

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

One: Eastertide is almost over but we will continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Many: **That story gives us hope, guidance, and courage in the living of our lives.**

One: We will not give into hopelessness, aimlessness or fear. For Christ is risen!

Many: **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

*HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

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Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Let the Victor's people sing, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia!

God has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

*UNISON PRAYER

Holy God, the earth is full of your glory, and so we worship you. Our hearts are on fire with the awareness that Christ is with us. Our fears have been calmed in the bright light of Resurrection Day, and so we praise you. Do not leave us, we pray. Let us abide forever in the assurance of your love; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 16:16-34

THE SECOND LESSON John 17:20-26

SERMON

*HYMN	“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”	400
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Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of our God and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

**To this temple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, today!
With your constant, loving kindness hear your people as they pray.
Give your fullest benediction: grace to follow Christ the Way.**

Here renew your servants' vision, that by faith they may attain
peace and hope, renewed compassion, strength to comfort those in pain,
Tears and grief transformed to gladness in your everlasting reign.

*UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH 885

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 (Hymn Tune: Hyfrydol) 243 (v 4)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to the God of joy;
Alleluia to the Savior who came death's bonds to destroy;
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

We rejoice, mighty God, that you raised Jesus Christ from the dead. New life blossoms where dead hopes were buried. May our offerings bring new life and new hope to people both near and far. Amen.

*HYMN "The Day of Resurrection" 245

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Christ who reigns eternal in resurrection light;
We listen for the teachings once heard so calm and plain,
for we, too, want to follow and raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the whole world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ again has risen, our joy that has no end.**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

☞ Thank You for Worshipping Here Today ☞

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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. We also welcome those who are attending worship online.

The altar flowers are placed by Bill & Diane Schwab in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

"These Days" devotional booklets and the June Newsletter are available in the atrium and the church office.

Please pray . . . With Emily, Jody B., Jason, Delores Borcharding, Cheryl, Samantha Cerutti-Wacker, Patrick & Christina Flanagan, Pete, Marge Jones, Bryce Meyer, Ken, Grace, Amber E., Greg Berry, Jon Sanfilippo, Laurie Pinnell, Anonymous

Another highlight marking **St. Peter's UCC Cemetery** celebrating 150 years in 2025.

A Bit of History July 11, 1901 It was moved and carried that for burial services, the family of the deceased who wish the services of our pastor, should arrange that he is called for and placed in one of the first carriages, and if possible, in a carriage with the immediate family.

Join us for Confirmation on June 8! St. Peter's UCC is blessed to have four youth joining the church via the Rite of Confirmation Pentecost Sunday, June 8! Nathan Francis, Sam Freese, Marilee Holt and Zander Wisdom will affirm their faith during our 10 a.m. worship service. This is an important moment both for these young people and for our church family. Please join us in worship to support them as they take this important step. Come welcome and affirm them, their gifts, and their presence in our community of care. Congratulations Nathan, Sam, Marilee and Zander! A reception will follow worship.

The **Evangelism Committee** is exploring the possibility of forming a team to help members with simple household tasks. Our first step is to develop that team so if you are interested in lending a helping hand to members who occasionally need a little help, please contact Pat Swinger at 636 980-6728 or Denise Towell at 636 388-2588.

Worship Attendance – May 24 & 25, 2025

Saturday In-Person: 33 Sunday In-Person: 60 YouTube Views: 37

The next **Aluminum can drive** will be July 5/6. There will be no collection in June.



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

Sunday, June 1, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Worship

11:00 a.m. – Confirmation

Monday, June 2, 2025

12:00 p.m. – Quilting

5:00 p.m. – Harvest Table Board

6:30 p.m. – AA

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

1:30-3:00 pm. – Coffee with the Pastor

7:00 p.m. – Building & Grounds Board

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

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

9:00 a.m. – Quilting

9:00 a.m. – Sewing Class

10:00 a.m. – Prayer Meeting

11:30 a.m. – Bible Study

Thursday, June 5, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Food Pantry Task Force

6:30 p.m. – AA

Saturday, June 7, 2025

5:00 p.m. – Worship w/Communion

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

Sunday, June 8, 2025 Pentecost

10:00 a.m. – Worship w/Communion/Confirmation

11:00 a.m. – Reception for Confirmands

The Rev. Kurt Schaller Blaufuss, Pastor & Teacher

Ken Tucker, Director of Music

Andrew Jackson, Principal Organist

Carol H. Hackmann, Office Manager

Gary Edler, Cemetery Sexton

Nathaniel Pfitzinger, Building & Grounds Custodian

The Rev. Dr. William H. Schwab, Pastor Emeritus