

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

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 "Jubilant Processional" by Jane McFadden Chapel Bells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Patty Wood, Liturgist

One: Cry out, people of faith! Rejoice and praise God!

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

One: Cry out, people of faith, for your Savior draws near.

Many: Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the one who comes in God's name!

One: Blessed be Jesus Christ who did not turn back for fear of the cross.

Many: May we honor Jesus as we share in his passion and victory.

One: Hosanna! God saves!

Many: Blessed is the One who comes in God's name.

*HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" 216

All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way;
Our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.

O Promised One of Israel, of David's royal line,
The one called "God's beloved," of flesh and yet divine,
To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

As you received their praises, receive our prayers today,
Whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

*THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS (UCC Book of Worship)

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

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

One: Let us pray:

Many: O God, who in Jesus Christ triumphantly entered Jerusalem, heralding a week of pain and sorrow, be with us now as we follow the way of the cross. In these events of defeat and victory, you have sealed the close-ness of death and resurrection, of humiliation and exaltation. We thank you for these branches that promise to become for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty. Bless them and us that their use this day may announce in our time that Christ has come, and that Christ will come again. Amen. Come, Christ Jesus.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Holy, Holy, Holy” 790

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE Philippians 2:5-11

CHOIR ANTHEM “Palm Sunday” Chancel Choir
(lyrics p 8)

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:28-40

SERMON

*HYMN “What Wondrous Love Is This” 223

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this! that Christ should come in bliss
to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!

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 OF PRAISE

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 COMMITMENT (unison)

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather in your presence, turn our
hearts once again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus
Christ, that united with Jesus and all the faithful we may one day enter in
triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in
the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory
forever. Amen.

*HYMN

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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**“Hosanna, loud hosanna,” the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**

**From Olivet they followed amid a cheering crowd,
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The one whom angels worship rode on in lowly state,
And glad to see the children, slowed down the donkey’s gait.**

**“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song is ours.
We hail our great Redeemer and sing with all our powers:
“Hosanna, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.
Hosanna! In your presence for ever we’ll rejoice!”**

*BENEDICTION

One: When you leave this gathering, sing hosannas. Carry their glad cry into this new week.

Many: However popular or unpopular the cause, we wish to follow Jesus Christ.

One: If anyone would become Jesus' follower, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow him.

Many: Christ calls us to go into the world proclaiming the Gospel and serving others.

One: We have been called and commissioned and empowered to go forth.

Many: Hosanna! Blessed are all who go forth to serve in the name of Christ.
Amen.

*POSTLUDE

☞ Thank You for Worshipping Here Today ☞

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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

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 April Newsletter are available in the atrium and the church office.

Please pray . . . With Dorothy Meyer, Patrick & Christina Flanagan, Pete, Marge Jones, Cindy Moeller, Bryce Meyer, Ken, Grace, Amber E., Clayton, Matt Ashley, Greg Berry, Jon Sanfilippo, Charlie Sincox, Todd Ford, Laurie Pinnell

In 2025 **St. Peter's UCC Cemetery** is celebrating 150 years--A Bit of History- Sept. 29, 1889 A receipted bill from F.H. Thias for beer and glasses, on which a payment of \$8 was made by F. Bihr for a cemetery lot was accepted. Jan. 1, 1890. The committee appointed to prepare the book about the cemetery lots declared it was completed and they had examined the plat. Their report was accepted and the book and plat turned over to the secretary.

Come enjoy the free International Zither Gathering this afternoon at 3 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church--Featuring Tomy Temerson, Master Zither Soloist from Hanau, Germany. The concert is hosted by the Schwarzer Zither Ensemble and the Washington Historical Society.

Game Day April 17, from 12- 2, will be a BYOSL (Bring your own sack lunch). All are welcome!

Heat up St. Peter's Fundraising Update: We are very close to reaching our goal of \$10,000 to help pay the cost of heating and cooling our church. We have raised \$8,775.65. Thank you, Thank you for your great support! If you would like to help get us over the top, you may use one of the special envelopes located in the Atrium or mark your check and/or regular envelope with 'Heat up St. Peter's'. The Finance Board is planning a celebration with the congregation if/when we reach our goal. Look for more information in the weeks ahead.

