

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 9, 2024

THIRD 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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 138:1-4)

Phil Butler, Liturgist

One: I give thanks to you with all my heart, O God!

Many: I sing your praise before all other gods.

One: I bow toward your holy temple and thank your name for your loyal love and faithfulness;

Many: Because you have made your name and word greater than everything else.

One: On the day I cried out you answered me.

Many: You encouraged me with inner strength.

*HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

1 vs 1-3

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

Not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might;

Your justice like mountains high soaring above,

Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Your life is life-giving to both great and small;

In all life you're living, the true life of all;

We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers,

Then wither and perish—but naught dims your powers.

*UNISON PRAYER

Unlike earthly kings, you, O God, are steadfast and faithful. You sent us your Son to rule over us, not as a tyrant, but as a gentle shepherd. Forgive us, when we place our trust in lesser shepherds who promise the world but offer us little. Keep us strong in faith, that we may always know your presence in our lives. Amen.

*RESPONSE “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” 1 v 4

So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light,
Your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
All praise we now render as your angels do:
In awe at the splendor of light hiding you.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

THE FIRST LESSON Psalm 138

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE SECOND LESSON I Samuel 8:4-20

SERMON

*HYMN “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” 25

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:
Under the shadow of your throne, Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, And our defense is sure.
Before the hills in order stood Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God, To endless years the same.
A thousand ages in your sight Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.
Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream fades at the opening day.
O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Still be our God while troubles last, And our eternal home!

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 "From All That Dwell Below the Sky" 27 v 1

**From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise;
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Holy God, we give thanks for the many ways in which you touch and bless our lives. Your holiness inspires us to be more holy; your love causes us to be more loving; your life in us brings to birth dreams and visions for a better and more just world. We offer these gifts and our lives in thankfulness for all you have done and are doing in our lives. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" 76

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's realm and to answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us, unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

*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 as a courtesy of Hoffmann-Hillermann Nursery.

"These Days" devotional booklets and the June 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. The deadline to submit articles is the 21st of the month.

Please pray . . .

With Zane Moore, Laurie Pinnell, Larry Dawson, Carol Muench, Blake Georgie, Carol Frick, Ryan Patterson, Alan Moore, Kayla Moore

Worship Attendance – June 1 & 2, 2024

Saturday In-Person: 33 Sunday In-Person: 58 YouTube Views:44

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

This Week at St. Peter's United Church of Christ:**Sunday, June 9, 2024**

10:00 a.m. - Worship
11:15 a.m. - Messy Church

Monday, June 10, 2024

11:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting
12:00-3:00 pm. - Quilting

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

1:30-3 p.m. - Coffee w/the Pastors
5:30 p.m. - Justice Witness Committee
6:30 p.m. - Board of Christian Education

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

9:00 a.m. - Quilting
10:00 a.m. - Prayer Meeting
11:30 a.m. - Bible Study

Thursday, June 13, 2024

10:00 a.m. - Women's Fellowship
6:30 p.m. - AA

Saturday, June 15, 2024

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

Sunday, June 16, 2024

10:00 a.m. - Worship



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