



Welcome

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR

**Sunday,
April 10,
2022**

10:00 AM

Palm Sunday





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



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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 Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 10:00am

Palm Sunday

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

PRELUDE "Palm Sunday Processional" by P. Lehenbauer

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS Jen Schneider

Those who are able please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Cry out, people of faith; rejoice and praise God!

C: If we did not sing praise, the very stones would cry out!

P: Cry out, people of faith, for your Savior draws near to Jerusalem.

C: Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name.

P: Blessed is Jesus Christ,

Who did not turn back for fear of the cross.

Praising the God who loves us,

Let us share Christ's sufferings

And face our path of faith with courage and hope.

A: Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name.

CALL TO CONFESSION

P: We know the story. Do we find ourselves among the disciples today, filled with delightful anticipation but oh-so-fallible? Are you and I among the others who make up the larger group, cheering Jesus? Do we feel like the Pharisees, uncomfortable with noisy and dangerous praise and prefer the quiet of status quo gestures? Whichever way, we find ourselves fallen in the end, and we need to come clean with our patient but just God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A: We confess, O God, that we identify with times of optimism and applause. We like a religion that makes us feel good. We prefer safety and security and certainty. Then Jesus comes, riding on a donkey, reaching out to outsiders, proclaiming humble obedience as a virtue, challenging powerful people to change their ways. We sense danger. When Christ upsets our craving for stability, we turn away from the risks. We do not want to be rejected or face a cross. We are not sure we really want to follow Jesus all the way, as he told us we need to. O God, help us! Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Titus 2:11-14*

P: “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.” “He gave himself for us.” God in Christ has forgiven you. As Jesus said elsewhere, let us go and do likewise.

A: PRAISE JESUS! THANKS BE TO GOD!

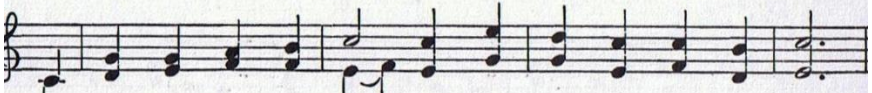
HYMN

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

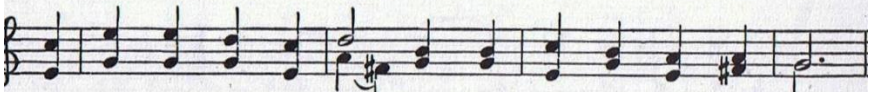
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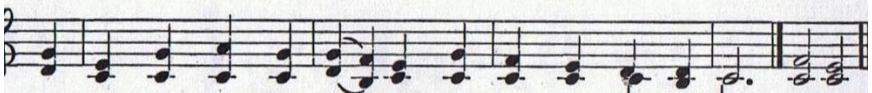
1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King,
 2. Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed One!
 Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King!



The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went;
 To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;
 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King,



Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.
 To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed Our mel - o - dy we raise.
 To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring! A-MEN.



The congregation may be seated.

A CALL TO OFFERING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Karen Christianson

The Psalm:

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

The Gospel:

Luke 19:28-40

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Hosanna!”

by Erickson

Will those who are able please rise

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The United Church of Christ
Statement of Faith (In the form of a doxology)

**A: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our
Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to Your deeds
we testify:**

**You call the worlds into being, create persons in
Your own image, and set before each one the ways
of life and death.**

**You seek in holy love to save all people from
aimlessness and sin.**

**You judge people and nations by Your righteous
will declared through prophets and apostles.**

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified
and risen Savior, You have come to us and shared
our common lot,**

**conquering sin and death and reconciling the world
to yourself.**

**You bestow upon us Your Holy Spirit, creating and
renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in**

covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be Your servants in the service of others,

to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,

to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust You forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, Your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in Your realm which has no end.

CALL TO PRAYER

Em G/D Am/C D Em C B⁷

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me. O

5 Em G/D Am/C D Em B⁷ Em *Last Time*

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O *Last Time*

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

**“More than 'Good Enough'! The Chief Cornerstone”
Rev. Richard Lanford**

Those who are able please stand.

HYMN "Ride on! Ride on in Majesty!"

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1. Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho - san - na cry;
 2. Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die;
 3. Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The wing - ed squad - rons of the skies
 4. Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die;

O Sav - iour meek, pur - sue Thy road With palms and scattered garments strowed.
 O Christ, Thy triumphs now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and conquered sin.
 Look down with sad and wonder - ing eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 Bow Thy meek head to mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign. A - MEN.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

P: Go into the world in peace.

Jesus Christ is victorious over all the powers of this earth.

You are free to live and die with courage,

Trusting in God your strength,

And the Holy Spirit your comfort. Amen.

C: Amen!

POSTLUDE "Coronation" arr. P. Lehenbauer

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.

FOR WORSHIP TODAY

MINISTER

Rev. Richard Lanford

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Ben Westphal

DEACON/LIVESTREAM

Beth Sterba/Jenn Schneider

NURSERY ATTENDANT

Kathy Zipperer

News in the Pews

Welcome to worship on Palm Sunday! Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Welcome. Let us worship King Jesus together as one body.

