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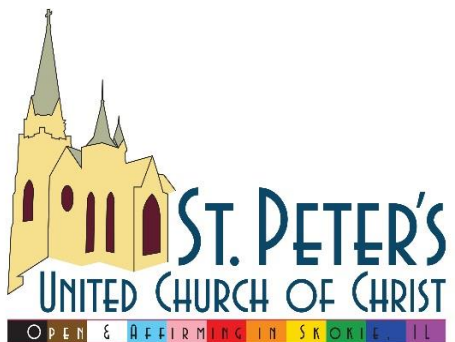
ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR

**Wednesday,  
February 14,  
2024**

**11:30 AM**

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**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

**Text Your Gift.** Text your gift to [844-977-2346](tel:844-977-2346)

After a short set-up the first time, simply text your gift amount

**Use PayPal.** [PayPal.me/stpeteruccskokie](https://www.paypal.com/merchpot/display/external?merchantid=STPETERUCCSKOKIE)

**Send a Check.** Mail to the address below ... this way still works fine

**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

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**Laura Olson (Office Manager):** [office@stpeteruccskokie.org](mailto:office@stpeteruccskokie.org)

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**Website:** [www.stpeteruccskokie.org](http://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

Order of Worship for

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday

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

**PRELUDE**

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## **THE RINGING OF THE BELLS**

*Those who are able please stand.*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: Blow the trumpets; summon all God's servants!

Call a solemn assembly for people of all ages.

**C: We respond to God's mercy and steadfast love.**

**We are drawn by God's saving grace.**

P: Sound an alarm among all who have forgotten God.

Turn back with fasting and repentance.

**C: We want to worship God with our whole being.**

**We intend to be genuine in our praise and service.**

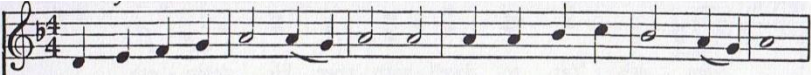
P: God's blessings penetrate our gloom and despair.

God gathers us into the holy presence.

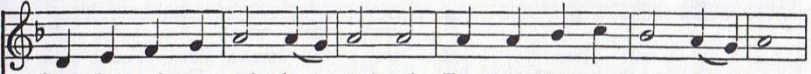
**C: Surely we will be washed and cleansed.**

**God will teach us, and we will learn. Amen!**

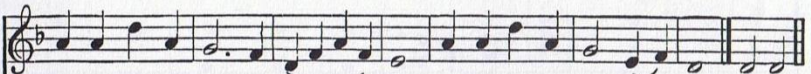
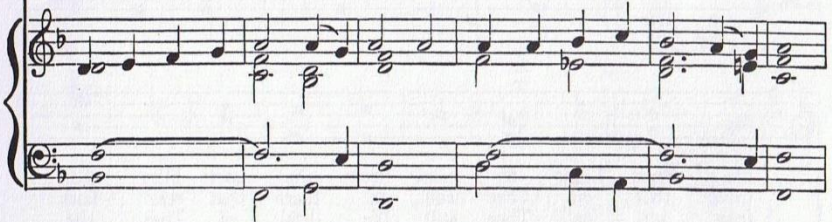
## HYMN "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" # 336 (vv.1, 2)



1. Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence, And with fear and trem- bling stand;  
 2. King of kings, yet born of Ma- ry, As of old on earth He stood,  
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav- en Spreads its van-guard on the way,  
 4. At His feet the six- winged ser- aph; Cher- u- bim, with sleep- less eye,



Pon-der noth-ing earth- ly- mind- ed, For with bless- ing in His hand,  
 Lord of lords, in hu- man ves- ture—In the bod- y and the blood—  
 As the Light of Light de- scend-eth From the realms of end- less day,  
 Veil their fa- ces to the pres- ence, As with cease-less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de- scend- eth, Our full hom- age to de- mand.  
 He will give to all the faith- ful His own self for heavenly food.  
 That the powers of hell may van- ish As the dark-ness clears a- way.  
 Al- le- lu- ia, Al- le- lu- ia, Al- le- lu- ia, Lord Most High! A-MEN.



