the significance of this commemoration. Amen.**

**RESPONSE: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**

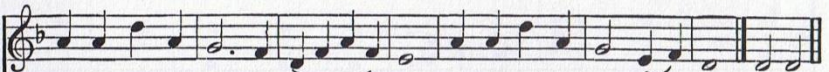
#336 (vv. 1, 2)



1. Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence, And with fear and trem-bling stand;
2. King of kings, yet born of Ma-ry, As of old on earth He stood,
3. Rank on rank the host of heav-en Spreads its van-guard on the way,
4. At His feet the six-winged ser-aph; Cher-u-bim, with sleep-less eye,



Pon-der noth-ing earth-ly-mind-ed, For with bless-ing in His hand,  
 Lord of lords, in hu-man ves-ture—In the bod-y and the blood—  
 As the Light of Light de-scend-eth From the realms of end-less day,  
 Veil their fa-ces to the pres-ence, As with cease-less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de-scend-eth, Our full hom-age to de-mand.  
 He will give to all the faith-ful His own self for heavenly food.  
 That the powers of hell may van-ish As the dark-ness clears a-way.  
 Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High! A-MEN.



**CALL TO CONFESSION** *Romans 5:8,9*

P: “But God proves God’s love for us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.” So even tonight let us draw near to the throne of grace; let us read the prayer silently first, then pray it aloud together.

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

**A: Ever gracious God, we gather this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago. We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world. We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us in the breaking of the bread of our need and of Your sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to You in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of Your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *Romans 3:23-25a*

P: “Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith.”

Friends, in Jesus Christ, given even broken for us, our sins are forgiven. There is in this place a new covenant of love, accompanied by the Holy Spirit to bind us into it! In claiming the stunning good news of reconciliation and forgiveness, let the congregation say . . .

**A: Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN**

**“Go to Dark Gethsemane”**

**#144 (v. 1)**

1. Go to dark Geth-se-m-a - ne, Ye that feel the tempt-er's power;  
 2. Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, View the Lord of life ar-raigned;  
 3. Cal-vary's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; There, a - dor - ing at His feet,  
 4. Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb, Where they laid His breath-less clay;

Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see, Watch with Him one bit - ter hour;  
 O the worm-wood and the gall, O the pangs His soul sus-tained!  
 Mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own Sac - ri - fice com-plete;  
 All is sol - i - tude and gloom, — Who hath tak - en Him a - way?

Turn not from His griefs a-way, Learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf-fering, shame, or loss; Learn of Him to bear the cross.  
 “It is fin - ished!” hear Him cry; Learn of Je - sus Christ to die.  
 Christ is risen! He meets our eyes! Sav - iour, teach us so to rise. **A-MEN.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

**SCRIPTURES**

Epistle: **1st Corinthians 11:23-26**  
*Read by Jen Schneider*

Gospel: **John 13**

**VOCAL SOLO**

**“Gethsemane”**

*Sung by Rich Schneider*

**HOMILY**

**“Set You an Example”**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Words of Institution

Participation in the Sacrament of Holy Communion

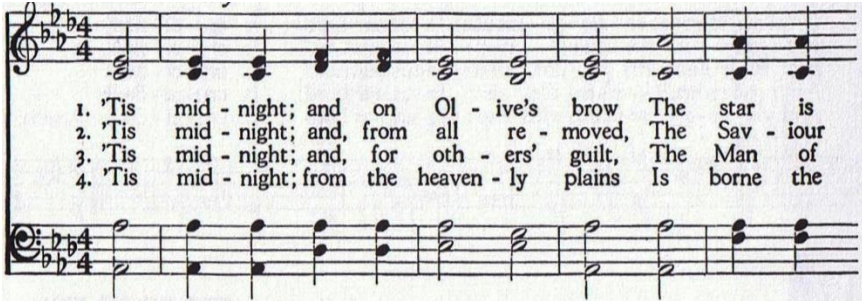
## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**A: 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**

