

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 29, 2025

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

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** - Please rise in body or spirit.*

CENTERING OURSELVES IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Andrew Jackson, Principal Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Hebrews 11:1-2, 12:1-2 CEB) Ken Tucker, Liturgist

One: Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Many: This is what the ancients were commended for.

One: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

Many: And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

One: For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame,

Many: And sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

*HYMN "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve" 491

**Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve, and press with vigor on;
A heavenly race demands your zeal, and an immortal crown,
and an immortal crown.**

**A cloud of witnesses around holds you in full survey;
Forget the steps already trod, and onward urge your way,
and onward urge your way.**

**For God's all animating voice still calls us to the race; And God's own hand
still gives the prize with never ending grace, with never ending grace.**

**O Savior, shown the way by you, I have my race begun; And, crowned with
victory, at your feet I'll lay my honors down, I'll lay my honors down.**

***OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

Loving God, we have gathered this hour to worship you and listen for your still-speaking voice. We savor your many words of grace, favor, and promise. Help us also to hear your uncompromising word of challenge and commitment which calls us to follow Jesus' way. Keep our hearts and minds focused when we become despondent and weary of the path of discipleship which stretches before us. Assure us that Jesus walks before us to show us the way. Remind us that Jesus walks beside us as a companion on life's journey. And help us to remember that there are times when Jesus walks behind us, prodding us along the path of faithfulness. For it is in his name that we pray. Amen.

***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.

THE FIRST LESSON Luke 9:51-62

SPECIAL MUSIC Ken Tucker

SECOND LESSON II Kings 2:1-14

SERMON

***HYMN "O Savior, Let Me Walk with You" 503**

O Savior, let me walk with you in earthly paths of service true;

Tell me your secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear winning word of love.

Teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me your patience let me be in closer, dearer company,

In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,

In peace that only you can give, with you, O Savior, let me live.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

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.

**WE GIVE WHAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO US
INVITATION TO GIVE**

***RESPONSE** **“Come Now, Almighty God”** 275 (v 4)

**To you, great One in Three, eternal praises be, forevermore.
Your sovereign majesty, may we in glory see, and to eternity, love and adore.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

Ever-calling God, the path of discipleship stretches ever before us. May these offerings be signs along the way, announcing our commitment to you and your way. Bless and multiply them that your will is done on earth as in heaven. Amen.

***HYMN** **“In the Midst of New Dimensions”** 391

**In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?**

Refrain: **God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey
now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.**

**Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? *Refrain***

**As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams. *Refrain***

**We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. *Refrain***

**Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. *Refrain***

*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.

"These Days" devotional booklets and the July Newsletter are available in the atrium and the church office.

Please pray . . . With Maple, Rick Shetley, Emily, Jason, Delores Borcharding, Cheryl, Samantha Cerutti-Wacker, Patrick & Christina Flanagan, Pete, Marge Jones, Bryce Meyer, Ken, Grace, Amber E., Greg Berry, Jon Sanfilippo, Bill & Laurie Pinnell

Another highlight marking **St. Peter's UCC Cemetery** celebrating 150 years in 2025.



A Bit of History- addendum to Katie Dieckhaus's Cemetery Seminar, courtesy of Linda Sentivany and Ruth Buddemeyer. Eberhart Conrad Hermann Buddemeyer was born Oct. 11, 1833 in Prussia. He left Bergsteinfort, Germany and emigrated to America, arriving in New Orleans Nov. 1, 1858. Hermann was a carpenter by trade and brought all of his worldly possessions in a wooden chest he



had built, along with his wooden toolbox. Hermann was a farm laborer for the Wessler family in Femme Osage. He helped build the Dutzow church. In 1862 he enlisted in the 1st Missouri State Militia, Infantry Battalion, Company C, which was organized at St. Charles. Hermann may have been wounded in St. Charles. He rose to the rank of sergeant in Krekel's Cavalry Battalion, Company D. Katie's notes state he served for over 4 years, Ruth Buddemeyer's notes state from Aug. 1861 to Jan. 1862. After the war he moved to Washington and married Dorothea Katherine Brune in 1869. They bought land and he built their house on Stafford St., where they raised 10 (or 14) children. The 1900 census shows that Hermann applied for U.S. citizenship. Hermann died Oct. 23, 1929 at 96 years old.