**CALL TO CONFESSION**

P: God knows our false piety and religious pretense. All that we say and do is known to God. We can hide nothing from our Creator. Now is the time to bare our souls before God.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**A: God of steadfast love, we almost tremble before You. We know our transgressions. We have rebelled since our earliest days, shutting You out of our lives. We have doubted Your presence, ignored Your blessings, and resented Your inclusiveness. It is hard to be truthful with others, and within ourselves. Our worship can slip into dull routine. Our sacrifices can be superficial. Blot out our iniquities, we pray, and wash us clean! Renew our spirits in the joy of Your salvation.**

## 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**

Ephesians 2:8

# 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.

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Psalm 51:1-17  
2nd Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

**CHORAL ANTHEM**      “You, The Christ”

**HOMILY**                      “Happy Ashes?”

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Exhortation and Invitation  
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Consecration  
The Words of Institution  
Participation

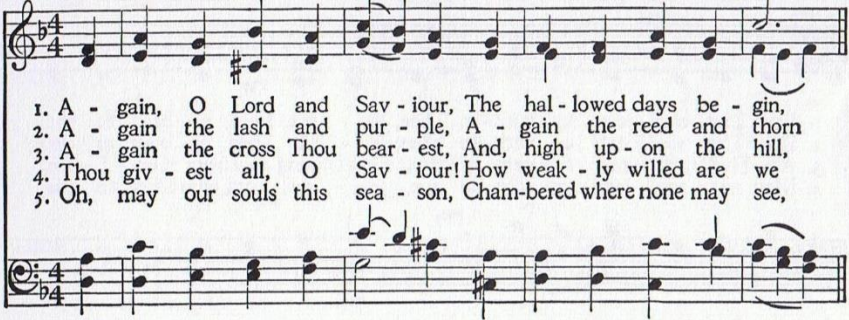
**CLOSING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (‘debts’)**

**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**

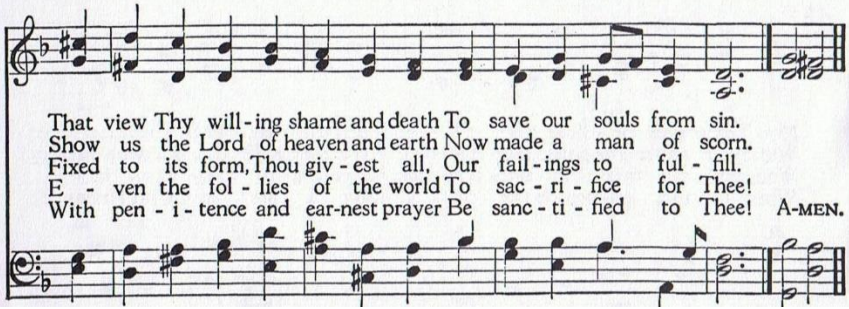


*Those who are able please stand.*

**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

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**FOR WORSHIP TODAY**

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MINISTER

Rev. Richard Lanford

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Ben Westphal

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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 17<sup>th</sup> 9-12<sub>pm</sub>**

**Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 12-3<sub>pm</sub>**

**St Peter's UCC**

**8013 Laramie**

*Open to All!*

# 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.**

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

**Name**

**Phone**

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**In Honor/In Memory:**

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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 evening. Thanks to the Choir, Deacon and ushers tonight. Live-streamer?

**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. 17<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-12PM and Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 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!

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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**Birthdays this week** belong to Susan (Burmeister) Speicher. Best wishes of fun and health to her!

**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!

**Announcer deadline.** Monday the 19th, is the deadline for the March newsletter!

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## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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

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# Regular Reminders!

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**About Communion:** All Christians regardless of denominational background are welcome to the Lord's Supper. We do ask St. Peter's young persons to have gone through the two-session Communicants Class (6th grade) first. If you are in-person, the ushers will come to you with plates holding the pre-filled cups, with wafer or bread. They are identified as having juice or wine. We partake following the Pastor's prompting to take and eat, take and drink. If we are livestreaming and you are taking Communion at home, please have something to be the bread for you, and for the cup, also partaking with us as the Pastor prompts.

**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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