

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 21, 2024

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM

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

CENTERING OURSELVES IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

Andrew Jackson, Principal Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

Emmaus Homes, Rev. Andrea Asselmeier

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 89)

Charlie Sincox, Liturgist

One: I will sing about the wonders of your love forever, O God!

**Many: I will tell everyone I meet about your faithfulness to all generations!**

One: I will declare that your love stands firm,

**Many: That your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens above!**

One: Blessed are those who know you as their God,

**Many: For they walk in the light of your presence! Amen.**

\*HYMN

“We Worship You, God”

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**We worship you, God; your power and your love are blazoned abroad,  
around, and above: Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.**

**We tell of your might, we sing of your grace, whose robe is the light,  
whose canopy space; Your chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and broad is your path on the wings of the storm.**

**The earth, with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your power has  
founded of old, Established it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it you cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air,  
it shines in the light; It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust,  
nor find you to fail; Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

\*UNISON PRAYER

Your faithfulness never fails us, O God. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Your steadfast love permeates all creation. You still raging waters and calm our troubled hearts. Help us find our refuge in you and lift our hearts in this hour of worship. Amen.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

THE FIRST LESSON            Psalm 89:20-37

SPECIAL MUSIC            "I Stand In Awe"            Ken Tucker, soloist

THE SECOND LESSON        2 Samuel 7:1-14a

SERMON

\*HYMN                        "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"            459

Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,  
Come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,  
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.  
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known:  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

## 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 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” 42 (v 1 & 2)**

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories ever echoing the triumphs of God’s grace!  
Glory to God, and love and praise be ever, ever given  
By all the saints in every age, the church in earth and heaven.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

**God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we thank you for your covenant with all creation. We thank you that you count us as your sons and daughters. We ask that you use these offerings to share the good news of your unfailing love for all people. Amen.**

**\*HYMN “Now Bless the God of Israel” 110**

**Now bless the God of Israel, who comes in love and power,  
who raises from the royal house deliverance in this hour.  
Through holy prophets God has sworn to free us from alarm,  
to save us from the heavy hand of all who wish us harm.**

**Remembering the covenant, God rescues us from fear,  
that we might serve in holiness and peace from year to year;  
And you, my child, shall go before to preach, to prophesy,  
that all may know the tender love, the grace of God most high.**

**In tender mercy, God will send the dayspring from on high,  
our rising sun, the light of life for those who sit and sigh.  
God comes to guide our way to peace, that death shall reign no more.  
Sing praises to the Holy One! O worship and adore!**

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

☞ Thank You for Worshipping Here Today ☞

The Rev. Kurt Schaller Blaufuss, Senior Pastor  
 The Rev. Eric W. Moeller, Associate Pastor  
 Ken Tucker, Director of Music  
 Andrew Jackson, Principal Organist  
 Carol H. Hackmann, Office Manager  
 Gary Edler, Cemetery Sexton  
 Hal Siebert, Building & Grounds Custodian  
 The Rev. Dr. William H. Schwab, Pastor Emeritus

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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.

The altar flowers are placed by Doris & Cecil Blankenship in celebration of their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary which will be July 22.

If you do not have a handicapped license plate or a handicapped hang tag, PLEASE do not park in handicapped parking spots.

"These Days" devotional booklets and the July Newsletter are available in the atrium and the church office. A special thank you to Patty Wood, editor, and the faithful proof-readers who produce the monthly newsletter. Deadline to submit articles is the 21<sup>st</sup> of every month.

**Please pray . . .**

With Kay Hunt, Alan Buschman, Zane Moore, Laurie Pinnell, Carol Muench, Blake Georgie, Carol Frick, Alan Moore, Kayla Moore

For the family and friends of Linda Eggert Filer who passed away July 12. Services were conducted for her Thursday. Linda was the sister of Leroy Eggert.

Worship Attendance – July 13 & 14, 2024

Saturday In-Person: 33 Sunday In-Person: 58 YouTube Views: 19

**Your Pastors' Office Hours:** Pastor Kurt: Monday thru Thursday 9 a.m.-Noon  
Pastor Eric: Wednesday Noon-3:30 p.m.

**All are invited to a farewell meal for Pastor Eric Moeller, Jorie, Keagan, Charley and Harper** following the Sun., July 28, worship service. We are asking those attending to please bring either a salad or vegetable dish. Meat and dessert will be provided by the Women's Fellowship. We hope many will take this opportunity to thank Pastor Eric for his service to St. Peter's and wish the Moeller family many blessings.