Easter Breakfast Please come and join us for food and fellowship Easter morning, April 20. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. If you plan to attend, please bring any of the following to share--**breakfast casserole, rolls, muffins, breakfast bread or fruit.** We will have sausage and beverages available--milk, orange juice, and coffee. We need volunteers to help with serving and clean-up. We would like 6-8 helpers each shift. Shifts are 7:30-9:00 and 9:00-10:30. Please call or text Judy Verdine (636-346-8380) with your preference of time to work. We will be setting up tables on Saturday night (4/19) after Harvest Table (6:30). Hoping to have a great turnout to share the joys of Easter! Barb Bauer & Judy Verdine

St. Peter's will be co-hosting **Harvest Table** with the Washington Methodist Church on April 26, 2025. If interested in helping, you would be welcome and appreciated. We also need desserts (or money for dessert) and hands-on volunteers. Please call or text Erna Holland (314) 616-7143 with questions or support.

Worship Attendance – April 5 & 6, 2025

Saturday In-Person: 27 Sunday In-Person: 90 YouTube Views: 20

Holy Week & Easter at St. Peter's United Church of Christ:

- Maundy Thursday Worship w/Communion April 17 - 7:00 p.m.
 - Good Friday Worship April 18 - 7:00 p.m.
 - Holy Saturday Worship w/Communion April 19 - 5:00 p.m.
 - Easter Sunday Worship w/Communion April 20 - 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
- A potluck breakfast will be served from 8:00-9:45 a.m. in the dining room. (See the announcement above for more information.)

Immanuel UCC Wright City Sausage Dinner April 27, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

COME ONE, COME ALL to the Cemetery Anniversary Picnic on May 18 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Barbeque and sides provided by the American Legion. Fun games and activities for all ages. Bounce House. Learn how to use Dowsing Rods--magic, myth, or the mind???? Katie Dieckhaus (Washington Historical Society) will entertain us with stories and history of some of our "occupants" who helped shape St. Peter's and Washington.



Never have cash or a check handy but want to financially support St. Peter's UCC? Use this QR code to open a link to give via PayPal. PayPal allows you to use your credit card or checking account to give once or a reoccurring gift. Don't forget that your bank also offers reoccurring checks and/or transactions. Thank you for helping to take care of your church!

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

Sunday, April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. – Worship

10:15 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Confirmation

Monday, April 14, 2025

12:00-3:00 pm. – Quilting

6:30 p.m. – Pastoral Relations Committee

6:30 p.m. – AA

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

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

3:00 p.m. – Internal Review Board

6:30 p.m. – Church Council

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

9:00 a.m. – Quilting

10:00 a.m. – Prayer Meeting

11:30 a.m. – Bible Study

6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir

7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 17, 2025

9:00 a.m. – Eastern Association Committee on Ministry

12:00–2:00 p.m. – Game Day

6:30 p.m. – AA

7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Worship w/Communion

Friday, April 18, 2025

9:00 a.m. – Women's Breakfast at Bob Evans

7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Worship

Saturday, April 19, 2025

5:00 p.m. – Holy Saturday Worship w/Communion

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

Sunday, April 20, 2025 Easter

8:00 & 10:00 a.m. – Worship w/Communion

8:00-9:45 a.m. – Breakfast

Choir Anthem: "Palm Sunday" "Hosanna, loud hosanna The little children sang;
 Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang; To Jesus, who had bless'd
 them Close folded to His breast, The children sang their praises, The simplest and the
 best. From Olivet they followed 'Mid an exultant crowd, The victor palm branch waving,
 And chanting clear and loud; The Lord of men and angels Rode on in lowly state, Nor
 scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait. "Hosanna in the highest!" That
 ancient song we sing, For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heaven our King. O may
 we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice, And in His blissful presence Eternally
 rejoice, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest, Eternally rejoice in the Lord of
 all!"

Bethel Hills, located in Dutzow, is searching for a part-time grounds manager to manage a
 volunteer team and see that the property is cared for. Some of what the job would
 include: seeing that the lawns and landscaping are properly cared for. This person should
 also be familiar with operating lawn equipment. Please contact Billie Kramme at 636-242-
 2072 email billie@bethelhills.org To learn more about Bethel Hills go to BethelHills.org