Holy Week at St Peter's: Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services are hybrid, beginning at 7 PM. Live-stream links will be provided as the Sunday links have been. There will be Communion celebrated during the Thursday service. Easter Sunday worship (no Sunday School that day) is also hybrid (like all our Sunday services) and begins at 10 AM. The Nursery will be attended. Communion will be offered the same as before.

NEWS: After the Easter service, we will be serving individually wrapped pastry and cereal items, hard-boiled eggs, bananas, oranges, coffee, and tea. There will also be Easter bags for the kids! We will use any non-perishable leftovers in the Free Mini Pantry. We will hold this in the gym so we can maintain social distancing.

We have the Kitchen of A Just Harvest this month! The fifth Saturday is April 30th, and once again we are asking for contributions that will accumulate to \$500 total, so the staff of A Just Harvest's Kitchen can buy the groceries and prepare and serve the meal (curbside still as far as we understand, so we are not back serving yet). Please mark any checks or cash in an envelope as designated for AJH Kitchen this month. Thank you, thank you!

The Church Council meets after worship today.

We are always grateful for any and all offerings to the church. No amount is too small! 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 on the pew information cards. Thank you very much for giving!

Village Inn Food Fundraiser is Sunday, April 24th. Eat in, carryout or have delivered this delicious food and mention St. Peter's UCC to your server and we'll get 20% of whatever you spend! Thanks so much, mark your calendars!

Mark May 7th to come to the "Welcome Spring" Craft Show to possibly volunteer and of course shop! Please be sure to tell all your friends and neighbors of our celebrating Spring's arrival. Also we'll have St. Peter's finest Bake Sale so please make cookies or brownies if you can!

We are collecting Bunco prizes now! Bring new items to the office. Talk to Carol Iannotti for more information.

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Our People

Next week's Resurrection Sunday Lector is Mark Loach. Laura Olson will attend the Nursery for us.

HOSPITALIZED: As of this writing, Dorothy Panzke returned to Swedish Hospital for continuing gastrointestinal issues but she may be home before today. Pat Erdman has gone to Glenview Terrace for rehab after having surgery to repair a broken hip. She is doing well; if she is still there by now, the address for cards is 1511 Greenwood Road, Glenview, IL 60026.

Thank you very much to everyone who came yesterday to help lug rummage upstairs to clear the Gym and the stage area for the upcoming events.

There is no Women's Guild meeting this week.

Happy birthday! Having birthdays this week are Henry Aguayo, Marcia Hilliard and Ken Itter. Marking anniversaries are Juanito and Analise Banoyo. Blessings to you all!

The Lenten Bible Study is off this coming Wednesday. As usual, we take Holy Week off from the Study, but we'll resume on April 27th the usual time.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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

Regular Reminders!

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.



UNITED CHURCH
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MISSION MOMENTS

April 10, 2022

**Sixth Sunday in Lent Palm/Passion Sunday Luke
19:28-40**

Into Jerusalem

Accompany Jesus on his Holy Week journey. Take time to read the scripture and pray each day of this sacred time.

Sunday, April 10 Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem during the festival of Passover.

Read Luke 19:28-40. Jesus asked the disciples to go and find a colt for him to ride. That must have seemed like a strange request, but they did it anyway.

What strange thing is Jesus asking of you? How might you respond?

Monday, April 11 Jesus enters the temple and clears out the signs of commerce.

Read Luke 19:45-46. Jesus drove the people who were exploiting the poor out of the temple. Who is being exploited today? How might Jesus respond? How might we?

Tuesday, April 12 Jesus teaches that “the stone the builder rejected will be the cornerstone.” Read Luke 19:47-20:19. This passage is imbued with menace, as the political and religious leaders of Jesus’ days seek a way to punish him. Why was his

message so threatening to those in power in Jesus' day? Why is it so threatening today?

Wednesday, April 13 Jesus continues to teach those gathered in Jerusalem.

Read Luke 21. This teaching begins when Jesus observes the difference between the wealthy and the impoverished. What differences do you think Jesus would notice now? What differences do you notice? What stories will grow from noticing these differences?

Thursday, April 14 The celebration of the Passover is followed by arrest and betrayal.

Read Luke 22:1-62. You hear these words when we celebrate communion together. Read them now and listen for what is new or challenging in this message. What does communion mean to you? How do you acknowledge or celebrate that meaning?

Friday, April 15 Good Friday. Jesus is crucified.

Read Luke 23. Jesus is executed in a state-sanctioned act of violence. Even in his final moments of suffering, Jesus promises forgiveness and eternal life to those crucified near him. What places of suffering need to hear Christ's voice? In your own life? In your region? In the world?

Saturday, April 16 Holy Saturday. Jesus lies in the tomb.

Scripture says nothing about what Jesus did on this day and there is no scripture reading for this day. In your prayer time, light a single candle, and meditate on the illumination cast by even one small flame. How has God been steadfast, even in times of seeming absence?

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Yahweh is God, and God has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

This ends the reading from Psalm 118. Our second and final reading is Luke's version of what is often called 'the triumphal entry' of Jesus and the disciples coming into Jerusalem for the last week of His earthly life. It is Luke Chapter 19, verses 28 through 40.

Luke 19:28-40

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So those who were sent departed, and found it as he had told them.

As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it."

Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."