

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 30, 2024

SIXTH 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Lamentations 3:19-23)

Phil Butler, Liturgist

One: The memory of my suffering and homelessness is bitterness and poison.

Many: I can't help but remember and am depressed.

One: But I call this to mind; therefore, I will wait.

Many: Certainly, the faithful love of God hasn't ended.

One: God's compassion isn't through!

Many: They are renewed every morning. Great is your faithfulness!

*HYMN

"Great Is Your Faithfulness"

423

Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,

With you no shadow of turning we see.

You do not change, your compassions they fail not;

All of your goodness forever will be.

Refrain: Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!

**Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed your hand has
provided, Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!**

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To your great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,

Your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. *Refrain*

*UNISON PRAYER

We yearn for your presence, O God. We crave the living waters of your love and seek the comfort and assurance that only you can give. Our lives are often filled with tears, fears, and doubts. At times we wonder where you are. Remind us again of your constant love. Remind us that you are always nearby. And in that remembering, renew our hope and trust in you. Bless us now as we offer you our praise and thanksgiving, for great is your faithfulness. Amen.

*RESPONSE “Great Is Your Faithfulness” 423 refrain

Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed your hand has provided, great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

THE FIRST LESSON Lamentations 3:22-33

SPECIAL MUSIC “American Overture” Allured Bell Ensemble
Molly Bauer, Clarinet

THE SECOND LESSON II Samuel 1:1, 17-27

SERMON

*HYMN “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” 472

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;**

**Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,**

**Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When the shadows appear and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,**

**At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me 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)

Loving God, you fill us with hope and comfort in our struggle. In turn, may these offerings provide hope and comfort to all those in need of your presence. Amen.

*HYMN “O Come to Me, You Weary” 484

**“O come to me, you weary, and I will give you rest.”
The blessed voice of Jesus, which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace, and peace,
of joy that has no ending, of love which does not cease.**

**“O come to me, you wanderers, and I will give you light.”
The loving voice of Jesus, which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness, and we had lost our way;
but morning brings us gladness and songs for each new day.**

**“O come to me, you fainting, and I will give you life!”
The cheering voice of Jesus, which stills our inner strife!
The evil one surrounds us and would our faith subdue,
but you are strong within us, our courage brave and true.**

**“All you who come and seek me will never be cast out.”
 The welcome voice of Jesus, which drives away our doubt!
 And though we are unworthy of love so free and true,
 we hear your call to sinners; in trust we come to you.**

*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.

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.

Please pray . . .

With Zane Moore, Laurie Pinnell, Carol Muench, Blake Georgie, Carol Frick, Ryan Patterson, Alan Moore, Kayla Moore; For the family and friends of Lois Potochny who passed away June 20.

Worship Attendance – June 22 & 23, 2024

Saturday In-Person: 37 Sunday In-Person: 53 YouTube Views: 24

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

"Pray Peace" Summer Concert with the Combined Christian Choir will be held Sun., June 30, 7 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Washington. Reception to follow. No admission charge. Interpreted for the Deaf. Fully accessible.

Save the dates for VBS! It's just around the corner. . . . July 21-24 - VBS, 5:30-7:30 All children are welcome. If you'd like to volunteer to help (from being here and hands on to simply supplying a snack) please contact Pastor Eric.

The **Women's Fellowship** at St. Paul's UCC in Marthasville is hosting their annual July sandwich and salad luncheon on WED., JULY 10 starting at 11:30 a.m. We will carpool from St. Peter's, leaving at 11:10 a.m. All women are invited but we need to RSVP by July 1st so please let Judy Verdine (636-346-8380) or Rhonda Stockglausner (636-390-3425) know if you will be attending. **THIS WILL SERVE AS OUR MEETING FOR JULY.**

Our monthly women's breakfast at Bob Evans will be on the 3rd Friday (July 19) at 9 a.m. All women are welcome!

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.

This Week at St. Peter's United Church of Christ:**Sunday, June 30, 2024**

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Monday, July 1, 2024

11:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting

12:00-3:00 pm. - Quilting

5:00 p.m. - Harvest Table Board

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

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

5:00 p.m. - Finance Board

7:00 pm. - Building & Grounds Board

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

8:45 a.m. - Men's Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - Quilting

10:00 a.m. - Prayer Meeting

11:30 a.m. - Bible Study

Thursday, July 4, 2024**Church Office Closed - Happy Independence Day!!****Saturday, July 6, 2024**

Aluminum Drive

5:00 p.m. - Worship w/Holy Communion

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

Sunday, July 7, 2024

10:00 a.m. - Worship w/Holy Communion

11:15 a.m. - Messy Church

Aluminum Drive

Aluminum Drive: A pick-up truck will be parked in the South parking lot the first weekend of each month where you may place the cans. ONLY aluminum cans, in bags please, should be placed in the truck; please do not include tin foil and/or pie pans. Thanks for all the help from the congregation!

Back Bay Mission Trip St. Peter's UCC will be doing a mission trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS Sept. 14-21. Back Bay is a UCC organization whose mission is to strengthen neighborhoods, seek justice, and transform lives. While there we will work on home rehabilitation, help in their client-choice food pantry, spend time with homeless individuals at the Micah Day Center, and more. There are ways to participate for people above age 14 & all abilities. The cost is \$250. Contact Pastor Eric if you have questions. Registration deadline is **July 12.**



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