

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 8, 2025

Pentecost

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Patty Wood, Liturgist

One: The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

Many: The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.

One: The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

Many: Spirit of the living God, come to us and transform our lives by your power.

*HYMN

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

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Refrain: **Spirit, spirit of gentleness,**

**Blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
Wind, wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing,**

"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." (Refrain)

**You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
And you goaded your people with a law and a land;
When they were confounded by their idols and lies,
Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. (Refrain)**

**You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
 Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
 And down in the city you called once again,
 When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. (*Refrain*)
 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
 From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams;
 Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
 With bold new decisions your people arise. (*Refrain*)**

***INVOCATION** (unison)

**We thank you, compassionate God, that you sent your Spirit to encourage
 Christ's church. We thank you that you haven't left us on our own. Through
 the comfort of your presence, you empower us to witness to your love. We
 gather today seeking the encouragement of your presence. Send your Holy
 Spirit, O God, that we may worship and serve you with joy; through Jesus
 our crucified and risen Savior. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" Bell Ensemble

SCRIPTURE Acts 2: selected verses

SERMON

AN ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION FOR

Nathan Robert Francis
 Samuel Michael Freese
 Marilee June Holt
 Zander Xavier Wisdom

***HYMN** "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" 351

**I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
 I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 I'll be there in case you wander off and find where demons dwell.
 When you found the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;
 You were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.
 Should you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.**

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
 I'll be there to guide you through the night,
 complete what I've begun.
 When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
 I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
 I was there to hear your bawling cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

Invitation and Sentences of Scripture

Questions of the Candidates

A Sharing of Faith

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION (unison)

Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life; increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant them love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Act of Confirmation and the Laying on of Hands

Prayer of Confirmation

Address to the Newly Confirmed

Congregational Welcome (unison)

We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and the labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses to our risen Savior.

Greeting of Christian Love and Commissioning

HYMN

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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**O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
 Remain forever near me, my Savior and my Friend:
 I shall not fear life's struggles if you are by my side,
 Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**

O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will!

O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control!
O speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul!

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
That where you are in glory your servant shall be, too;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow my Savior and my Friend!

WE GIVE WHAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO US
THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO GIVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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To you, great One in Three, eternal praises be, forever more.
Your sovereign majesty, may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Holy God, as your Spirit blessed our confirmands today, may we all, in turn,
also seek your blessing. May we be alive in you as we dedicate these
offerings for your use in this congregation and the wider work of Christ's
church. 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: We thank you, O God, for the gift of your Holy Spirit.

By the power of your creating Spirit you brought the worlds into being, and you breathe the breath of life into every living thing, forming us in your image and uniting all that is in a cosmic dependence.

From heaven you sent your baptizing Spirit upon your own beloved Son amidst Jordan's water and anointed him as the bearer of your salvation, that all who are baptized into his life and death and resurrection may share in the new life Christ offers the world. With the rush of a mighty wind your Spirit founded the church on Pentecost, and by that same Spirit you continually shower upon us a multitude of spiritual gifts, renewing and empowering your church to continue Christ's work of preaching, healing, and healing.

SINGING RESPONSE "Spirit of the Living God" 283

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

THE PRAYER OF CONCECRATION AND THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Holy Spirit, pass through our gathering at this table to bless us and these gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless, may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Unite us with all who share this feast in heaven and on earth, until we banquet at last with all the saints in glory.

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.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

God of wind and fire, enable us this day to receive the Spirit's power. Thank you for this gift of Jesus' meal which is the Church's meal. Help us to proclaim the wondrous things that you have done and continue to do in our lives. Give us strength and courage to share the Good News of your love and your presence both far and near. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

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Refrain: Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountain my God spoke, out of God’s mouth came fire and
smoke. Looked all around me; looked so fine;I asked my God if all were mine. (*Refrain*)

Oh, Jordan river, chilly and cold, it chills the body, not the soul.

There’s only one train on this track;

it runs to heaven, then right back. (*Refrain*)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Sunday Communion Note: The sacrament of Holy Communion is open to all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God’s people. In the United Church of Christ, we practice “open” communion. All are welcome at Christ’s table. This morning ushers will be passing the elements to worshippers in the pews. We are using gluten free bread and grape juice. Please hold your elements until all are served so we can commune together.

Portions of today’s printed liturgy are from the UCC Book of Worship. The communion liturgy is adapted from “Immersed in the Splendor of God” written by Rev. F. Russell Mitman. Pilgrim Press, 2005.

❧ 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 in honor of the Confirmands.

Today is a very special day. We congratulate and celebrate with our four confirmands: Nathan Francis, Sam Freese, Marilee Holt and Zander Wisdom. Following worship there is a reception in the auditorium honoring these four.

A special thank you to Patty Wood for helping to teach the Confirmation class.

“These Days” devotional booklets and the June Newsletter are available in the atrium and the church office.

Please pray . . . With Emily, Jason, Delores Borcharding, Cheryl, Samantha Cerutti-Wacker, Patrick & Christina Flanagan, Pete, Marge Jones, Bryce Meyer, Ken, Grace, Amber E., Greg Berry, Jon Sanfilippo, Laurie Pinnell, for the family and friends of Rose Schulte who died May 29 and for the family and friends of Linda Patterson who passed away June 3.

Women's Fellowship will meet on Thurs., June 12 at 10 a.m. Plan to come and join in at a time for reorganizing and evaluating kitchen supplies, tablecloths, flowers, and other equipment. Help plan upcoming meetings and our time together! Lunch will be served!

Another highlight marking **St. Peter's UCC Cemetery** celebrating 150 years in 2025.

A Bit of History- October 4, 1903 The following bills were read and allowed paid:

Blinds for the school room to increase ventilation- \$7.00 Curb stones for the walks in front of the church- \$41.80. New galvanized pump for the church cistern- \$4.25. Cleaning of graves on the cemetery and removing trees- \$4.50. Herman Buddemeyer, secretary of the school board, reported a balance of 10 cents.

Bernice Stockglausner's family will help her observe her 95th birthday on June 21. Her actual birthday is June 19. She still enjoys cards. If you would like to send her a greeting for this special day, please send it to: Bernice Stockglausner, c/o Rhonda Stockglausner 2102 Monty View Washington, MO 63090 or c/o New Haven Care Center 9503 Highway 100 New Haven MO 63068. Thank you for remembering her and please keep her in your prayers.

The **Evangelism Committee** is exploring the possibility of forming a team to help members with simple household tasks. Our first step is to develop that team so if you are interested in lending a helping hand to members who occasionally need a little help, please contact Pat Swinger at 636 980-6728 or Denise Towell at 636 388-2588.

Worship Attendance – May 31 & June 1, 2025

Saturday In-Person: 34 Sunday In-Person: 62 YouTube Views: 17

The next **Aluminum can drive** will be July 5/6. There is no collection in June.



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

Sunday, June 8, 2025 Pentecost

10:00 a.m. – Worship w/Communion/Confirmation

11:00 a.m. – Reception for Confirmands

Monday, June 9, 2025

12:00 p.m. – Quilting

6:30 p.m. – AA

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

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

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

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

9:00 a.m. – Quilting

10:00 a.m. – Prayer Meeting

11:30 a.m. – Bible Study

1:30 p.m. – Mission Team

Thursday, June 12, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Women's Fellowship

12:30 p.m. – Cemetery Board

6:30 p.m. – AA

Saturday, June 14, 2025

2:30-4:30 p.m. – Salam Clinic

5:00 p.m. – Worship

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

Sunday, June 15, 2025 Happy Father's Day

10:00 a.m. – Worship

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