

# Welcome

**BE THE CHURCH**

*Protect the environment.*

Care for the poor.

Forgive often.

**Reject racism.**

**Fight for the powerless.**

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

Embrace diversity.

Love God.

Enjoy this life.

 UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR

**Sunday,**

**June 12,**

**2022**

**10:00 AM**

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**Trinity Sunday**



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



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**St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Skokie**  
**Order of Worship for Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 10:00am**  
**Trinity Sunday**

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*Welcome to worship. The music before the service is intended as a time of silent prayer and preparation.*

**PRELUDE**

“Suite for Organ”

By Matthew Corl

**THE RINGING OF THE BELLS****THE SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jenn Schneider

*Those who are able please stand.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *From assorted Scriptures*

P: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

**C: the whole earth is full of God’s glory.”**

P: Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. God will also glorify him in Himself and will glorify him at once.”

**C: “The whole earth is full of God’s glory.”**

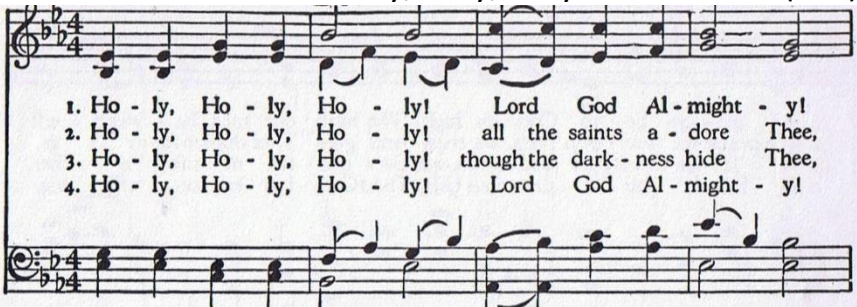
P: Jesus also said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth . . . You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.”

**C: And, “On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.” More than the whole earth is full of God’s glory; let us worship our Triune God!**

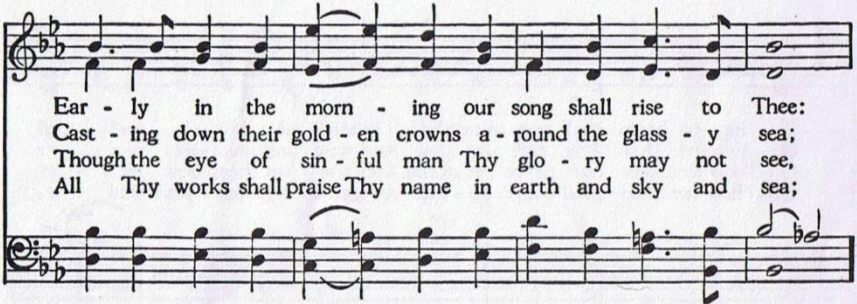
## HYMN

## "Holy, Holy, Holy"

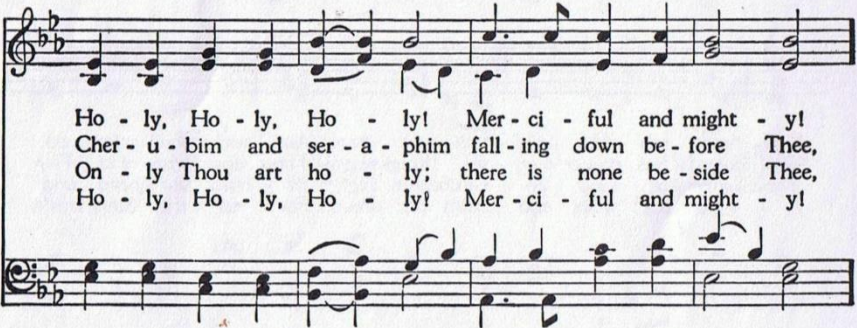
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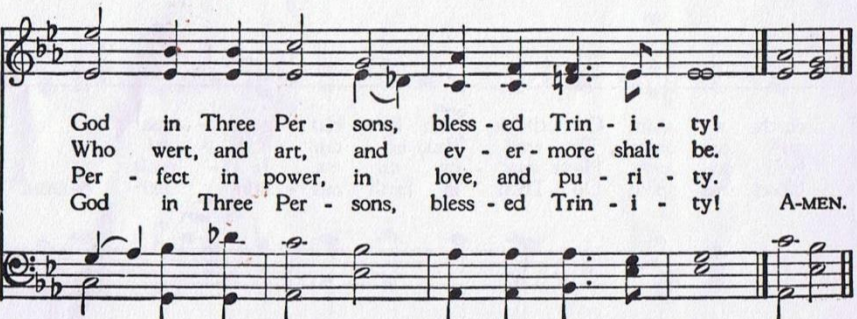
1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee:  
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in Three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 Per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in Three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty! A-MEN.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Great God, forgive us for not being good enough stewards of the earth You created. The planet is in trouble, and so are “the least of these” in many places, because the human race has let it become so.**

