



# Welcome

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR

**Wednesday,  
February 22,  
2023**

**11:30 AM**

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**Ash Wednesday**



AN OPEN & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

8013 LARAMIE AVE - SKOKIE, IL - 60077



# 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.



## Contact, Follow, or Talk to Us

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*Like, follow, or join our email list for up-to-date info about events and activities!*



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*Those who are able please stand.*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: The season returns with all its familiarity: Purple paraments, somber messages, and an invitation to receive the ashes of repentance.

**C: The season returns with familiar things but its themes are in every season: the need to repent, to ponder the living meaning of the cross, and to allow the inevitability of death guide the ways we live our lives.**

P: There is an eternal quality to these 40 days, and you and I have come together to draw near and be touched by it.

**C: May we draw near to Jesus, around whom Lent is centered, and in these weeks of devotion, may we be prepared to joyfully celebrate the resurrection in April! Amen.**

**HYMN** “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

#141 (vv.1, 3)

1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days, For us didst fast and pray,  
 2. As Thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, And didst the vic - tory win,  
 3. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through Thy Pas - sion - tide,  
 4. A - bide with us, that so, this life Of suf - fering o - ver - past,

Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, And close by Thee to stay.  
 O give us strength in Thee to fight, In Thee to con - quer sin.  
 Yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.  
 An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last! A-MEN.

**CALL TO CONFESSION** *Jeremiah 17:9, 10*

**P:** Jeremiah says, “The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse; who can understand it?”

**C:** “I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways.” May God have mercy on us! Let us confess our sin.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Great God, we see the ashes before us and are reminded of our mortality. We confess that we have not always used the gift of our time wisely; our life on earth is finite and sometimes we wasted it.

We see the cross before us and recall that Jesus taught that whoever would follow him must take up their own

cross. We have often chosen to try and follow him without self-denial, and shunned painful sacrifice on his behalf.

We are here because we confess we know this, and we know that we need Your grace! Re-make us in the image of Your Son.

### **THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES** (Optional)

In continuing the Confession of Sin, those who wish to receive ashes, please come forward single file down the center aisle. The rest of the congregation may sit down and remain in the spirit of prayer. After all who desire to receive ashes have done so and returned to their pews, our prayer concludes with these words:

P: Forgive us our sins and bring us with all Your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection. In his name we pray. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *First Peter 2:24, 25*

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.”.

*Please be seated.*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
2nd Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

**HOMILY**

“Looking our Expectations in the Mirror”

Rev. Richard Lanford

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SILENT PRAYER AND**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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**

*Those who are able please stand.*

## HYMN "Again, O Lord and Savior" #140 (vv. 1, 2, 3, 5)

1. A - gain, O Lord and Sav - iour, The hal - lowed days be - gin,  
 2. A - gain the lash and pur - ple, A - gain the reed and thorn  
 3. A - gain the cross Thou bear - est, And, high up - on the hill,  
 4. Thou giv - est all, O Sav - iour! How weak - ly willed are we  
 5. Oh, may our souls' this sea - son, Cham - bered where none may see,

That view Thy will - ing shame and death To save our souls from sin.  
 Show us the Lord of heaven and earth Now made a man of scorn.  
 Fixed to its form, Thou giv - est all, Our fail - ings to ful - fill.  
 E - ven the fol - lies of the world To sac - ri - fice for Thee!  
 With pen - i - tence and ear - nest prayer Be sanc - ti - fied to Thee! A-MEN.

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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### FOR WORSHIP TODAY

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MINISTER

Rev. Richard Lanford

PIANIST

Barbara Todd

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# News in the Pews

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**Welcome to St. Peter's U.C.C.** and thank you for joining us for worship on this Ash Wednesday morning. There is also a service tonight at 7:00 PM with Holy Communion.

**Thanks to Barb Todd** for accompanying us this morning!

**Our Lenten Soup-n-Study begins** in the Memorial Room next Wednesday night, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Soup is at 6:30! We will use a downloadable (and printable if you've downloaded it) curriculum on the Gospel of John in a five-session gathering.

**Offering plates are in the Narthex** and by the Schmidt memorial window. Thank you.

**Next Sunday our sermon theme** is the "how" of reconciliation, ending the sermon series.

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# Our People

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**The Board of Christian Education meets after worship next Sunday, the 26th.**

**Birthdays this week belong to** Lois Jarmuth, baptizee Autumn Fink, Richard Schaller, Hunter Medaglia and Lois Jarmuth. No anniversaries that our newsletter knows about. God bless them on their birthdays!

**Are you on our email list?** Get weekly updates, our monthly Announcer and weekly electronic bulletins and more by signing up. Give us your email address on the attendance register, or email us at [office@stpeteruccskokie.org](mailto:office@stpeteruccskokie.org)!

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## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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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.

**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.

**Pastor's Podcast is now on all the Podcast platforms-** iTunes, Stitcher, Overcast, Spotify, Podcast Addict, Amazon Music and more. Just look up "The Redheaded Preacher" on your podcast catcher or music streaming service then hit subscribe and you'll get the newest editions weekly! You can also get it via the church's webpage link. Give us a 5-star rating and review if you can, it helps us grow so much.

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# A for the Veterans

## *Move-in Essentials Collection*

**GIVE A GIFT TO VETERANS EXITING HOMELESSNESS**

*Personal Hygiene:*

Bath Soap ★ Hand Soap  
Toothbrush ★ Toothpaste  
Deodorant  
Shaving Cream  
Hairbrush ★ Comb  
Nail Clippers

*Kitchen & Cleaning:*

Dishwashing Liquid  
Paper Towels ★ Windex  
Kitchen Trash Can  
Garbage Bags ★ Dish Cloth  
Mop & Bucket ★ Sponge  
Broom & Dustpan

*Bathroom:*

Toilet Brush ★ Plunger  
Toilet Bowl Cleaner  
Bath Towels ★ Wash Cloth  
Shower Curtain  
Toilet Paper

*Miscellaneous:*

Flashlight ★ Light Bulbs  
Sandwich Bags  
Laundry Detergent  
Hamper ★ Laundry Basket  
Aluminum Foil  
Pot Holders

VISIT [STPETERUCCSKOKIE.ORG](http://STPETERUCCSKOKIE.ORG) FOR MORE INFO

**Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 9-12<sub>pm</sub>**  
**Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 12-3<sub>pm</sub>**

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*Open to All!*

# 2023 EASTER FLOWER ORDERS



**Please find below the order form for the Easter plants that we will have to beautify our chancel on Easter Sunday. Sometimes there are limited quantities of plants available, and G & E will substitute an equal value plant (Orders will be filled by date submitted.) Orders may be placed in the offering plate, brought or mailed to the church. Please write a separate check for your flower order made out to St Peter's UCC.**

**Orders must be placed by Sunday, March 20, 2023.**

<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Easter Lily 6" pot</b>	<b>10.50</b>	
	<b>Azalea 6"pot</b>	<b>19.00</b>	
	<b>Hyacinth 6" pot</b>	<b>8.00</b>	
	<b>Tulip 6" pot</b>	<b>7.00</b>	
	<b>Rieger Begonia 6" pot</b>	<b>10.00</b>	
<b>Total</b>			

**Name**

**Phone**

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**In Honor/In Memory:**

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