

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 12, 2025

18th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

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** - Please rise in body or spirit.*

CENTERING OURSELVES IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE "Hosanna, loud Hosanna" arr. Cynthia Dobrinski Bell Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey ...

Many: You are welcome here.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 66:1-4 CEB, adapted) Patti Herrell, Liturgist

One: Shout joyfully to God, all the earth! Sing praises to the glory of God's name!

Many: Make glorious God's praise!

One: Say to God: "How awesome are your works!

Many: Because of your great strength, your enemies cringe before you.

One: All the earth worships and sings praises to you!

Many: We, too, lend our voices and sing praises to your name!"

*HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" 12

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of our God that filled the earth with food,
God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good.

Oh, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glory known,
The clouds arise and spread their showers by order from your throne;

All life is but a gift from you and ever in your care;
Wherever people gather, you, O God, are present there.

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

“This the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!” Holy One, each and every day is an incredible gift from you. You created all things and declared them good. Keep us mindful of your goodness in all things seen and unseen. Reveal your glory to us so that we might always sing our praises to you. Amen.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory to God”

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Glory to God the Creator, and to the Christ and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

CHOIR ANTHEM “It Is Well with My Soul” arr. Beck

Chancel Choir

(lyrics p. 6)

THE SECOND LESSON Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

SERMON

*HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices,
Who, from our parents’ arms, has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God our Maker now be given,
To Christ, and Spirit, too, our help in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, who earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

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**

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**Thank our God for sisters, brothers, one by grace, in harmony,
Joining heart to heart with others, making strong community.
With the cross of Christ our standard, let us sing as with one voice,
Glory, glory, yours the promise: we who are the church rejoice.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

Creator and Creating God, you have entrusted us to be caretakers of creation. May our offerings be signs of our devotion to you, and our commitment to care for one another and all that you have made. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Great Is Your Faithfulness”

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**Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,
With you no shadow of turning we see.
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;
All of your goodness forever will be.**

Refrain: **Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!**

Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed your hand has provided, Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To your great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain***

**Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,
Your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. *Refrain***

*CHORAL BENEDICTION “Lord, Make My Life a Window”

*BENEDICTION

*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 in appreciation of our pastor.

The single floral arrangement is placed by Alvie & Donna Buchholz in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

“These Days” devotional booklets and the Newsletter are available in the atrium and the church office. The deadline to submit articles for possible newsletter inclusion is the 21st.

Please pray . . . With A.V., Mike J., Christine Sanfilippo, Katie Buckles, Emily, Jason, Delores Borcharding, Cheryl, Samantha Cerutti-Wacker, Pete, Bryce Meyer, Ken, Grace, Amber E., Jon Sanfilippo, Bill & Laurie Pinnell, Matt Ashley

There will be a brief **Q&A session** concerning the cemetery initiative (in the auditorium) immediately following worship today. There will not be a formal presentation this time around---but there will be council and cemetery board members on hand to address questions or clarify points of the proposal.

Call to Congregational Meeting: The Fall Congregational Meeting will be held following worship Sun., Oct. 19. Please plan to attend and add your voice in being church together.

The Church Council is pleased to announce that scheduling has begun for our new **pictorial Church directory**. Appointments are open now—sign up online or during weekend services. Help us reach our goal of 100% participation in the new directory project. Photography sessions are scheduled for Nov. 6 & 7 (2:00-8:30 p.m.) and Nov. 8 (10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.), each lasting 45-60 minutes. Universal Church Directories is partnering with us; every participating family receives a complimentary directory and free 8x10 portrait. You can include extended family at no additional cost. Portraits and directories will be ready by Christmas, with optional Christmas card orders available.

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

Sunday, October 12, 2025

- 10:00 a.m. – Worship
- 10:15 a.m. – Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. – Confirmation
- 11:00 a.m. – Q&A Session concerning the Cemetery Initiative (Auditorium)

Monday, October 13, 2025 Food Pantry Closed (Columbus Day)

- 12:00 p.m. – Quilting
- 6:30 p.m. – AA
- 7:00 p.m. – Civic Chorus Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

- 1:30-3:00 pm. – Coffee with the Pastor
- 6:30 p.m. – Board of Christian Education

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

- 9:00 a.m. – Quilting
- 10:00 a.m. – Prayer Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. – Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 16, 2025

- 9:00 a.m. – Committee on Ministry Eastern Association
- 6:30 p.m. – AA

Friday, October 17, 2025

- 9:00 a.m. – Women's Breakfast

Saturday, October 18, 2025

- 5:00 p.m. – Worship
- 5:00 p.m. – Harvest Table (Dining Room)
- 6:00 p.m. – Trivia Night (Auditorium)

Sunday, October 19, 2025

- 10:00 a.m. – Worship
- 10:15 a.m. – Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. – Congregational Meeting

Worship Attendance – October 4 & 5, 2025

Saturday In-Person: 28 Sunday In-Person: 91 YouTube Views: 28

Another highlight marking **St. Peter's UCC Cemetery** celebrating 150 years in 2025. A Bit of History-January 6, 1918 Rev. Schuch, Oscar Foerster, Gus Egbert, and Albert Mische were appointed to collect donations for War Relief. It was also decided that all young male members called to the Armed Service should be excused of paying their dues. July 14, 1918 The committee on War Relief reported collecting \$224.60. Of this, \$100 was at once sent off and the rest held in abeyance till some future time. January 5, 1919 It was resolved that of the \$132.35 representing the War Relief fund, \$35 be sent off for War Relief and the rest deposited to the funds of the congregation.

CROP Walk – Franklin County Crop Walk for Hunger will be on Sun., Oct. 12. It begins with registration at Zion UCC in Union at 12:30. The one-mile walk begins at 1:00. Walkers are encouraged to bring some nonperishable food to give to a local pantry.

Trivia Night is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 18, 2025. To reserve a table, pre-register in person in the church office. Deadline is Noon tomorrow. For more information contact Susan Harms 636-359-1452 or s.harms@charter.net. Raffle tickets will be sold before and after the church services on Saturday and Sunday this weekend. Drawing is on trivia night. You do not have to be present to win!! Bring cash or checks. (Note: return address labels work great on raffle tickets!!)

Ebenezer UCC Augusta Chili & Roast Beef Dinner Sun., Oct. 19, 11-5:30

Choir Anthem: "It Is Well With My Soul" "When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul. My sin O the joy 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! It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll: The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so" it is well with my soul! It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul."

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