

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 19, 2025

19th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

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** - Please rise in body or spirit.*

CENTERING OURSELVES IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

Andrew Jackson, Principal Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Many: You are welcome here.

CHORAL INTROIT "This is the Day the Lord has Made"

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*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 126, adapted)

Ken Tucker, Liturgist

One: When God changed Zion's circumstances for the better, it was like we had been dreaming.

Many: Our mouths were suddenly filled with laughter; our tongues were filled with joyful shouts.

One: It was even said, at that time, among the nations, "God has done great things for them!"

Many: Yes, God has done great things for us, and we are overjoyed.

One: Holy One, change our circumstances for the better, like dry streams in the desert waste!

Many: Let those who plant with tears reap the harvest with joyful shouts.

One: Let those who go out, crying and carrying their seed ...

Many: Come home with joyful shouts, carrying bales of grain!

*HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

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Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the storms of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,

Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain, teach us what our praise should be.

**You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you;
Teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renew.**

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Boundless love is reigning o'er us, reconciling race and clan.
Ever singing, move we forward, faithful in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.**

***UNISON PRAYER** (inspired by Psalm 126, UCC Worship Ways Archive)
**Come to this sanctuary, this house, this home, Holy Christ, and let us
receive you with lavish welcome. You are the Restorer of our fortunes, the
Promise of new life, and we pour out our praise to you. Fill this room with
your Spirit: the sound of wind, the warmth of flame, the scent of perfume,
and fill our hearts with your compassion, not just in this time and place, but
in all times and in all places, so that as we celebrate the great things you
have done for us, we may also embody the love you give to 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.**

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

THE FIRST LESSON Psalm 84

CHOIR ANTHEM "A River Glorious" arr. Joel Rainey Chancel Choir
(*lyrics p. 7*)

THE SECOND LESSON Psalm 121

SERMON

***HYMN** "Lead on Eternal Sovereign" 573

**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.

*UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH The UCC Statement of Faith

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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)

**Bless these gifts and our lives as we go forth as your people of vision. May
 all our offerings be a pathway to a brighter and better world which you
 envision. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

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In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,

Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering their separate ways?

Refrain: **God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.**

**Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?** *Refrain:*

**As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams.** *Refrain:*

**We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.** *Refrain:*

**Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again.** *Refrain:*

*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 honor of all the food pantry volunteers.

"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., 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

The **Fall Congregational Meeting** will be held following worship today. Please plan to attend and add your voice in being church together.

Attention All Musicians! The Bell Choir is looking for an additional 1-2 players to join us. If you are capable and willing, please see Ken Tucker. kentucker@att.net

Please Note: Today is the last day you can reserve a portrait session for your family—either online or in person before and after church services for our new **pictorial Church directory**. Photography sessions are set for Nov. 6 and 7 from 2-8:30 p.m., and Sat., Nov. 8 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Each session will last approximately 45 minutes to an hour. We're aiming for everyone's participation—let's see if we can reach 100%! We're partnering with Universal Church Directories for this project. Every family that participates will receive a complimentary directory and a free 8x10 portrait. You're also welcome to invite extended family to join for a group or separate family photo at no extra charge. Finished portraits and directories will be ready in time for Christmas, and there will be an option to order Christmas cards as well.

Come Join the Celebration Next week we are celebrating Carol Hackmann's 40th anniversary as St. Peter's UCC's office manager. We will recognize her during our 10 a.m. service of worship. Following, there will be a reception in our auditorium in her honor. Come and join us as we let Carol know how much she is appreciated!



Another highlight marking **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 agreed to keep his lot in order as long as the congregation existed.



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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

Boxes of 2026 offering envelopes are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please contact the office if you do not locate yours. Also be in touch if you need assistance getting your box. You may pick up and deliver boxes to members you know. Thank you.

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

Sunday, October 19, 2025

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

Monday, October 20, 2025

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

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 Newsletter Deadline

1:30-3:00 pm. – Coffee with the Pastor
 6:30 p.m. – Church Council

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

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

Thursday, October 23, 2025

6:30 p.m. – AA

Saturday, October 25, 2025

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

Sunday, October 26, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Worship
 10:15 a.m. – Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. – Confirmation
 11:00 a.m. – Reception (Auditorium)
 2:00 p.m. – Recital

Worship Attendance – October 11 & 12, 2025

Saturday In-Person: 21 Sunday In-Person: 114 YouTube Views: 24

Choir Anthem: "A River Glorious" Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace, over all victorious in its bright increase: perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day, perfect, yet it growth deeper all the way. Stayed upon Jehovah, heart are fully blest, finding, as he promised perfect peace and rest, peace and rest. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine. Hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand, never foe can follow, never traitor stand; not a surge of worry, not a shade of care, not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there. Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest, finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest, peace and rest. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul, in my soul. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river. I've got peace like a river in my soul. Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above, traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love; we may trust him fully, all for us to do; they who trust him wholly find him wholly true. Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest, finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest, peace and rest, peace and rest, peace and rest. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!