

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 29, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

10:00 AM

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

CENTERING OURSELVES IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE            "He Leadeth Me" arr. Dobrinski            Chapel Bell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Who is that upon the mountain?

**Many: Is it Moses who brought us God's commandments?**

One: Who is that sitting as a great teacher?

**Many: Is it Solomon, renowned for his wisdom?**

One: Who is that singing blessings upon the people?

**Many: Is it the joyful strains of the poet King David?**

One: No, it is Jesus of Nazareth, lawgiver, teacher, and poet!

**Many: Yes, it is Jesus, come to bless the world with his announcement of God's Reign among us!**

\*HYMN            "O Christ Jesus, Sent from Heaven"            47 (vs 1-3)

**O Christ Jesus, sent from heaven, Love Eternal, crucified,  
Welcome Savior, mission bearing, Dwell among us, now reside.  
Alleluia! Way of Anguish, Sow your peace, with us abide.**

**O Christ Jesus, our salvation, Shepherd kind, life's Bread and Wine,  
Word Made Flesh, God's Blessed Servant, Washing feet shows your design.  
Alleluia! Living Water, Slake our hearts with grace divine.**

**O Christ Jesus, Father-Mother, Spirit, Triune, Source of all,  
Claim our wounded, halting witness; We surrender to your thrall.  
Alleluia! Truth Incarnate, Stir us with your servant call.**

## \*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

**We gather in your presence, O God, like those gathered around Jesus on a hillside so long ago. We come to hear Christ's teachings which point us to true blessedness. Help us to hear your wisdom which turns our world upside down and inside out. As Jesus reaches out to us, help us to reach out to the world around us. Help us to share your compassion and love with all people. Amen.**

## \*HYMN "O Christ Jesus, Sent from Heaven" 47 (v 4)

**O Christ Jesus, preached down ages, In the womb of God begun,  
Pray restore your broken Body, Born when Calvary's work was done.  
Alleluia! Life for Others, Hear our plea: "May all be one!"**

## TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

THE FIRST LESSON I Corinthians 1:18-31

CHOIR ANTHEM "Lift Your Light" Mary McDonald Chancel Choir  
(lyrics p. 7)

THE SECOND LESSON Matthew 5:1-12

## SERMON

HYMN "O Savior, Let Me Walk with You" 503

**O Savior, let me walk with you in earthly paths of service true;  
Tell me your secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear winning word of love.  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.**

**Teach me your patience let me be in closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.**

**In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,  
In peace that only you can give, with you, O Savior, let me live.**

## 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

MISSION MOMENT

Camp Moval

Amanda Schmitt

## 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. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Gracious God, through these offerings we would join Jesus in announcing and celebrating your reign among us. We pray for purity of heart as we hunger and thirst for you and your teachings. You have called us to share your love, peace, and justice. Bless our lives, our congregation, and our offerings as we join you in that life-giving work. Amen.**

\*HYMN

"I Sing the Praise of Love Almighty"

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**I sing the praise of Love almighty, which shines revealed in Jesus' face.  
I offer up all that delights me, all mean desires, each fond embrace,  
Turn from myself, in pure devotion, and eager plunge in love's vast ocean.  
How loving kind you are, how gentle, how your heart reaches after mine!  
My heart responds in elemental sympathy, beating perfect time. This  
mutual love, this strong attraction, I know no other satisfaction.**

Secure my heart and all my being, in you, my Savior, crucified.

You gave your life to work my healing, bleeding for me, you groaned and died. Beloved Jesus, my salvation, you have, through love, restored creation.

May my heart bear the deep impression of love that Jesus shares with me,

My life become a pure expression of all that Christian love can be:

Each word, each act, a bright reflection of joy in Love's own resurrection.

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

☞ 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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The altar flowers are placed in memory of Sue Anderson by the Food Pantry Task Force.

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 all ages following worship.

All 2022 Boards and Committees: Year ending reports are due to the MESSENGER for printing in March 2023 for the Annual Report. Please forward the reports to [Newsletter Annual Report \(newsletter@stpeters-ucc.org\)](mailto:newsletter@stpeters-ucc.org) on or before Monday, February 13, 2023.

Thank you!

**2023 calendars are available for purchase** with a suggested donation of \$10 to benefit WERF. Calendars are available in the church office during the week and in the atrium on the weekend.

“These Days” devotional booklets and the January Newsletter are available in the atrium and the office lobby.

Worship Attendance – January 21 & 22, 2023

Saturday In-Person: 29 Sunday In-Person: 69 YouTube Views: 78

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

**Sunday, January 29, 2023**

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

11:15 a.m. - Sunday School

11:15 a.m. - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Celebration

**Monday, January 30, 2023**

11:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting

12:00 p.m. - Quilting

**Tuesday, January 31, 2023**

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

**Wednesday, February 1, 2023**

8:45 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast at Bob Evans Restaurant

9:00 a.m. - Quilting

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

11:00 a.m. – Care Team

6:30 p.m. - Bell Choir

7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir

**Thursday, February 2, 2023**

6:30 p.m. - Scouts (Auditorium)

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

**Saturday, February 4, 2023**

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

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

Aluminum Drive – South parking lot

**Sunday, February 5, 2023**

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

11:15 a.m. – Messy Church

Aluminum Drive – South parking lot

**2023 Friends Foundation Valentine Drive-Thru Gala!** This delicious dining opportunity is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 11 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. For \$45 per meal, you can enjoy a four-course dinner with entree of your choice. Payment can be made by credit card or personal check payable to Friends Foundation. Pre-payment is appreciated by calling 314-960-1042 or on the Friendsfoundation.net website. As always, all net proceeds support individuals with developmental challenges in Franklin and Warren Counties! You can place your order online at [mosaiccafeandcatering.com](http://mosaiccafeandcatering.com), call Cafe 636-390-1722, or email [pat@mosaiccafeandcatering.com](mailto:pat@mosaiccafeandcatering.com) by 4 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 8

Pick up is at Mosaic Cafe and Catering  
901 Patients First Drive  
Washington, MO

Thank you for your continued support and Happy New Year!



**Please pray . . .**

With Marie M., Mary Jo S., Marigene, Betty B., Betty M. (mother of a member), Deloris B., D. Dale, Dave P., A. James, Mary Lou E., Ruth D., Darlene B., Thelma L., Joan G., Florence S., Glen M., Delores B., Michael A., Bill D., Fred K., Janet (sister of a member), Matt (nephew of a member) and all who need God's tender care today.

For the Search Committee

For all children, parents, school officials and personnel

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.



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**Choir Anthem:** "Lift Your Light" Mary McDonald

Lift your light, let it shine high in the darkness; let it shine all over the world, Jesus loves you.  
 Lift your light, lift it high, high in the darkness; Jesus is the light of the world. Lift it high.  
 Lift your light, let it shine high in the darkness; let it shine all over the world, Jesus loves you!  
 Lift your light, lift it high, high in the darkness; Jesus is the light of the world. Lift it higher.  
 Jesus is the light, light of the world; Lift the light within you, shine it all around the world.  
 Let the glory rise; raise it to the sky; Let your light for Jesus shine! This little light of mine,  
 I'm gonna let it shine! This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine,  
 let it shine! Lift your light, let it shine high in the darkness; let it shine all over the world,  
 Jesus loves you! Lift your light, lift it high, high in the darkness; Jesus is the light of the world.  
 Lift it higher and higher and higher and higher! Lift your light higher and higher! Lift it up  
 higher and higher! Jesus is the light of the world.