**Great God, Your Son Jesus showed us Your love in the flesh, and taught us the seriousness and joy which goes along with being Yours. We see You through him. Sometimes we domesticate him, at our peril, and for this we ask forgiveness.**

**Great God, You are Holy Spirit, giver of all good and perfect gifts. You are everywhere, yet there are plenty of times we consider ourselves alone, or think You are unavailable or uncaring. There is nowhere we can go from Your Spirit, and for this we need to be grateful, not feel hindered. Forgive us these and any other ways we have grieved Your Spirit, loving God! We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**P: “Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of Your possession? God does not retain anger forever, because God delights in showing clemency. The Lord will again have compassion upon us; God will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea” (Micah 7:18-19).**

Our Sovereign is a forgiving God, a grace we see most powerfully in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Through Christ, our sins are forgiven. We are given a transformed, and transforming, life in Christ's name. Please join me in laying hold of this gospel by saying . . .

**A: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

### CALL TO OFFERING

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Psalms

Epistle Lesson

Beth Lanford

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

#### MUSICAL MEDIATION "Nicaea"

By Mark Hayes

*Those who are able please stand.*

#### GOSPEL

John 16:12-15

#### RESPONSE

"Alleluia!"

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Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah!

*The congregation may be seated.*

## **PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT PRAYERS**

### **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**

**SERMON**      “Reframing Our Dominion Under God”



*Those who are able please stand.*

**HYMN**                      “O God, Our Sovereign”

*Sing to the tune of "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

**O God, our Sovereign,  
the heavens and earth tell your glory.  
Every young infants and children  
are singing your story.  
Those who destroy  
never can silence the joy:  
Your works are loving and holy**

**You made the heavens;  
the moon and the stars all astound us.  
We see your splendor in blessings  
that daily surround us.  
We seem so small;  
How can you see us at all?  
How can it be that you love us?**

**Yet you have made us  
like you— to take care of creation.  
You’ve made us partners here with you;  
this is our vocation.  
We’re called to be  
stewards of air, land and sea  
In every new generation.**

**O God, our Sovereign,  
the heavens and earth tell your glory.  
May we, your people,  
continue your stewardship story.  
We are your own;  
we do not do this alone!  
God, may we care for earth, gladly.**

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**BENEDICTION**

P: Glory to the Creator, who gives us life!

**C: Glory to Jesus Christ, the servant of love!**

**A: Glory to the Spirit, who empowers us forward!**

P: There are, in our day, so many people who ‘cannot find God.’

And I tell you:

That God is in our future calling us;

That God is in our past forgiving us;

That God is in the present loving us.

There is no greater blessing. Go in peace.

**C: Amen.**

**POSTLUDE** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

by John Barr

*The music after the service is intended as a time of reflection. Pastor will be pleased to greet you at the Sanctuary doors as soon as the postlude has concluded, and our livestream has stopped.*

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**FOR WORSHIP TODAY**


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MINISTER	Rev. Richard Lanford
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Ben Westphal
DEACON	Beth Sterba
LIVESTREAM	Jenn Schneider
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Mike Ryan

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# News in the Pews

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**Good Morning!** Today is Trinity Sunday — not so much a time to explain a complex doctrine as an opportunity to dwell in the mystery of God. Welcome.

**TODAY is our Village Inn Food Fundraiser!! From 11 AM to 11 PM,** you can support the church just by ordering out!! Just mention St. Peter's UCC when you order on this day and we get 20% of your total. That's it! Good for all ways of ordering!

**THIS WEEK on Tuesday and Thursday evening (6:30 – 8:30 PM)** we are asking for lots of help and strong bodies to pull out and set up tables in the Gym, and to bring rummage items downstairs to the Gym to begin this summer's rummage placement, sorting and pricing! \*\*\*HOWEVER, if the hot weather comes as predicted, we will reschedule this. Watch your emails for updates next Monday and Tuesday. Come when you can, leave when you must, all assistance will be needed and appreciated. Then join us Friday (10 AM to 12 PM) and the subsequent Tues, Thurs (6:30 – 8:30 PM) and Fridays (10-12PM) to sort, sort sort.

**This Wednesday our Women's Guild** is having its annual picnic at 8825 Mason Avenue, Morton Grove. 11:30 AM!

**The Board of Elders meets Thursday the 16th** over the phone / Zoom at 4 PM.

**There is no Council meeting this month,** but those who would be responsible for reports are asked to prepare them and submit them all the same to the June folder of the Council drop-box. This will keep us updated on everything. Thank you!

