

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 24, 2025

11th 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

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

Many: You are welcome here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pat Swinger, Liturgist

One: Alleluia! Easter greetings! Christ is risen!

Many: Wait one minute! Don't you know that it is the middle of August?

The church calendar says this is 'ordinary time'!

One: But please remember ... Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week. And the church also calls every Sunday ... a little Easter!

Many: Then let us celebrate the risen Christ who was reunited with his first disciples on Easter Day!

One: Let us also celebrate the risen Christ who continues to walk with us every day!

Many: Alleluia! Easter greetings! Christ is risen, indeed!

*HYMN

"The Strife Is O'er"

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won;

The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions has dispersed: Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

**The three sad days are quickly sped, Christ rises glorious from the dead:
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!**

**Christ, by your wounds on Calvary from death's dread sting your servants
free, That we may live eternally. Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

***OPENING PRAYER** (unison)

One: We are an Easter people, ours is an Easter faith.

Many: Christ is risen, risen in our lives!

One: We are an Easter people, ours is an Easter faith.

Many: Our tears are freed to flow and heal our shattered hopes and hearts.

One: We are an Easter people, ours is an Easter faith.

Many: Our fears have died, we rise to dream ... to love, to dance, to live!

One: Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen, indeed! Amen.

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

THE FIRST LESSON Luke 8:1-3

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE SECOND LESSON John 20:11-18

SERMON

***HYMN** "In the Garden" 237

**I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.**

**He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their
singing; And the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.**

**I'd stay in the garden with him, though the night around me be falling:
But he bids me go; through the voice of woe, his voice to me is calling.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.**

Hope Continues to Bloom: A Katrina Remembrance Litany (see insert)

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

**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)

Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love. We lay our very lives at your feet, O God, knowing that you will use us to proclaim and live out the gospel. Amen.

*HYMN

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

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**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn for every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

*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 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 Christine Sanfilippo, Katie Buckles, 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, Shirley Osthoff, Dale Hackmann

Another highlight marking **St. Peter's UCC Cemetery** celebrating 150 years in 2025. A Bit of History- March 26, 1911 On motion it was decided that the sale of a lot on the St. Peter's Cemetery to Louis Altemeyer, a non-member, be sanctioned by the congregation. The bell committee reported that the bells had now been securely fastened. (finally after 11 months)

Do you have a light bulb that needs changing, or a battery that needs replacing? Maybe you need a ride to an appointment or help with groceries. Call any member of the **Home Helpers** team: Denise Towell, Pat Swinger, Donna Houchins, or Trudy Ronsick and they'll do their best to get you the help you need.

Chapel Bell Choir and Chancel Choir rehearsals begin on Wed., Sept. 3.

Rehearsal times: Bells 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:15 p.m. If you are interested in joining us, please see Ken Tucker for more info. We'd LOVE to have you. kentucker@att.net

Worship Attendance – August 16 & 17, 2025

Saturday In-Person: 28 Sunday In-Person: 79 YouTube Views: 27

The Washington Civic Chorus will begin rehearsals on Mon., Sept. 8 for its annual Christmas Concert, under the direction of Ken Tucker. Rehearsals will be held in our auditorium every Monday from 7-9 p.m. through Dec. 1. The concert is scheduled for Sun., Dec. 7. For more information call 239-7394. Tell a friend; all voices are welcome.

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

Sunday, August 24, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Worship

Monday, August 25, 2025

12:00 p.m. – Quilting

6:30 p.m. – AA

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

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

6:30 p.m. – Evangelism Committee

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

9:00 a.m. – Quilting

10:00 a.m. – Prayer Meeting

11:30 a.m. – Bible Study

Thursday, August 28, 2025

6:30 p.m. – AA

Saturday, August 30, 2025

5:00 p.m. – Worship

5:00 p.m. – Harvest Table (Dining Room) St. Peter's UCC Cohosting

Sunday, August 31, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Worship

As summer comes to a close, we would like to inform our community about the **Meals-on-Wheels** program. Meals on Wheels is a valuable initiative that benefits the Washington community by enabling elderly and disabled residents to remain in their homes while receiving nutritious meals. It is the only program within the area that delivers meals seven days a week, including holidays, exclusively to clients residing within the Washington city limits. Our services accommodate specific dietary requirements, including diabetic, cardiac, low-sodium, and mechanically soft meal options. The program is made possible through the generous support of United Way, various community organizations, the dedicated Mercy dietary staff, and our numerous volunteers who deliver meals. For additional information or to request services, please contact the Washington Chamber office at 636-239-2715.

Save the Date:

Walk to End Alzheimer's Washington Walk, Sept. 6, Main Park; Visit alz.org/washmo
Christmas Rummage Sale Sat., Sept. 27. This year the sale will include ALL holiday items-- Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, St. Patrick's Day, patriotic, etc. and Christmas!! Please consider donating any decorations, lights, wreaths, ornaments, wrapping paper, etc. (No clothing please) We will collect items from Thurs., Sept. 18 to Thurs., Sept. 25. The Rummage Sale is in need of newspaper, bubble wrap, plastic/paper bags, and boxes to help people safely carry home their "treasures". Please deposit on the designated table in the auditorium. Thank you.

The **Eastern Association** of the Missouri Mid-South Conference will hold its **Fall Meeting** at our church on Sun., Oct. 5, 2025, 3:00-5:00

Trivia Night is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 18, 2025



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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