

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

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 (Psalm 118:22-24)

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Many: This is God's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: For Christ is risen.

Many: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

*HYMN

"Christ Arose"

**Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!**

Refrain: **Up from the grave he arose;
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

**Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! *Refrain***

**Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! *Refrain***

*UNISON PRAYER (from the UCC Book of Worship)

Holy God, the earth is full of your glory, and so we worship you. Our hearts are on fire with the awareness that Christ is with us, and so we thank you. Our fears have been calmed in the bright light of Resurrection Day, and so we praise you. Do not leave us, we pray. Let us abide for ever in the assurance of your love; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

THE FIRST LESSON

Revelation 1:4-8

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”
by Lanny Wolfe, arr. Jack Schrader

The Chancel Choir
(*lyrics pg. 8*)

SECOND LESSON

John 20:19-31

SERMON

*HYMN

“Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day”

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**Joy dawned again on Easter Day, The sun shone out with bright array;
For when the Apostles hid in fear, The Risen Christ to them appeared.**

**O Jesus, Savior, Gentle One, Come take our hearts to be your own,
That we may give you all our days The willing tribute of our praise.**

**O Sovereign One, with us abide In this our joyful Eastertide;
From every weapon death can wield, Your own redeemed forever shield.**

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)

God of Resurrection Life, thank you for the gift of faith. Whether it be amid doubts or assurances, you continue to love us and lead us in faith. May we like Thomas recognize and proclaim you as our God and our Sovereign. And may we share that news both near and far with the offerings we place before you on this day, so that others will come to believe in you and your ways. Amen.

*HYMN

“The Day of Resurrection”

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**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Christ who reigns eternal in resurrection light;
We listen for the teachings once heard so calm and plain,
for we, too, want to follow and raise the victor strain.
Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the whole world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ again has risen, our joy that has no end.**

*BENEDICTION (from the UCC Book of Worship)

One: Rejoice, people of God!

Many: Christ is risen from the dead!

One: Go in peace to love and serve God.

Many: Christ is with us always,

One: Even to the end of the age!

Many: Amen.

*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.

Pastor Kurt will be on vacation from May 3-9. If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact the church office or Ben Alspach.

"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

In 2025 **St. Peter's UCC Cemetery** is celebrating 150 years--A Bit of History-Dec. 27, 1891 It was moved and carried that if a regular member of the congregation, or a confirmed child of such, dies, the janitor shall ring the large bell when his or her death has been announced, provided, however, that the deceased attended church regularly and participated in the Holy Communion. If an unconfirmed child died, the small bell should be tolled.

Walter Johan Oberhaus 2/26/1894-9/29/1918 Walter was employed by the Washington Painting and Decorating Co. before being drafted into the army in WWI. He received his training at Camp Funston, KS and was sent overseas in April 1918 as a member of Company C 140th Infantry. He was killed in action in France. Walter was a Purple Heart (awarded to those who have been wounded or killed by enemy action) and a Gold Star recipient. The concept of a Gold Star emerged during WWI when families displayed service flags with blue stars for each family member serving. If a service member died, the blue star was replaced with a gold star, symbolizing their sacrifice. Walter's obituary states that his funeral service will be held as soon as the "closing ban" for Influenza is lifted.

Worship Attendance – April 19 & 20, 2025

Maundy Thursday: 46 Good Friday: 50 Saturday: 30

Sunday In-Person 8:00: 62 10:00: 176 YouTube Views: 56

The Board of Christian Education would like to give a **special thanks** to Susan Harms, Jennifer Kroeter, Diane Gephardt and Wendy Zick for decorating the auditorium so nicely for the Easter Egg Hung last Sunday.

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.

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

Sunday, April 27, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Worship

10:15 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Confirmation

Monday, April 28, 2025

12:00 p.m. – Quilting

6:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts

6:30 p.m. – AA

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

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

Wednesday, April 30, 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, May 1, 2025

6:30 p.m. – AA

Saturday, May 3, 2025 Aluminum Drive

5:00 p.m. – Worship w/Holy Communion

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

Sunday, May 4, 2025 Aluminum Drive

10:00 a.m. – Worship w/Holy Communion

10:15 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Confirmation

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

St. Paul's UCC Defiance Chicken Dinner (Drive-thru) May 4, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

St. Peter's UCC's Bible Study is beginning a new series based on the book of Revelation. This last book of the Bible is hard to understand but still speaks a word of hope for Christ's people. Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the Atrium Room. All are invited.

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.

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

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.



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!

Choir Anthem: "Surely the Presence of the Lord" Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see the glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place: I can feel his mighty power and his grace, his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. Christ beside me. Christ before me, Christ behind me – king of my heart; Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me – never to part. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace, his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence, surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, is in this place.

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