

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 3, 2025

8th 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

Undie Sunday

Rhonda Stockglausner

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ben Alspach, Liturgist

Leader: I cry aloud to God,

People: Aloud that God may hear me.

Leader: In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord.

People: In the night my hand is stretched out continually for comfort that only the Lord may bring.

Psalms 7:1-2

*HYMN

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories ever echoing the triumphs of God's grace!**

**My gracious Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**

**Jesus! The name that calms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease
Is music in the sinner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!**

**Glory to God, and love and praise be ever, ever given
By all the saints in every age, the church in earth and heaven.**

*INVOCATION (unison)

Christ calls us to himself as we are, his creation. The Hope of the world is found in his great love for us. Christ welcomes us to come to him with all of the difficulties we have and he will make our burden light. Christ calls us to

himself regardless of what or who we think Christ may welcome because Christ will make all things new. Christ, who shows us how to be in love with himself and each other, thank you for gathering. We give you thanks for the ways we have been held in love in this community of faith. We are comforted by his presence and given hope in difficult times, both by our friends in this space, and by your gracious presence in our lives. Empower us to be brothers and sisters in our own ways. Empower us to seek out those who are in need, not out of guilt or pity, but out of a deep understanding of difficulty in our own lives. Guided by your example, may we lead with radical love and brave compassion. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ken Tucker, Soloist

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

SERMON

“An Attitude of Gratitude”

Rev. Tony Townley

HYMN

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

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I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul. I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor in my soul. I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor in my soul.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

O merciful God, we confess that we have not acknowledged you as the source of our successes, our substance, our selves. We have been far more ready to complain when things go wrong than to praise when all is well. We

have fed our bodies a rich diet while neglecting to feed our souls. Power and wealth have assumed greater importance to us than sensitivity and service. We have allowed religious words and forms to substitute for living encounters with the persons you have called us to love. Forgive us, compassionate Redemer, and grant us the opportunity to start over again. Keep us from repeating the mistakes of the past or from new evils that could mislead or destroy. In the name of Christ, we offer our earnest prayers for pardon and deliverance. Amen

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.

WE GIVE WHAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO US
THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO GIVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 275 (v 4)

To you, great One in Three, eternal praises be, forever more.
Your sovereign majesty, may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (unison)

God of love, we give these gifts back to you with humility, remembering
times we’ve needed help in our own lives. Help us use the gifts we give to
love others as we have been loved. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

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**Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others you are calling, do not pass me by. (*Refrain*)**

Refrain: **Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others you are calling, do not pass me by.**

**Let me at your throne of mercy find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief. (*Refrain*)**

**Trusting only in your merit, would I seek your face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by your grace. (*Refrain*)**

**Be the Spring of all my comfort, more than life to me;
Not just here on earth beside me, but eternally. (*Refrain*)**

*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 bulletins are placed in memory of Florene Esser by the Bauer Family.

"These Days" devotional booklets and the August Newsletter are available in the atrium and the church office. The deadline to submit articles for possible inclusion is the 21st of each month.

Please pray . . . With Maple, Emily, Jason, Delores Borcharding, Cheryl, Samantha Cerutti-Wacker, Patrick & Christina Flanagan, Pete, Bryce Meyer, Ken, Grace, Amber E., Greg Berry, Jon Sanfilippo, Bill & Laurie Pinnell, Shirley Osthoff, Dale Hackmann

Another highlight marking **St. Peter's UCC Cemetery** celebrating 150 years in 2025. A Bit of History January 2, 1910 The fence repair committee reported that the fence surrounding the cemetery was not as yet completed and that the cost thus far was \$80.10. They reported they had disposed of \$6 worth of wood. Their report was accepted.

Do you know what an Undie Sunday is? If not, the Mission team would like you to find out! We will be collecting adult underwear on the weekends of Aug. 9 & 10 and Aug. 16 & 17 to take along when we go to Back Bay Mission in September. They can be any size for men or women and **MUST NOT** be white. Look for the display in the Atrium where we will hang up our underwear to be donated to unhoused people in Biloxi, MS. Thank you for your contributions on Undie Sundays!