The **Evangelism Committee** is exploring the possibility of forming a team to help members with simple household tasks. Our first step is to develop that team so if you are interested in lending a helping hand to members who occasionally need a little help, please contact Pat Swinger at 636-980-6728 or Denise Towell at 636-388-2588.

The School District of Washington's **Back to School Fair Backpack/Shoe drive** continues. Thus far the drive has raised \$2,800, divided into 36 Child Sponsors, 20 Shoe Sponsors, and 20 Backpack Sponsors (including a donation of 3 new backpacks). Donation envelopes are available in the pews and atrium; please mark them with "Back to School Fair" and include your envelope number. The Back-to-School Drive ends today. \$20 for a Backpack Sponsor; \$30 for a Shoe Sponsor; \$50 for a Child Sponsor. The School District's fair will provide backpacks, shoes, haircuts, supplies, immunizations, and other essentials to ensure all children have a positive start to the school year. The Fair will be held on July 30.

The **Aluminum Can Collection** will take place on the South parking lot, the weekend of July 5 & 6. Please bring your aluminum cans in a plastic bag.

The **Women's Fellowship** of St. Paul's UCC from Marthasville has invited the women of St. Peter's to their annual luncheon. The event will be held on Wed., July 16, at 11:30 a.m. Please call or text Judy Verdine (636-346-8380) if you are able to attend. (RSVPs are needed by July 8.) We will meet on St. Peter's parking lot at 11 a.m. to carpool. This is a lovely event and wonderful opportunity of fellowship with our sisters in faith. This gathering will be our Women's Fellowship meeting for the month of July.

The **Little Free Library** is currently undergoing a facelift, courtesy of Nathaniel Pfitzinger, Phil Butler and Ben Alspach. It is in need of refinishing due to constant exposure to the elements. In the meantime, we are looking to restock the book supply. Books are needed for all ages--from board books for the littlest ones, to novels and non-fiction for adults. We also need books for early readers, pre-teens and young adults. Graphic novels are especially popular with the elementary school age kids. Any donations are greatly appreciated. A drop off basket is located in the quilting hallway next to the puzzle shelves for your convenience. For pick up or any questions, please, call Janet Alspach at 770-313-0018. Thank you for your support. The Library is used frequently by our Harvest Table guests.

Calling All Back Bay Missioners! On July 9 at 1:30 p.m. the Mission Team will meet in the Atrium Room. *All those who plan to go on the trip to Back Bay Mission Sept. 13-20 please join us!* We will go over the schedule, expectations, lodging questions, and anything else you need to know. We need firm commitments as to who will be joining us as we travel to Biloxi, MS. Those of us who journeyed to Back Bay Mission last year had life-changing experiences. So come along with us, you will be glad you did! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Kurt or Rhonda Stockglausner 636-390-3425.

Worship Attendance – June 28 & 29, 2025

Saturday In-Person: 21 Sunday In-Person: 75 YouTube Views: 21



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

Sunday, June 29, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Worship

Monday, June 30, 2025

12:00 p.m. – Quilting

6:30 p.m. – AA

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

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

7:00 p.m. – Building & Grounds Board

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

8:45 a.m. – Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans

9:00 a.m. – Quilting

11:30 a.m. – Bible Study

Thursday, July 3, 2025

6:30 p.m. – AA

Friday, July 4, 2025 Happy Independence Day Church Office Closed

Saturday, July 5, 2025 Aluminum Drive

5:00 p.m. – Worship w/Holy Communion

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

Sunday, July 6, 2025 Aluminum Drive

10:00 a.m. – Worship w/Holy Communion

The Rev. Kurt Schaller Blaufuss, Pastor & Teacher

Ken Tucker, Director of Music

Andrew Jackson, Principal Organist

Carol H. Hackmann, Office Manager

Gary Edler, Cemetery Sexton

Nathaniel Pfitzinger, Building & Grounds Custodian

The Rev. Dr. William H. Schwab, Pastor Emeritus