

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 7, 2025

13th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

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** - Please rise in body or spirit.*

CENTERING OURSELVES IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

Andrew Jackson, Principal Organist

WELCOME

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey ...

Many: You are welcome here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 119:89-90, 97-98, 105-106)

Sue WehmueLLer, Liturgist

One: Your word, O God, stands firm in heaven forever!

Many: Your faithfulness extends from one generation to the next!

One: I love your Instruction! I think about it constantly.

**Many: Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, because
it is always with me.**

One: Your word is a lamp before my feet and a light for my journey.

Many: I have sworn, and I fully mean it: I will keep your righteous rules.

*HYMN

"Wonderful Words of Life"

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**Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty. (*Refrain*)**

Refrain: **Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.**

**Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;
Sinner, wake to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
All so freely given, our sure hope of heaven. (*Refrain*)**

**Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior, keep me with you forever. (*Refrain*)**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) (UCC Book of Worship)

Gracious God, we confess what seems always with us: broken things within us that never seem to mend, empty places within us that always seem to ache, things like buds that never seem to flower. O God of love and grace, help us to accept ourselves. Lead us to do good and true things that are not compromised by anything within us. As much as can be, mend us, fill us, make us bloom. For all these things, we give you the glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*WORDS OF GRACE

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory to God” 755

Glory to God the Creator, and to the Christ and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO OUR THIRD GRADER Gwen Francis

THE FIRST LESSON Psalm 1

CHOIR ANTHEM

THE SECOND LESSON Jeremiah 18:1-11

SERMON

HYMN “Have Thine Own Way, Lord!” (see insert)

COMMISSIONING OUR BACK BAY MISSION TRIP

Scripture Matthew 25:34-36

Statement of Purpose and Questions to the Participants

Congregational Words of Support (unison)

We rejoice to recognize you as representatives of our church and thank God for your dedication and the gift of your service. We send you forth with our prayers and our support. With you, we renew our commitment to God and service in Christ’s name. We pray God’s blessings for you and Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. Amen.

WE GIVE WHAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO US
INVITATION TO GIVE

*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Merciful God, your compassion amazes and astounds us. You reach out to us with healing love, and you provide us with our daily bread. Blessed by your love, inspire us to reach out to a world in need. Bless our offerings that they might feed others in mind, body, and spirit. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Hymn “Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face” 336 (vs 1-3)

**Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon you lean.**

**Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here share the cup, the gracious gift of heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.**

**This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread anew;
Here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong
the brief, bright hour together here with you.**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray. (Communion Prayer)

Remembrance

Prayer of Consecration and the Prayer of Our Savior

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Gracious Jesus, you have once again shown us your love by bringing us to this meal. We go from here renewed in faith, renewed in courage, and strengthened by your presence. Thank you for loving us so tenderly. Thank you for challenging us to know you better and to receive you more fully. Refreshed and nourished, we now go forth to be your servants to all people. Amen.

*HYMN	“Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face” 336 (vs 4-5) Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear; the meal, but not your love, is past and gone. This joyful feast confirms that you are here, now and forever, as our shield and sun. We have no help but yours, nor do we need another strength than yours to lean upon. It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed; our faith is in your might, your might alone.
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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

☞ Thank You for Worshipping Here Today ☞

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St. Peter's United Church of Christ welcomes you to today's worship. If you are visiting us today for the first time, please fill out the "Welcome Card" in the pews and place it in the offering plate. We also welcome those who are attending worship online.

The altar flowers are placed in celebration of Doris Blankenship's birthday by her husband, Cecil.

"These Days" devotional booklets and the Newsletter are available in the atrium and the church office. The deadline to submit articles for possible newsletter inclusion is the 21st.

Please pray . . . With Christine Sanfilippo, Katie Buckles, Emily, Jason, Delores Borcharding, Cheryl, Samantha Cerutti-Wacker, Patrick & Christina Flanagan, Pete, Bryce Meyer, Ken, Grace, Amber E., Jon Sanfilippo, Bill & Laurie Pinnell, Shirley Osthoff, Dale Hackmann, Carol Frick, Sara & Bill A. D., Desmond Family, Matt Ashlley

Another highlight marking **St. Peter's UCC Cemetery** celebrating 150 years in 2025. A Bit of History- July 9, 1911 The cemetery committee reported that the roof on the house on the cemetery must be replaced. The committee was instructed to have it done. It was moved and carried to have a shed and cistern made at the cemetery and the committee was instructed to have it done.

Do you have a light bulb that needs changing, or a battery that needs replacing? Maybe you need a ride to an appointment or help with groceries. Call any member of the **Home Helpers** team: Denise Towell, Pat Swinger, Donna Houchins, or Trudy Ronsick and they'll do their best to get you the help you need.

Woman's Fellowship will meet Thurs., Sept. 11, in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. Rev. Bill Schwab will meet with us and tell us about the stain glass windows and other architectural features of the sanctuary. We will adjourn to the dining room for lunch. Hope to see you on the 11th.

Save the Date:

Christmas Rummage Sale Sat., Sept. 27. This year the sale will include ALL holiday items-- Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, St. Patrick's Day, patriotic, etc. and Christmas!! Please consider donating any decorations, lights, wreaths, ornaments, wrapping paper, etc. (No clothing please) We will collect items from Thurs., Sept. 18 to Thurs., Sept. 25. The Rummage Sale is in need of newspaper, bubble wrap, plastic/paper bags, and boxes to help people safely carry home their "treasures". Please deposit on the designated table in the auditorium. Thank you.

The **Eastern Association** of the Missouri Mid-South Conference will hold its **Fall Meeting** at our church on Oct. 5, 2025, 3:00-5:00

Trivia Night is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 18, 2025



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This Week at St. Peter's United Church of Christ:

Sunday, September 7, 2025 Aluminum Drive

10:00 a.m. – Worship w/Holy Communion Family Sunday

Monday, September 8, 2025

12:00 p.m. – Quilting

5:00 p.m. – Harvest Table Board

6:30 p.m. – AA

7:00 p.m. – Civic Chorus Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

1:30-3:00 pm. – Coffee with the Pastor

6:30 pm. – Board of Christian Education

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

9:00 a.m. – Quilting

10:00 a.m. – Prayer Meeting

11:30 a.m. – Bible Study

2:30 pm. – Mission Team

6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 11, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Women's Fellowship

5:30 p.m. – Cemetery Board

6:30 p.m. – AA

Saturday, September 13, 2025

2:30-4:30 – Salam Clinic

5:00 p.m. – Worship

5:00 p.m. – Harvest Table (Dining Room)

Sunday, September 14, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Worship

10:15 a.m. – Sunday School