Attention all Ushers: On Sun., Aug. 24, 11:10 (following the 10:00 service) we will be conducting an Usher emergency review meeting. Molly Derner will lead the meeting to discuss emergency procedures, location of fire extinguishers, AED's, first aid kits and other important topics. We will meet in the sanctuary. The meeting will last no longer than 1 hour. We hope all are able to attend. If you have questions, please contact Susan Harms 636-359-1452 or s.harms@charter.net

St. Peter's is cohosting Harvest Table with First United Methodist Church to serve the meal on Sat., Aug. 30. Ten people are needed to volunteer, and donations are needed to help pay for desserts. If you can help, please contact Erna Holland. (Text or call 314-616-7143)

The **Evangelism Committee** is moving forward with its **Home Helpers program**. There is a bulletin board posted near the dining room door with information and forms for our members to fill out requesting help with minor household tasks. If you are unable to fill out a form at church, you can simply contact Denise Towell at 636-388-2588 or Pat Swinger at 636-980-6728. There is no charge for this help but "thank you's" are always welcome.

The St. Peter's annual tradition of presenting a **Bible to students in 3rd grade** will happen on Sun., Sept 7. If you have a child or grandchild who will be going into 3rd grade and would like them to receive a Bible at the presentation, please let Pastor Kurt know.

Individuals who would like to be included on the **Funeral Usher team** call list may contact Susan Harms at s.harms@charter.net or reach out to the church office. Please provide your name and phone number. Cecil will get in touch as needed. Inclusion on the list does not require participation at every funeral; the list will facilitate scheduling ushers when assistance is required.

Worship Attendance – July 26 & 27, 2025

Saturday In-Person: 33 Sunday In-Person: 71 YouTube Views: 36

As summer continues, we would like to inform our community about the **Meals-on-Wheels** program. Meals on Wheels is a valuable initiative that benefits the Washington community by enabling elderly and disabled residents to remain in their homes while receiving nutritious meals. It is the only program within the area that delivers meals seven days a week, including holidays, exclusively to clients residing within the Washington city limits. Our services accommodate specific dietary requirements, including diabetic, cardiac, low-sodium, and mechanically soft meal options.

The program is made possible through the generous support of United Way, various community organizations, the dedicated Mercy dietary staff, and our numerous volunteers who deliver meals. For additional information or to request services, please contact the Washington Chamber office at 636-239-2715.

Please note: The next **Aluminum can drive** will be August 9/10.

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

Sunday, August 3, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Worship w/Holy Communion

Monday, August 4, 2025

12:00 p.m. – Quilting

5:00 p.m. – Harvest Table Board

6:30 p.m. – AA

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

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

7:00 p.m. – Building & Grounds Board

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

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

9:00 a.m. – Quilting

11:30 a.m. – Bible Study

Thursday, August 7, 2025

6:30 p.m. – AA

Saturday, August 9, 2025 Aluminum Drive

2:30-4:30 pm. – Salam Clinic

5:00 p.m. – Worship

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

Sunday, August 10, 2025 Aluminum Drive

10:00 a.m. – Worship

Save the Date:

Foodstock XIV Sat., Aug. 23 from 5-10 p.m. at the Washington Farmers' Market. This event helps support St. Peter's Food Pantry as well as other Washington pantries.

Christmas Rummage Sale Sat., Sept. 27. This year the sale will include ALL holiday items--Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, St. Patrick's Day, patriotic, etc. and Christmas!! Please consider donating any decorations, lights, wreaths, ornaments, wrapping paper, etc. (No clothing please) We will collect items from Thurs., Sept. 18 to Thurs., Sept. 25.

The **Eastern Association** of the Missouri Mid-South Conference will hold its **Fall Meeting** at our church on Sun., Oct. 5, 2025, 3:00-5:00

Trivia Night is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 18, 2025

St. John's UCC, Cappeln, Chicken & Beef Dinner Aug. 3, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Dine in or carry out. Baked & Canned Goods, Country Store, Quilt Raffle

Femme Osage UCC Annual Picnic Aug. 17, 11:30-6 p.m. All you can eat Kettle-cooked Beef, Fried Chicken, Free Entertainment



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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