**Updated Call to Special Congregational Meeting:** A Special Congregational Meeting will be held following worship Sat., July 27 & Sun., July 28. This meeting seeks congregational approval to replace an old air conditioning unit (currently no longer functioning and not repairable) that services a significant portion of the sanctuary space. The "Zone F" air conditioner has been out of service since last fall. Our bid to replace the unit is approximately \$21,000 (not \$13,000 as previously reported) which exceeds the amount the Council can spend without congregational approval. A modern, compatible replacement unit is readily available and once approved, repairs should be completed in 2-3 weeks, depending upon the contractor's schedule.

Separately, we will also ask the congregation to vote on clarification of a motion passed at the last congregational meeting regarding empowering the Cemetery Board to raise grave opening/closing prices without congregational approval.

Anyone who has a **St. Peter's T-shirt** and is willing to loan it to one of the walkers in the parade, please contact Denise Towell at 636 388-2588. Thank you!

**If you're willing and able to walk in the August 4 Fair Parade** (however many blocks you wish to walk), or if you would like to be chosen to ride on the float, you can either put your name in the hats that will be in the atrium before and after worship, or you can contact ZoAnne Trentmann at [zotrent63@gmail.com](mailto:zotrent63@gmail.com) or Pat Swinger at [patriciaswinger@gmail.com](mailto:patriciaswinger@gmail.com).

**St. Peter's UCC will be taking in new members in the near future.** If you or someone you know might be interested in joining, please contact Pastor Kurt.

**Rights and the "Breaking of Chains" ADA Celebration** Fri. July 26, 2024, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Eden Theological Seminary, 475 E Lockwood Ave. St. Louis. Each year Para quad celebrates the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26, 1990, with a special celebration. Since the justice champions that secured the ADA are passing away, it is important that we preserve memories of their courageous actions. In 2024, we celebrate the

life of **The Rev. Dr. Harold H. Wilke (1914-2003)**, a minister who gave the invocation at the signing of the ADA and received an ink pen from President George H.W. Bush's wife Barbara following the ceremony. Wilke was born without arms on a farm in Washington, Missouri, and had to fight discrimination in school, in religious institutions, and in society throughout his life. Without his efforts and that of our disability rights ancestors, there would be no ADA. Wilke, a son of St. Peter's UCC, was ordained June 11, 1939.

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

**Sunday, July 21, 2024**

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Newsletter deadline

**5:30-7:30 pm. - Vacation Bible School**

**Monday, July 22, 2024**

11:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting

12:00-3:00 pm. - Quilting

4:30 p.m. - WERF Board

**5:30-7:30 pm. - Vacation Bible School**

**Tuesday, July 23, 2024**

1:30-3 p.m. - Coffee w/the Pastors

**5:30-7:30 pm. - Vacation Bible School**

**Wednesday, July 24, 2024**

9:00 a.m. - Quilting

10:00 a.m. - Prayer Meeting

11:30 a.m. - Bible Study

**5:30-7:30 pm. - Vacation Bible School**

**Thursday, July 25, 2024**

6:30 p.m. - AA

**Friday, July 26, 2024**

10:00 a.m. - Paraquad Event at Eden Seminary

**Saturday, July 27, 2024**

5:00 p.m. - Worship followed by Special Congregational Meeting

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

**Sunday, July 28, 2024**

10:00 a.m. - Worship followed by Special Congregational Meeting

**11:00 a.m. - Farewell Meal for The Moeller Family**



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As Summer continues, we wanted to inform our community about the **Meals on Wheels** program. Meals on Wheels is a wonderful program and a great opportunity for the Washington community. This program allows elderly and disabled individuals to remain in their homes, providing a nutritious meal. Meals on Wheels is the only program that provides meals seven days a week, and on holidays. We only deliver to clients in the Washington city Limits. Our meals provide requested dietary needs such as diabetic, cardiac, low sodium, or mechanically soft meals.

We are supported by the United Way, many community organizations, the wonderful Mercy dietary staff, and the numerous volunteers delivering the meals.

For more information or to request service, please call the Washington Chamber office: 636-239-2715

**TRIVIA NIGHT**, Sat., Sept. 14, 2024 to be held at St. Peter's Hall (Auditorium). A portion of proceeds benefit the Missions of the Church. Doors open at 6 p.m.; games begin at 6:30 p.m. 10 rounds of Trivia Challenges. Admission \$25/person; \$200 table of 8; prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place tables; Silent Auction Baskets/Raffles; Soda, Water, Wine & Beer provided; no outside beverages allowed. Bring your own snacks. Register in person in the church office. Registration deadline is noon, Sept. 6. For more information contact Susan Harms, 636-359-1452 or [s.harms@charter.net](mailto:s.harms@charter.net)

Just a reminder: Hours for the **Salam Clinic** held at **St. Peter's UCC**--2nd Saturday of each month from 2:30-4:30 p.m.