

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 9, 2025

1st Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM

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** - Please rise in body or spirit.*

CENTERING OURSELVES IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Andrew Jackson, Principal Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

SOUNDING THE SHOFAR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 91:1-2, 14-16 CEB) Charlie Sincox, Liturgist

One: Living in the Most High's shelter and camping in the Almighty's shade,

Many: I say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold. You are My God, the one I trust."

One: God says, "Because you are devoted to me, I'll rescue and protect you.

Many: Whenever you cry out to me, I'll answer.

One: I'll be with you in troubling times. I'll save you and glorify you.

Many: I'll fill you with old age. I'll show you my salvation."

*HYMN "Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days" 211

**Lord Jesus, who through forty days for us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.**

**As you with Satan did contend, and did the victory win,
O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.**

**And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,
Yes, evermore, in life and death, O Christ, with us abide.**

**Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.**

Forgiving God, we begin our Lenten journey in the wilderness. There we stand with Jesus as he struggles with the direction of his ministry. There we stand ourselves, asking how we might serve you more faithfully. Forgive us when we listen to voices promising us more possessions and power. Forgive us when we fail to listen to your command to love you and our neighbor as ourselves. We pray that we will not be led to times of trial that undo us. Deliver us from the evil which assaults us as it assaulted Jesus. May we look to Jesus and with his help stay firm in our discipleship. This we pray in his name. Amen.

*LAMB OF GOD

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Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

*WORDS OF GRACE

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

THE FIRST LESSON Romans 10:8b-13

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SECOND LESSON

SERMON

*HYMN	“Forty Days and Forty Nights”	205
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Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.
Shall we not your sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with you to suffer pain?
Then if Satan on us press, flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness, grant that we may not faint or fail!
So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be;
'Round us, too, shall angels shine, such as served you faithfully.
Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by your side;
That with you we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

*UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Doxology

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**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)

We bring these gifts to you, O God, in thanksgiving for your love, provision, and guidance. Bless them and multiply them that they may share your grace and mercy both near and far. Amen.

*HYMN

“When Peace, Like a River”

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**When peace, like a river, upholds me each day, when sorrows like sea
billows roll, Whatever my lot, you have taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”**

Refrain: It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

**Though evil shall tempt me, though trials should come,
let this blessed assurance control, That Christ has regarded my helpless
estate, and has paid life and blood for my soul: *Refrain***

**My sin--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought--my sin not in part, but the
whole—Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

**O God, speed the day that is filled with your light when clouds are rolled
back as a scroll; The trumpet shall sound and the
Lord shall appear, “even so” it is well with my soul. *Refrain***

*BENEDICTION (Psalm 91)

L. God will command the angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

P. On their hands they will bear us up.

L. Because you have made God your refuge, the Most High will be your dwelling place.

P. No evil shall befall us.

L. Go in peace, in the provision and protection of the Lord.

P. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*POSTLUDE

Sounding the Shofar

An ancient Biblical musical instrument is the shofar. A shofar is a ram's horn. In Biblical times the blast of the ram's horn was used in battle and during religious observances. In modern Judaism the shofar is sounded on Rosh HaShanah to mark the beginning of a new year. According to one Jewish philosopher, the sound of the shofar on Rosh HaShanah is meant to wake up the soul and turn its attention to the important task of repentance and returning to God. Our use of the shofar calls us to the same; to repent of our wrongs and to wake up to the new thing God is doing in our midst.

☞ Thank You for Worshipping Here Today ☞

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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 March Newsletter/2024 Annual Report are available in the atrium and the church office.

Please pray . . .With Marge Jones, Cindy Moeller, Bryce Meyer, Ken, Grace, Amber E., Clayton, Matt Ashley, Greg Berry, Jon Sanfilippo, Charlie Sincox, Todd Ford, Laurie Pinnell, Blake Georgie

Dottie & Bob Brinker are excited to announce the birth of their 10th grandchild! Clayton Robert was born March 4 to Kate (Brinker) & Kyle Maness.

Mardi Gras was a huge success! Thank you to all who participated and for all the donations! A fun time was had by all!

St. Peter's UCC will be taking in new members in the near future. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact the church office or Pastor Kurt.

