



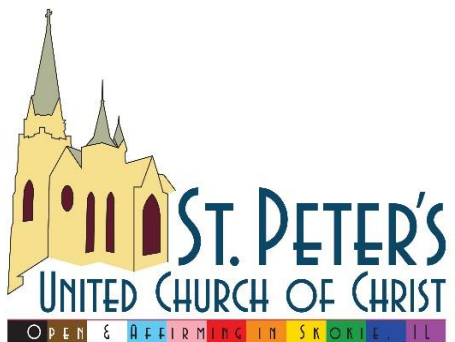
Welcome

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR

**Wednesday,
February 14,
2024**

11:30 AM

Ash Wednesday





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

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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

Rev. Richard Lanford (Pastor): revlanford@gmail.com

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Laura Olson (Office Manager): office@stpeteruccskokie.org

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Facebook/Instagram/YouTube: [stpeteruccskokie](https://www.facebook.com/stpeteruccskokie)

Website: www.stpeteruccskokie.org

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

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Those who are able please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Let us worship with bowed heads and, in our hearts, on bended knees.

C: Our God will not reject a humble spirit and a contrite heart.

P: Enter in a spirit of confession and brokenness.

C: We have come knowing that God “who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

P: Let us prepare our hearts.

C: We are ready to worship our God!

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 *Isaiah 64:6*

P: Isaiah says, “We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

C: **“We all fade away like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.”**

A: **May God have mercy on us! Let us confess our sin.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A: **Eternal and most merciful God, we are children of dust and unworthy of the favors and goodness You shower upon us. We have not loved as You have loved us, nor have we lived as we ought, and our years are soon gone. God, have mercy upon us. Lift us above every past regret and present failure; reveal to us our true selves; and give us grace to accept Your mercy and courage to live by Your promise. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us Your peace. We have no other hope save in You.**

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 *Isaiah 53:4,5*

P: “Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.”

In the name of the Suffering Servant Jesus Christ, whom we believe is the fulfillment of this prophecy, our sins are forgiven and we are delivered from the guilt and the burden of them. Thanks be to God!
Amen.

Please be seated.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 51:1-17

2nd Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

HOMILY

“Happy Ashes?”

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

FOR WORSHIP TODAY

MINISTER

Rev. Richard Lanford

PIANIST

Ben Westphal

2024 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 10, 2024.

Quantity	Type	Price	Total
	Easter Lily 6" pot	11.00	
	Azalea 6" pot	19.00	
	Hyacinth 6" pot	8.50	
	Tulip 6" pot	8.00	
	Rieger Begonia 6" pot	10.50	
Total			

Name

Phone

In Honor/In Memory:

A for the Veterans

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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

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Feb 17th 9-12_{pm}

Feb 18th 12-3_{pm}

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Open to All!

News in the Pews

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.

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.

A ❤️ for the Veterans Collection - Our Public Collection is this weekend, Feb. 17th from 9AM-12PM and Feb. 18th from 12PM-3PM. We are collecting household goods AND easily accessible food (food bars, individual drinks, snacks & microwavable food with pop tops) for the Military Outreach's program for Vets exiting homelessness as well as their food pantry for Vets who come in their doors to have a hot meal. Items will be collected in the Memorial room and can be brought on Sundays or during office hours. See insert for more details!

The Cemetery Association is looking for volunteers to serve on the board! We REALLY NEED HELP. Please consider this loving act for those members, friends and ancestors who've found our cemetery as their final home. Contact Kathy Zipperer, (847) 528-9829 for more information!

Call for photos of Pastor and Beth throughout the years!! As we know, Pastor is retiring at the end of June this year. We are collecting pictures and any memorabilia you'd like to share either through email or you can bring or mail pictures to the office. We will scan those photos and return them to you. Our email is office@stpeteruccskokie.org, and our mailing address is 8013 Laramie Ave., Skokie, IL 60077. A committee is also being formed for events related to Pastor's retirement. If you are interested in being a part of it, please contact our President Peggy Reins at peggy.reins@gmail.com.

No Spring Craft Show this year! There just weren't enough shoppers even with all the advertising we do. We will however have our Fall/Holiday craft show on Saturday November 2nd so "Save the Date."

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Our People

Birthdays this week belong to Susan (Burmeister) Speicher, and the wedding anniversary belongs to Karen and Ken Christianson! Best wishes of fun and health to all!

Thank you to Pack 85 for the special help loading up vehicles with the bags and bags of soft goods for the Savers FUNdrive!

The Church Council meets next Sunday. If you are responsible for a report to the Council, please prepare it and deliver it to the Council / February Drop Box as soon as you can this week. Thank you!

A week from tomorrow, Monday the 19th, is the deadline for the March newsletter!

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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

Regular Reminders!

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.

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