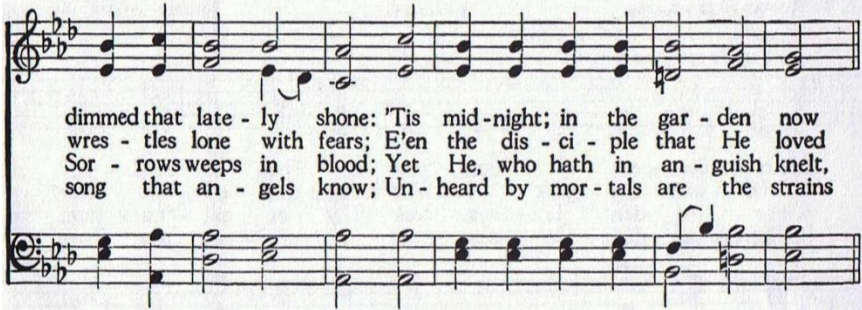


## HYMN: "'Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow"

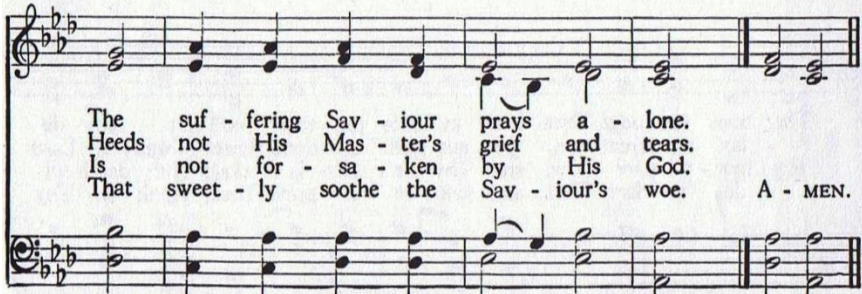
#145 (vv. 1, 2)



1. 'Tis mid - night; and on Ol - ive's brow The star is  
 2. 'Tis mid - night; and, from all re - moved, The Sav - iour  
 3. 'Tis mid - night; and, for oth - ers' guilt, The Man of  
 4. 'Tis mid - night; from the heaven - ly plains Is borne the



dimmed that late - ly shone: 'Tis mid - night; in the gar - den now  
 wres - tles lone with fears; E'en the dis - ci - ple that He loved  
 Sor - rows weeps in blood; Yet He, who hath in an - guish knelt,  
 song that an - gels know; Un - heard by mor - tals are the strains



The suf - fer - ing Sav - iour prays a - lone.  
 Heeds not His Mas - ter's grief and tears.  
 Is not for - sa - ken by His God.  
 That sweet - ly soothe the Sav - iour's woe. A - MEN.

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

P: May we go forth on our journeys.

May we walk through the next hours with humble confidence and courage.

Even though the darkest moments lie ahead, may we go forward

By the strengthening and steadying presence of God's Holy Spirit. Amen.

**POSTLUDE** "Tis Midnight on the Olive's Brow"

*The music after the service is intended as a time of reflection.  
After the postlude, please depart in silence.*

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**FOR WORSHIP TONIGHT**

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MINISTER

Rev. Richard Lanford

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Ben Westphal

LIVESTREAM

Beth Lanford

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# News in the Pews

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**Welcome to this hybrid service for Maundy Thursday at St. Peter's U.C.C.**

**About Communion:** If you are joining us in person, please take one of the pre-filled Communion / wafer cups offered on tables at the entrance to the sanctuary. If you are joining us at home, the prayer of consecration extends to all who participate wherever you are and whenever you partake of the service (thank You, Holy Spirit!). When prompted, please take whatever bread you have set aside for yourself and anyone with you, take and eat as prompted; when it's time for the cup, please do the same with whatever you have put in your cup at home. This is also how we shall celebrate Holy Communion on Resurrection / Easter Sunday. All who love the Lord and seek to follow Him are invited to share in the sacrament regardless of denominational background.

**Our Holy Week services continue tomorrow** with a hybrid Good Friday Tenebrae service. We will hear not only the Psalm Jesus quoted on the Cross but also Matthew's version of Jesus' trial, ordeal, crucifixion, and death while we extinguish candles and toll the bell at the end.

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**Resurrection Sunday worship will be at 10:00 AM this coming Sunday, April 9th!** There is no Sunday School; it resumes April 16th (which is also when the Church Council meets next).

**Our Egg Hunt** will be directly following our Easter Worship Sunday!

**Our Easter Brunch** will also be directly following our Easter Worship Sunday!

**Help Needed:** Anyone in-person who is willing to stay afterward and help Pastor bring down the purple cross cloth and put up the black one for Friday, please do so!

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# Our People

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**Birthdays this week!** The only person we know of having a birthday this week is Bruce and Linda Mau's daughter Kristine. No anniversaries.

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## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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PRESIDENT	Peggy Reins
VICE-PRESIDENT	Beth Lanford
TREASURER	Chad McCoy
SECRETARY	Annie Noorts
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Maria Altmayer

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## Regular Reminders!

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**We are always grateful for any and all offerings to the church.** No amount is too small! So many thanks to everyone who's been keeping us going with your donations! See inside the bulletin's front cover for details on how to donate.

**We ask everyone in attendance to please fill out the attendance sheet** in the black pew pads, and, after it seems even latecomers have arrived, please pass your pew's pad towards the center aisle. Our Deacon will pick them up after the service. Thank you!

**Donations always needed for our food pantry.** There's a list of items on the shelves outside the offices if you aren't sure what to buy. Items can be left on those same shelves under the stairs by the offices.

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