

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 28, 2023

PENTECOST

10:00 AM

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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*\* - Please rise in body or spirit.*

CENTERING OURSELVES IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE      "Lead Me, Lord, in Thy Righteousness"      arr. by R. Parks  
Carol Muench, Guest Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 104, 1 Corinthians 12, & Acts 2)

Charlie Sincox, Liturgist

One: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all!

**Many: When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.**

One: You create every human being in your image,

**Many: Your Spirit filling us, activating gifts within each of us.**

One: Like an artist gathering mosaic stones of myriad colors, you gather us in your church.

**Many: You create a beautiful, sacred work, each of us having a place and purpose.**

One: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may God rejoice in their works.

**Many: We will sing to the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praise to our God while we have being.**

\*HYMN      "O Day of Radiant Gladness"

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O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light;  
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;  
This day the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God Triune.

This day at the creation the light first had its birth;  
 this day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;  
 This day our God victorious the Spirit sent from heaven,  
 and thus this day most glorious a triple light was given.

This day God's people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear;  
 Christ's living presence greeting, through bread and cup made near.  
 We journey on, believing, renewed with heavenly might,  
 from grace more grace receiving on this blessed day of light.

This light our hope sustaining, upon the pilgrim way,  
 at length our rest attaining, our endless Sabbath day.  
 We sing to you our praises, our Hope, our Joy, our Sun:  
 the church its voice upraises to you, blessed Three in One.

SCRIPTURE LESSON                      Acts 2: 1-21

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

**Gracious Creator, you are always moving and making. When you are doing new things, flowing through the world in new ways, we confess we do not always recognize you. We hesitate to join your movements, or worse, we sneer and criticize what we don't understand. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to honor your creation and be the partners you invite us to be. Refresh our vision that we may see and respond rightly. Amen.**

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE LESSON                      1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

One:    The Word of God for a People of God.  
 Many: **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

Pastor Eric Moeller

SILENT REFLECTION

\*HYMN “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore” 173

**You have come down to the lakeshore, seeking neither the wise nor the  
wealthy, But only asking for me to follow. (*Refrain*)**

*Refrain* **O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you’ve called  
out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
now with you I will seek other seas.**

**You know full well my possessions. Neither treasure nor weapons for  
conquest, Just these my fishnets and will for working. (*Refrain*)**

**You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary—  
A love that’s willing to go on loving. (*Refrain*)**

**You who have fished other waters; you, the longing of souls that are  
yearning: As loving Friend, you have come to call me. (*Refrain*)**

## THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Tyler Jeffrey Francis

Miles Richter Grimes

*Invitation**Sentences**Questions of the Candidates**\*Affirmation of Faith*

Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in  
the triune God. Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

*Prayer of the Candidates*

*Prayers of the Congregation, Concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**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 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, who taught us to pray: 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.**

*Act & Prayer of Confirmation*

*Question of Participation*

*Welcome*

Let us, the members of St. Peter's United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

**We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and 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 of our risen Savior.**

*Prayer*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Our church practices open Communion. This is Christ's table. All who seek to love Jesus and follow in his way are welcome to eat and drink in remembrance of him.*

*Invitation*

*Communion Prayer<sup>1</sup>*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

*Distribution of the Elements*

*(All of the bread is gluten free. All of the cups contain grape juice.)*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving* (in unison)

**Spirit of God, who fed the multitudes, provided the manna in the wilderness, and blessed the elements, we give great thanks for the meal eaten and the company surrounding us. We thank you for drawing us into this Body that you have created and are creating. Inspire us as we move forward together, and play our role in transforming your dreams into reality. Amen.**

WE GIVE WHAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO US

## INVITATION TO GIVE &amp; COLLECTION OF OFFERING

"The Lord's My Shepherd" in the setting of Handel's "Largo" arr. by C. Berry

## \*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. Amen.**

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<sup>1</sup> The Communion Liturgy is adapted from *The Great Thanksgiving for the Day of Pentecost* by Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church. The Prayer of Thanksgiving is adapted from Michele Torigian

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)

**Great Giver, our congregation is overflowing with your good gifts of every kind. In this moment, we share these offerings knowing that, together, these resources can transform lives and help to shape the world as you will. Breathe upon them and use them for your purposes. Breathe upon us, too, we pray, that every gift we offer together, every step we take together, may be Spirit-led, Spirit-filled, and life-giving. Amen.**

\*HYMN                      “We Call Ourselves Disciples”                      *(please see insert)*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" with "Come Thou Almighty King"  
arr. by M. Bober

☞ Thank You for Worshipping Here Today ☞

The Rev Kurt Schaller Blaufuss, Transitional Senior Pastor  
The Rev. Eric W. Moeller, Associate Pastor  
Ken Tucker, Director of Music  
Andrew Jackson, Principal Organist  
Carol H. Hackmann, Office Manager  
Nathaniel Pfitzinger, Building & Grounds Custodian/Cemetery Sexton

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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.

