

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 20, 2025

EASTER

8:00 & 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

“God of Glory”

Bell Ensemble
Molly Bauer, Clarinet

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pat Swinger, Liturgist

One: Praise God, who brings life out of death and hope out of despair.

Many: Praise God, who has raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

One: Praise God, who gathers up the fragments left by human destruction and creates new possibilities. Christ has risen!

Many: Christ has risen indeed!

*HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

233 (vs 1-3)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Let the Victor's people sing, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia!

God has opened paradise, Alleluia!

*UNISON PRAYER (unison)

We rejoice, mighty God, that you have raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

We praise you and glorify your name. New life blossoms where dead hopes were buried. Today the world is made new. Be known among us in resurrection power; through Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. Amen.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” 233 (v 4)
Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

THE FIRST LESSON John 20:1-10

CHOIR ANTHEM “Crown Him Lord of All!” Jay Rouse Chancel Choir
(lyrics p 8)

SECOND LESSON John 20:11-18

SERMON

*HYMN “The Strife Is O’er” 242
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The strife is o’er, the battle done, the victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!
The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions has
dispersed: Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!
The three sad days are quickly sped, Christ rises glorious from the dead:
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!
Christ, by your wounds on Calvary from death’s dread sting your servants
free, That we may live eternally. Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

WE GIVE WHAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO US
 MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*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)

God of new life, we thank you for this Easter Celebration. We thank you for the possibilities born from Christ's resurrection. Use us and our gifts to love and serve you. May they witness to the way of Jesus in this world. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

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: God of ceaseless new beginnings, we rejoice that through your powerful love Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. In the resurrection you have shown that neither trouble nor persecution, hardship nor poverty, danger nor death can separate us from your love.

Many: Free us to trust in you that we may live in the confidence of your children.

One: In the resurrection you were victorious over sin, violence, and oppression.

Many: Free us to risk ourselves in the struggle for justice and peace that we may be your partners in restoring all creation to your will.

One: In the resurrection you have opened the gates of eternal life.

Many: Free us from the fear of death that we may serve you with courage.

One: In the resurrection you bring new possibilities out of hopeless situations.

Many: Free us from all despair that we may bring your hope to those who have lost heart.

One: Through the presence of Jesus Christ among us, draw us into a community of freedom, hope, and love. Work your new creation among us that we may serve you without fear.

Many: God Most Holy, God Most Loving, God Most Knowing, we praise your name for ever; through Jesus our risen Christ and Savior. Amen.

THE REMEMBRANCE

THE PRAYER OF CONCECRATION 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.

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

One: Alleluia! Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one.

Many: I died, and behold I am alive for evermore. Alleluia!

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

Gracious God, as the risen Christ shared a simple meal with his disciples beside the Galilean Sea, so we savor this meal which celebrates your continued presence in our lives and in the life of this world. Continue to fill our lives with the Good News of Christ's resurrection and send us forth in the power of your Holy Spirit as heralds of new life made possible in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN "Crown with Your Richest Crowns" 301

**Crown with your richest crowns the Lamb upon the throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own,
Awake, my soul, and sing of Christ who died for you,
And to your risen Savior bring your thanks for life made new.**

Crown Christ whose love has flowed down hands and feet and side.

Look past the peak of Calvary's road to Christ the glorified.

The sun that lights the sky is pale before that sight.

At prayer we glimpse then turn the eye from mysteries so bright.

Crown Christ the truth, the life who triumphed o'er the grave

And rose victorious in the strife, this fallen world to save.

Christ's glories now we sing, Christ's name we magnify,

Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Christ who rules in peace, whose power a sceptre sways

From pole to pole that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise:

Christ's reign shall have no end, for 'round those wounded feet

a fragrant garden shall extend forever green and sweet.

Crown Christ who holds the years, embracing space and time,

Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For you have died for me;

Your praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

***BENEDICTION**

One: Rejoice, people of God!

Many: Christ is risen from the dead!

One: Go in peace to love and serve God

Many: We go in peace to share the news of Christ's resurrection.

One: Christ is with us always!

Many: Even to the end of the age! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***POSTLUDE**

☞ Thank You for Worshipping Here Today ☞

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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.

We thank Rev. Dr. Mary Schaller Blaufuss for participating in this morning's worship services.

We welcome and thank the brass players who are sharing their talents today. They are: Jim Schneeberg, Hannah Weibert, Cassie Rice and Doug Rice.

"These Days" devotional booklets and the April Newsletter are available in the atrium and the church office. A special thank you to Patty Wood, editor, and the faithful proof-readers who produce our monthly newsletter. The deadline to submit articles is the 21st.

Please pray . . . With Jason, Delores Borcharding, Cheryl, Samantha Cerutti-Wacker, 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--June 28, 1891 It was moved and carried that all lots on the St. Peter's Cemetery be sold only under the condition that all purchasers comply with the rules and regulations of said cemetery. That in each bill of sale for a lot or lots, this provision be included and that the grave digger be given written notice thereof.

St. Peter's is co-hosting **Harvest Table** with the Washington Methodist Church on April 26. If interested in helping, or supplying dessert, please call or text Erna Holland (314) 616-7143.

Celebration time: All are invited to join the Finance Board to celebrate reaching our goal of \$10,000 for the Heat Up/Cool Down St. Peter's campaign. Join us in the auditorium for hot fudge sundaes after services on May 3 & 4. It's not too late to donate!

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. One of our "occupants"- Friedrich Wilhelm Stumpe was born May 5, 1831 in Hanover, Germany. He emigrated to America in 1857 and settled in the Washington, MO "suburbs". In 1860 he established a brickyard near Washington, making 500,000 bricks/year- perhaps the bricks that were used to build St. Peter's. He served in the Civil War with the Franklin County Homeguards. By 1874 he was a farmer with 24 acres. Friedrich was a school board member for 16 years, a city councilman, and a president of St. Peter's Council.

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

Sunday, April 20, 2025 Easter

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

8:00-9:45 a.m. – Breakfast

Monday, April 21, 2025 Newsletter deadline

Church Office Closed

6:30 p.m. – AA

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

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

6:30 p.m. – Evangelism

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

9:00 a.m. – Quilting

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Sewing Class

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 24, 2025

6:30 p.m. – AA

Saturday, April 26, 2025

5:00 p.m. – Worship

5:00 p.m. – Harvest Table (Dining Room) St. Peter's Hosting

Sunday, April 27, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Worship

10:15 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Confirmation

Worship Attendance – April 12 & 13, 2025

Saturday In-Person: 19 Sunday In-Person: 82 YouTube Views: 36

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

Save the date: The 3rd annual trivia night to support St. Peter's will be held on Oct. 18.

Watch for more information on how you can support this important and fun fundraiser.

This coming Saturday, April 26, the Grape Cluster of the Eastern Association of which St. Peter's UCC is a member, is sponsoring an **Earth Day Work Day at Camp MoVal**. There are a variety of jobs around the camp for volunteers as we ready the camp for the 2025 church camping season. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to attend, you may contact Pastor Kurt or Rev. Jeanne Lischer at jlischer90@gmail.com.



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Choir Anthem: "Crown Him Lord of All!" "Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne. Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity. Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. All hail, Redeemer, hail! for Thou has died for me; Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity. Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him Lord of all! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him the Lord, crown Him Lord of all! Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save; His glories now we sing who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die. Crown Him Lord of all! Crown Him Lord of all!"

EASTER LILIES HAVE BEEN PLACED IN MEMORY OF: GIVEN BY:

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