

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 13, 2025

5th Sunday after Pentecost

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 (Exodus 15:1-2, 20 -21, adapted) Pat Swinger, Liturgist

One: Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to God:

Many: I will sing to God, for an overflowing victory! Horse and rider are thrown into the sea!

One: God is my strength and my power!

Many: God has become my salvation!

One: Then the prophet Miriam took a tambourine in her hand. All the women followed her playing tambourines and dancing. Miriam sang the refrain back to them:

Many: Sing to God for an overflowing victory! Horse and rider are thrown into the sea!

*HYMN

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

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Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;

God has brought all Israel into joy from sadness;

Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;

Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

Spring has dawned on earth today; Christ has burst from prison,

And from three days' sleep in death as the sun has risen;

All the winter of our sins, long and gray, is flying

From the Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the joyous season, bright with the day of splendor,

With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joys to render;

Comes to glad Jerusalem who with true affection

Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dim portal,
 Nor the watchers, nor the seal hold you as a mortal;
 But today amid the twelve you still stand, bestowing
 Peace and joy which evermore passes human knowing.

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

God of Moses and Miriam, we join our faith ancestors in singing your praises and declaring your wondrous acts in history. You redeemed your people on the far shore of the Red Sea, putting an end to their slavery in Egypt. In Christ you have blessed and redeemed all creation. May our songs of worship send us into your world joyfully and with your purposes close to our hearts. Bless us as we announce the resurrected Christ as the one who came to bring abundant life to this world. Bless us as we act with Jesus to make that abundant life a reality for all. Amen.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory to God" 755

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 Exodus 2:1-10

SPECIAL MUSIC "Deep River" Bell Ensemble
 Molly Bauer-clarinet, Kurt Schaller Blaufuss-bassoon

SECOND LESSON Exodus 15:1-5, 19-21

SERMON "Miriam ... I'm the Big Sister"

*HYMN "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land" 572

When Israel was in Egypt's land, Let my people go,
 Oppressed so hard they could not stand, Let my people go.
Refrain: Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
 Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

"Thus spoke our God," bold Moses said, "Let my people go;
 If not I'll smite your firstborn dead, Let my people go." *Refrain*

No more in bondage shall they toil, Let my people go,
 Nor spill their blood on Egypt's soil, Let my people go. *Refrain*

Oh, let us all from bondage flee, Let my people go,
And let us all in Christ be free, Let my people go. *Refrain*

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

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison) (remembering Luke 4:16-19)

Holy One, as Miriam sang in praise of your liberating work, may these
offerings continue Jesus' work of preaching good news to the poor,
proclaiming release to the captives, recovering sight for the blind, liberating
the oppressed, and proclaiming the year of restoration. May all know the
peace which you promise. Amen.

*HYMN

"Lead on Eternal Sovereign"

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Lead on eternal Sovereign, we follow in your way;
Loud rings your cry for justice, your call for peace this day:
Through prayerful preparation, your grace will make us strong,
To carry on the struggle to triumph over wrong.

Lead on eternal Sovereign, we follow not with fear,
For in each human conflict your words of strength we hear:
That when we serve with gladness, you will not let us fall,
Our trust is in your promise that love will conquer all.

Lead on eternal Sovereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 And all your saints together will sing a hymn of peace;
 Then all in your dominion will live with hearts set free,
 To love and serve each other for all eternity.

*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.

"These Days" devotional booklets and the July Newsletter are available in the atrium and the church office. The deadline to submit articles for possible inclusion is the 21st of each month.

Please pray . . . With Maple, Rick Shetley, Emily, Jason, Delores Borcharding, Cheryl, Samantha Cerutti-Wacker, Patrick & Christina Flanagan, Pete, Bryce Meyer, Ken, Grace, Amber E., Greg Berry, Jon Sanfilippo, Bill & Laurie Pinnell

Strengthen the Church Offering This month, we are collecting the All-UCC Strengthen the Church offering. These funds are directed equally to the conferences and national body to support leadership development, church vitality, and youth ministry among other efforts. Please show your support by giving to this offering. **Thank you!**

The **Evangelism Committee** is moving forward with its **Home Helpers program**. There will be a bulletin board in the hallway outside the office with information and forms for our members to fill out requesting help with minor household tasks. If you are unable to fill out a form at church, you can simply contact Denise Towell at 636-388-2588 or Pat Swinger at 636-980-6728. There is no charge for this help but "thank you's" are always welcome.

Highlighting **St. Peter's UCC Cemetery** celebrating 150 years in 2025: A Bit of History- April 4, 1909 Mr. Henry Baumhoefer made a proposal to the congregation wherein he stated that he would make a gift of \$200 to the church treasury with the provision that the interest therefrom be used to keep his lot on the cemetery in order after his death, and during his life, his dues as a member. It was moved and carried to accept with thanks the proposal of Mr. Baumhoefer and agree to keep his lot in order as long as the congregation existed.

The **Little Free Library** is currently undergoing a facelift, courtesy of Nathaniel Pfitzinger, Phil Butler and Ben Alspach. It is in need of refinishing due to constant exposure to the elements. In the meantime, we are looking to restock the book supply. Books are needed for all ages--from board books for the littlest ones to novels and non-fiction for adults. We also need books for early readers, pre-teens and young adults. Graphic novels are especially popular with the elementary school age kids. Any donations are greatly appreciated. A drop off basket is located in the quilting hallway next to the puzzle shelves for your convenience. For pick up or any questions, please, call Janet Alspach at 770-313-0018. Thank you for your support. The Library is used frequently by our Harvest Table guests.

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

Sunday, July 13, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Worship

Monday, July 14, 2025

12:00 p.m. – Quilting

5:00 p.m. – Finance Board

6:30 p.m. – AA

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

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

6:30 p.m. – Church Council

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

9:00 a.m. – Quilting

10:00 a.m. – Prayer Meeting

11:30 a.m. – Women's Fellowship trip to St. Paul's UCC Marthasville (carpool leaves at 11)

Thursday, July 17, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – EA Committee on Ministry

6:30 p.m. – AA

Friday, July 18, 2025

9:00 a.m. – Women's Breakfast

Saturday, July 19, 2025

11:00 a.m. – Fred Kruse Memorial Service

5:00 p.m. – Worship

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

Sunday, July 20, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Worship

Worship Attendance – July 5 & 6, 2025

Saturday In-Person: 20 Sunday In-Person: 57 YouTube Views: 28

A friend of Carol Muench's who sells eggs for Bethel Hills at Dutzow can always use egg cartons in good condition. Leave them here at church in a bag with Carol's name on it.

A **Friends Foundation** membership meeting is planned for Sat., July 19, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at Rainbow Abilities Center, 3 Prairie Dell Plaza Dr., Union, MO.



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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