**For the Children:** Children are welcome to utilize the Prayground at the front right of the sanctuary during worship. This space is specifically for kids and is stocked with activities for them to utilize for the duration of the service. A pastor or other volunteer is seated there as well, so parents can worship where they choose. Sunday School is offered for children prior to worship at 9:15.

The altar flowers and bulletins are placed in memory of Allen & Eleanor Buschmeyer by Kathleen Blackburn and Dan Buschmeyer.

The rosebud on the altar is in honor of Krista Meyer & Brian McAndrew in celebration of the birth of Benjamin Brian Meyer McAndrew, May 23, 2023. Benjamin joins big sister, Eleanor. He is the grandson of Sandy & Robert Meyer and great-grandson of Ruth Wood.

**Communion Note:** There will be no communion on Saturday and Sunday, June 3 & 4.

An **American Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held Monday, June 5, from 12:00-5:30 p.m. here at St. Peter's UCC. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: StPetersUCC to schedule an appointment. Do good this summer! Come give in June for a \$10 gift card by email to a merchant of your choice.

Join us for a special Messy Church service on June 11! We will start at St. Peter's at 11:15 a.m., where we will make kites and share a meal together. Then we will go out to Lion's Lake with the Gateway Kite Club, fly our kites, and enjoy the club's offerings as well! Come join the fun, all you young and young-at-heart!

**Call to Meeting:** A special congregational meeting of St. Peter's UCC will take place June 17 & June 18, immediately following worship both days. Please plan to attend and add your voice in being church together. Watch your mail (USPS) for more information.

**Women of the Church:** There will be no Women's Fellowship in June or July. Please remember to attend the Women's breakfast on the third Friday of each month at Bob Evans.

"These Days" devotional booklets and the May Newsletter are available in the atrium and the office lobby.

Worship Attendance – May 20 & 21, 2023

Saturday In-Person: 22 Sunday In-Person: 78 YouTube Views: 32



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Thank you for helping to take care of your church!

**This Week at St. Peter's United Church of Christ:****Sunday, May 28, 2023**

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Pentecost Worship w/The Rite of Confirmation & Holy Communion  
(In-Person & Online)**Monday, May 29, 2023**

Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, May 30, 2023**

1:30-3:00 p.m. - Coffee w/the Pastors at Undergrounds Espresso Bar

**Wednesday, May 31, 2023**

9:00 a.m. - Quilting

10:00 a.m. - Prayer Meeting (Online)

**Thursday, June 1, 2023**

1:00 p.m. - Food Pantry Task Force

6:30 p.m. - AA (Community Room)

**Saturday, June 3, 2023** (There will be no aluminum collection this month)

5:00 p.m. - Worship

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

**Sunday, June 4, 2023** (There will be no aluminum collection this month)

10:00 a.m. - Worship (In-Person &amp; Online)

**Strengthen the Conference Ride 2023 ...** our Missouri Mid-South Conference Minister, Rev. Mary Nelson, is going to bike across Missouri to meet members and friends of our MMS Conference congregations. Her route begins in St. Joseph and ends in St. Louis! One of Mary's stops will be at our church. She plans to visit our church on Friday, June 9 from 8:00 to 9:00 AM. We will be hosting a breakfast for Mary, other bicyclists who may accompany her, and members of our congregation and other area UCC congregations. We are looking for people to help cook and serve that breakfast. If you would like to help in that effort, please contact Pastor Kurt or Pat Swinger. If you would like to attend, we are asking for RSVPs by Monday, June 5. You can make those in our church office or email Pastor Kurt at [revkurt@stpeters-ucc.org](mailto:revkurt@stpeters-ucc.org).



**Please pray . . .**

With Kim P, Randy O., Sherry L., Kali C., Larry D., Beulah B., Jim H., Scott J., Matt (nephew of member), Laurie P., Larry R., Ruth K., Grace, Betty B., Dave P., A. James, Marylou E., Ruth D., Darlene B., Thelma L., Joan G., Glen M., Delores B., Michael A., Bill D., Fred K., and all who need God's tender care today.

For the Search Committee and the search process

For residents of all the nursing homes and assisted living facilities

For friends who have had surgery and those undergoing various kinds of medical tests and treatments

For all who are lonely, sad, or depressed; may God bless them with comfort and hope.

For all who suffer with mental illness and various addictions

For all who suffer violence in our society

For all those around the globe whose lives are threatened with food insecurity and homelessness.