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**Skokie is holding is Skokie Pride fest** (family friendly) at Oakton Park in two weeks, Sunday, June 26th from 1 to 4 PM. More information was in the Village's news-email it sends out.

**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.

**No more newspapers!** The collection of newspapers for the Treehouse Human society has ended. Thank you so much for all your efforts.

**More from Carolyn Winfrey Gillette on this new hymn:** "Psalm 8 is the Revised Common Lectionary reading for this coming Sunday, June 12. "Psalm 8: The Ecology of "Dominion" in the Context of God's Majesty: Exegetical Reflections" by William P. Brown (Columbia Theological Seminary) is a new, inspiring article by one of the top Old Testament scholars on this important Psalm.  
<https://presbyearthcare.org/.../Psalm-8-Ecological...>

"Please consider preaching on Psalm 8 this Sunday or at least have it read or sung in your worship service. This hymn was written (finished June 8, 2022) because we could not find a hymn on Psalm 8 in a hymnal that included the creation care themes that Dr. Brown mentions in his article. / CO2 Levels Are Now Comparable to What They Were 4 Million Years Ago, Says NOAA. AFP 4 JUNE 2022  
Concentrations of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere in May were 50 percent higher than during the pre-industrial era, reaching levels not seen on Earth for about 4 million years, the main US climate agency said on Friday / <https://www.sciencealert.com/co2-levels-are-now...>

According to the schedule, next Sunday's Nursery Attendant will be Laurie Mitchell; the Lector will be Olivia Altmayer.

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# Our People

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**Hospitalized:** As of this writing, Dorothy Panzke is back at Elevate Care Irving Park for physical therapy: 4340 N Keystone Ave, Chicago, IL 60641, Room 109. Wendy Svenson had successful knee replacement surgery last Monday, and Jenn Schneider's knee surgery is Tuesday the 14th. Keep them in prayers!

**Harrison and Angela Kuras were falsely accused of harming their son Harry II over a year ago,** and they began a trial for a judge to determine if Harry had been abused or whether he can return home to them (since he was taken away over a year ago). UPDATE: This will last over other dates in the summer. This trial is a bench trial and only to determine if he was abused and there may or may not be a criminal trial later depending on the results of this one. Special prayers are requested. At this point in their accumulated weariness over struggles and stress, Angela put out a request to us email her with easy-to-make meals, beyond frozen dinners and mac and cheese. You can email her at [angela.washek@gmail.com](mailto:angela.washek@gmail.com) or [kuras7278@gmail.com](mailto:kuras7278@gmail.com).

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**Happy birthday!** Having birthdays this week are Barb Gack, Zachary Muhrer and Aiden Caras; David and Karen Z. Iannotti and Valerie (Paige) and Christopher Mahoney have wedding anniversaries this week. May God bless them all!

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## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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PRESIDENT	Jenn Schneider
VICE-PRESIDENT	Judy Paige
TREASURER	Chad McCoy
SECRETARY	Carolyn Kuechler
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Maria Altmayer

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# Regular Reminders!

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**Please remember that we can always use food contributions for the Mini-Pantry!** There are now copies of a list of suggestions and items by the narthex and on the shelves where the food is kept by the offices. Take one home! Demand has increased considerably since it was first installed last September. We always appreciate what is brought in, and the need does not go away. Perhaps if you are employed you could ask about doing a collection at your job. Thank you!

**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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## MISSION MOMENTS

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**June 12, 2022**

**Trinity Sunday**

**Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

**Wisdom Calls**

Litany for Trinity Sunday

Voice One: The Voice of Wisdom speaks:

Voice Two: Of course, we are One!

Voice Three: But also, we are not One at all. We are three.  
A relationship. A community. A dance.

All: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer; we dance together!  
Rejoicing in Our Divinity, delighting in your humanity.

Voice One: Of course, we are One!

Voice Two: Have you ever thought of the pronouns you use for us?

Voice Three: If you have called us “He” or “She,” try this today.  
Try calling us by all our names, saying “They.” How does this word feel in your mouth?

All: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer; we dance together!  
Rejoicing in Our Divinity, delighting in your humanity.

Voice Three: Of course, we are One!

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Voice One: But Oneness cannot contain all that we are.

Voice Two: Together, creating. Together, restoring. Together, abiding.

There is so much joy in this togetherness!

All: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer; we dance together!

Rejoicing in Our Divinity, delighting in your humanity.

Voice Two: Of course, you are One, you, humanity!

Voice Three: But created in Our image, you are so much more than one.

Voice One: You are many, your diversity astonishingly beautiful.

We will always delight in you.

All: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer; we dance together!

Rejoicing in Our Divinity, delighting in your humanity.

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**Psalm 8**

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants

you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,

to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,

and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet,

all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Romans 5:1-5**

Paul wrote, “Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”

**John 16:12-15**

Jesus said to the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”