In 2025 **St. Peter's UCC Cemetery** is celebrating 150 years-- A Bit of History- Oct. 7, 1883 Congregational Meeting- Hy. Kamp assumed the work as grave-digger on the St. Peter's cemetery and under the same stipulations as Mr. Fritz Mittendorf. Hy. Kamp should have the necessary repairs made on the gate of the cemetery and also set the stone markers on the lots. Jan. 1, 1884- The grave digger should keep a complete record of all persons buried on the St. Peter's Cemetery and in case a burial takes place at which the pastor of the St. Peter's Church does not officiate, to report this fact to the pastor. For this service a charge of 25 cents is to be made from the relatives of the deceased.

Call to Congregational Meeting: The Spring Congregational Meeting will be held following worship Sun., March 23. Please plan to attend.

Women's Fellowship will meet on Thurs., March 13 at 10 a.m. in the atrium meeting room. Our program will be about the Rhine River Cruise taken by Pat Swinger and Rhonda Stockglausner. We will have a salad lunch. Everyone, please bring your favorite salad to share! All women of the church are welcome.

Just a reminder that the **cemetery cleanup and removal** of Fall and Christmas flowers began March 1 and will continue through March 15. If you will wait until March 16 to place Easter and spring flowers it would be appreciated so they are not accidentally removed. Thank you, St. Peter's Cemetery Board

The **Cemetery Board** is seeking volunteers to assist with mowing and trimming at the cemetery for the 2025 mowing season. We typically mow weekly using zero turn mowers. The time required for mowing is typically 2.5 to 3 hours per cutting. We trim every other week with gas powered string trimmers which are provided. The time for trimming is approximately three hours. The more people the less time it will take. Even if you cannot work the whole time any assistance would be appreciated. Our mowing season typically starts late March or early April and ends usually at the end of October. If interested call or text Gary Edler at (636) 667-0918.

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

Sunday, March 9, 2025 Daylight Saving Time Begins

10:00 a.m. – Worship

10:15 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Confirmation

Monday, March 10, 2025

12:00-3:00 pm. – Quilting

6:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts

6:30 p.m. – AA

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

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

Wednesday, March 12, 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

1:30 p.m. – Mission Team

6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir

7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 13, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Women's Fellowship

6:30 p.m. – AA

Saturday, March 15, 2025

5:00 p.m. – Worship

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

Sunday, March 16, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Worship

10:15 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Confirmation

Worship Attendance – March 1 & 2, 2025

Saturday In-Person: 31 Sunday In-Person: 98 YouTube Views: 47

2025 calendars are available for purchase in the church office. Cost is \$10 each.



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Femme Osage UCC Sausage Dinner March 9, 11:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Ebenezer UCC Augusta Fish Fry March 14, March 28, April 11, 5-7 p.m. each night

Immanuels UCC Holstein Fish Fry March 21, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Dine-In and Carry Out

Friends of the Washington Public Library Author Series: Jessi Gold, MD, MS "How Do You Feel?" One doctor's search for humanity in medicine. Thur., March 13, 6:30 p.m. Adult & Teen

Returning this Lenten Season: The New Melle Community Passion Play!

April 5, 6, 12 & 13, 2025, Saturdays at 7 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. New Melle, MO Sports and Recreation. For over forty years, Christians from every denomination have come together to present the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. This is truly a work of love by the cast and crew, led by Paul Mittler. This musical is shown free to all who come to see it. Seating is first come, first served. Featuring music from: *Then came Sunday* An Easter Musical by Roger Strader Arranged & Orchestrated by Bob Krogstad ©1980 Triad Music, Miami Based on the Gospels of Jesus. *A note from the organizers:* We are run entirely on volunteers who are filled with the love of Christ and the joy of sharing His Gospel for over 40 years! We are looking for Actors of all ages and types, with any level of experience! We are looking for choir members for all parts, from 1st Soprano to Bass! Want to help behind the scenes? We need people to help with the crew, props, and more! Actors will first meet Mondays at 7 p.m. at Friedens Community Center in New Melle. Choir will meet Sundays at 3 p.m. at Friedens Community Center in New Melle. Questions? Feel free to contact us at NMPassion@gmail.com

“And No Bird Sang” by Douglas E. Wagner

“Calm was the wind and dark was the sky, when our Lord came to die; Lone, on the cross for our sins He did hang, and no bird sang. Women and men with anguish and fear, then to His cross drew near, drew near; Hushed then to feel the bitter, bitter pang, no bird sang. Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy, God's will be done, No bird sang in the sky, When Christ did come to die.”