

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT "Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" Gordon Young

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Rev. 7:9-17)

One: After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

Many: They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

One: And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

Many: Singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

One: Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?"

Many: For this reason, they are before the throne of God and worship day and night within God's temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

One: They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,

Many: For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*HYMN

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need your tender care;
in your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, yours we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, yours we are.**

**We are yours, in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.**

Let us always seek your favor; let us always do your will;
Jesus Christ our only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

*UNISON PRAYER

Thank you, Loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways you bless our lives with your abundant love and presence. Guide our hearts and hands that we may hear your words and be stirred into active service to your children everywhere. This is our prayer in the name of the Good Shepherd who leads us to life. Amen and Amen!

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 23

CHOIR ANTHEM

“It Is Good to Praise the Lord”

Chancel Choir

(lyrics p 7)

THE SECOND LESSON

John 10:11-18

SERMON

*HYMN

“God Is My Shepherd”

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God is my shepherd, I'll not want, I feed in pastures green.
God grants me rest and bids me drink from waters calm and clean.
Through daily tasks, I'm blessed and led by One I have not seen.

Restored to life each morning new, I rise up from the dust
to follow God whose presence gives me confidence and trust.

I praise the name of God today; in God I put my trust.

When I must pass through shadowed vale, where loss and death await,
I will not fear for God is there, my shepherd strong and great,
whose rod and staff will comfort me and all my fears abate.

No enemy can overcome, no power on earth defeat
the ones anointed by God's grace and fed with manna sweet.

My cup is filled and overflows as I my Savior greet.

Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me;
and where God reigns in heaven and earth, my dwelling place will be.

My shepherd blesses, cares, and leads through all eternity.

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 (Hymn Tune: Hyfrydol)

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Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to the God of joy;
Alleluia to the Savior who came death's bonds to destroy;
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Shepherding God, guide us in the path of discipleship, so that as you have
blessed us, we may be a blessing for others. May our offerings bring the
promise of your realm of love and care to those near and far through our
words and deeds. Amen.

*HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

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Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love;
 Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the storms of doubt away;
 Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,
 Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
 Chanting bird and flowing fountain, teach us what our praise should be.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
 Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
 Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you;
 Teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renew.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
 Boundless love is reigning o’er us, reconciling race and clan.
 Ever singing, move we forward, faithful in the midst of strife,
 Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.

*BENEDICTION

One: We praise Creation’s God:

Many: Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!

One: Let each single voice praise God:

Many: Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!

One: Let all voices together praise God:

Many: Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!

One: Let the great multitude of nations praise God:

Many: Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!

One: With all Creation we praise God:

Many: Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!

*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 by Pat Forget in honor of her mother, and all mothers.

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

Please pray . . . With Jody B., 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, Anonymous

In 2025 **St. Peter's UCC Cemetery** is celebrating 150 years. A Bit of History- Oct. 4, 1900 In regard to our cemetery the following was moved and carried: 1) the price of graves on the narrow walks and the price of graves on the wide walks should be increased to \$15 and \$25 respectively. 2) no person is permitted to scatter salt on graves or burial lots. 3) all foundations for gravestones or monuments should be made at least 3 feet deep. 4) the entrance shall remain closed. Whoever has occasion to be with a team or wagon on the cemetery can get the key at the pastor's house. 5) neglected burial places the gravedigger shall clean up twice annually for which the congregation pays H. W. Kamp.

Hescot Callicott was born in Callaway County on March 15, 1864. On the 4th of July 1924, he was hauling a load of hay along E. 5th St. when he fell from the wagon and suffered a severe skull fracture. He was rushed to his home on Jefferson St. and then transferred to a St. Louis hospital, where he died on July 6th.

Worship Attendance – May 3 & 4, 2025

Saturday In-Person: 23 Sunday In-Person: 65 YouTube Views: 29

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.

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

Sunday, May 11, 2025 Happy Mother's Day!!

10:00 a.m. – Worship

10:15 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Confirmation

Monday, May 12, 2025

12:00 p.m. – Quilting

6:30 p.m. – AA

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

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

6:30 p.m. – Board of Christian Education

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

9:00 a.m. – Quilting

10:00 a.m. – Prayer Meeting

11:30 a.m. – Bible Study

1:30 p.m. – Mission Team

6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir

7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 15, 2025

9:00 a.m. – Eastern Association COM

6:30 p.m. – AA

Friday, May 16, 2025

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

Saturday, May 17, 2025

5:00 p.m. – Worship

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

Sunday, May 18, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Worship

10:15 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Confirmation

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Cemetery Anniversary Picnic

A few notes from the Mission Team:

We are happy to announce that we will again hear more about **Back Bay Mission** in Biloxi, MS on Sun., May 18. Joyce Bathke, member of Faith UCC in Wentzville and former President of the Back Bay Mission Board of Directors, will join us in worship and talk about this important United Church of Christ presence on the Gulf Coast. Help us welcome Joyce!

God is Great, God is Green: The Bible and Eco Justice, a lecture exploring Biblical expressions of God's care for creation and what that means for our lives. This learning opportunity is close to home at Zion UCC in Union, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. and is sponsored by the Eastern Association Social Justice Team. The speaker is Rev. Dr. Clinton McCann from Eden Seminary. This is a hybrid event. No reservations are required for in-person attendance. To join by Zoom register at 22.allinmsicproject.org. For more information, please contact Rhonda Stockglausner at 636-390-3425.

Memorial Day Work Weekend at Shannondale May 23-25, 2025. If you have never been to Shannondale or if you have been there many times, this is an opportunity to spend Memorial Day weekend in the beautiful Missouri Ozarks. Come spend a day or plan a long weekend. Bring the family. Work will be on Saturday from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. on different projects on site or perhaps for homeowners in the area. For more information, call Theresa Enloe at 573-858-3284 or 573-247-0299 or email theresa@mmsucc.org



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Choir Anthem: "It Is Good to Praise the Lord" Williams, Drennan

"It is good to praise the Lord. It is good to praise the Lord. Let us all sing alleluia and praise His holy name! It is good to praise the Lord. It is good to praise the Lord. Let us all sing alleluia and praise His holy name! He comforts those in need, but brings the wicked down. Brings them down. He speaks and it is done. He leads to higher ground. It is good to praise the Lord. It is good to praise the Lord. Let us all sing alleluia and praise His holy name! He counts the countless stars; He gives each one a name. The heavens bow to Him; His glory to proclaim. It is good to praise the Lord. It is good to praise the Lord. I'm tellin' you it's good to praise the Lord. It's really good to praise my Lord. It's an amazin' day when I'm talkin' about my Lord. It's good! It's really good to praise the Lord; oh yeah!

School District of Washington Back-to-School Fair July 30, 2025, 2-6 p.m. Washington Middle School; for any enrolled SDOW Student. *Space is limited.* For more information contact: lindsey.jasper@sdownmo.org or jamie.knight@sdownmo.org

The Rev. Kurt Schaller Blaufuss, Pastor & Teacher
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