



Welcome

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR

**Wednesday,
February 22,
2023**

7:00 PM

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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St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Skokie

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

PRELUDE

Selected

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Those who are able please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Ash Wednesday is so different from Advent, Christmas, Epiphany and Easter.

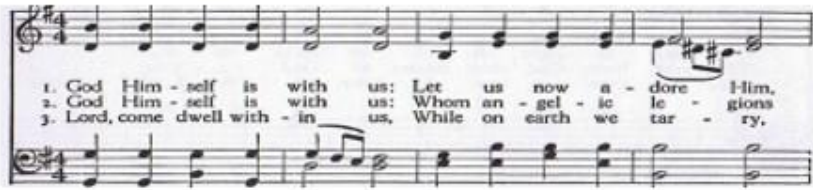
C: Ash Wednesday is the day of ashes, of confronting our mortality, of confession and reflection.

P: We begin the season of Lent, a time of somber preparation for the Passion, and also preparation for the Resurrection.

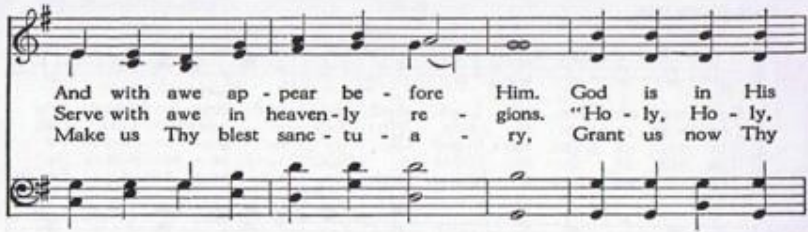
C: Lent is a time we can draw nearer to the Crucified Jesus and renew our vows of discipleship. Lent gets us ready for Holy Week and Easter, and thereby fortifies us for how to live in this world. Let us worship God!

HYMN "God Himself is With Us"

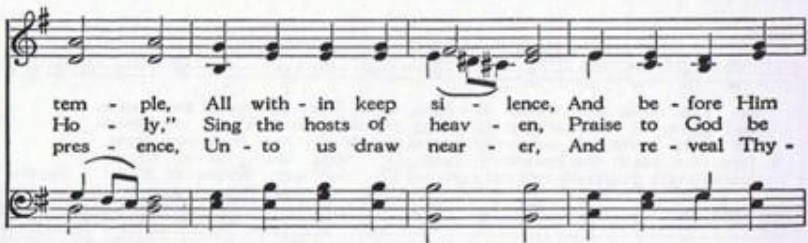
#29 (vv.1, 3)



1. God Him - self is with us; Let us now a - dore Him.
 2. God Him - self is with us; Whom an - gel - ic le - gions
 3. Lord, come dwell with - in us, While on earth we tar - ry.



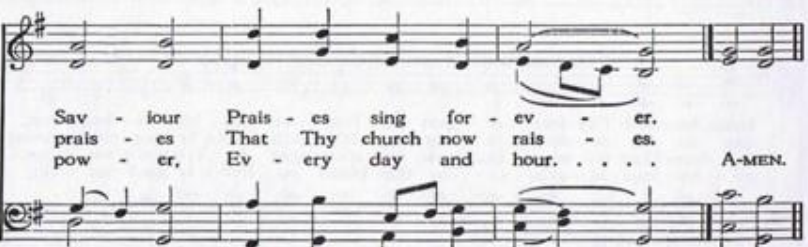
And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
 Serve with awe in heav - en - ly re - gions. "Ho - ly, Ho - ly,
 Make us Thy blest sanc - tu - a - ry, Grant us now Thy



tem - ple, All with - in keep si - lence, And be - fore Him
 Ho - ly," Sing the hosts of heav - en, Praise to God be
 pres - ence, Un - to us draw near - er, And re - veal Thy -



bow with rev - erence. Him a - lone, God we own; To our Lord and
 ev - er giv - en. Bow Thine ear To us here; Hear, O Christ, the
 self still clear - er. Where we are, Near or far, Let us see Thy



Sav - iour Prais - es sing for - ev - er.
 prais - es That Thy church now rais - es.
 pow - er, Ev - ery day and hour. . . . A-MEN.

CALL TO CONFESSION (Joel 2:12, 13)

P: “Yet even now, says the Lord, return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping and mourning; rend your hearts and not your garments.

C: **Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.”**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A: Holy and righteous, yet approachable and forgiving God, we confess that we have not earned the favor You show us in this sacrament. We have acted selfishly in the face of great need in the world. We have allowed our spiritual lives to languish when books, recordings, worship services and the counsel of more mature Christians have been available to us. We have not shown the courage to heal from the past when You offer us renewal.

We are grateful for Your offer of presence, hope, forgiveness and love in the elements of Communion. We are grateful that You do not require us to be worthy to receive these elements but reach out in grace through the bread and cup. Enable us to receive these gifts in humility, and in conviction to grow 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: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of Your salvation,

C: That we may show forth your glory.

P: By the Cross and Passion of our Savior,

C: 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

John 3: 16-17

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

2nd Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

CHORAL ANTHEM

"You the Christ"

HOMILY

"Looking our Expectations in the Mirror"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Exhortation and Invitation

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Words of Institution

Participation

CLOSING 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 - lored 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 see,
 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

Chimes

Silent Prayer

POSTLUDE

Selected

FOR WORSHIP TODAY

MINISTER

Rev. Richard Lanford

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Ben Westphal

News in the Pews

Welcome to St. Peter's U.C.C. and thank you for joining us for worship on this Ash Wednesday evening. Thanks to the Choir, Deacon and ushers tonight.

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.

Our People

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!

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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.

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.

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.

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

Name

Phone

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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 FOR MORE INFO

Feb 11th 9-12_{pm}

Feb 12th 12-3_{pm}

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Open to All!