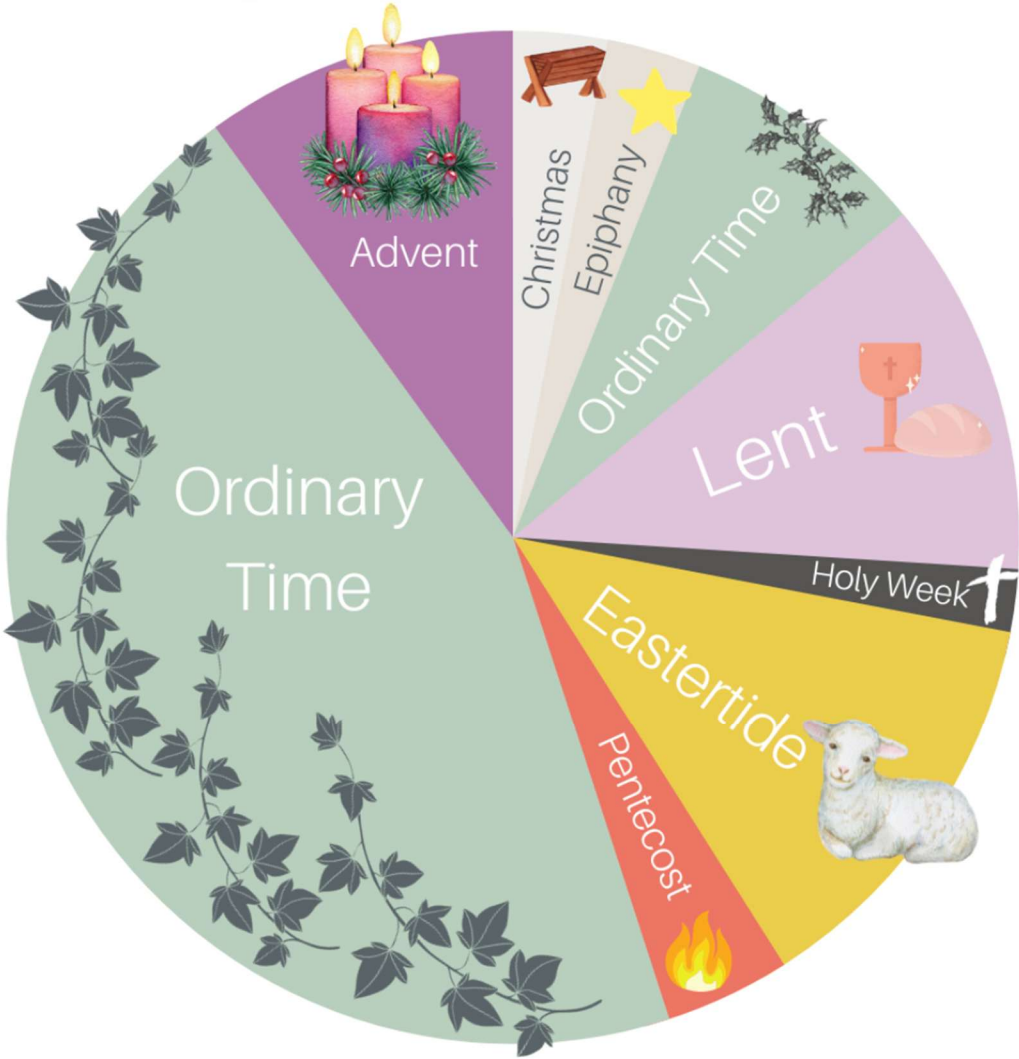


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Church & Ministry - 11:30 am F.H.	2 Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm.	3 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Bells - 5:30 - 6:30 - Fellowship Hall	4	5 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Library	6
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St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

September 21, 2025

If you are visiting us for the first time, welcome!
Thank you for joining us. We're happy you are here.

Please make sure to sign-in in the Narthex and include your name and email so we can keep you updated on upcoming events and special worship services.

***Please stand if you are comfortable and able. The Congregation reads text in bold print.**

In our liturgy, A: is All our voices. L: is the Liturgist's voice. LL: is the Lay Leader's voice.

Bringing Christ's Light into Worship *Youth Acolyte and
Matthew Westermeyer, Senior Acolyte*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns for Prayer *Deb Boland, Lay Leader*

Live Stream Begins

Prelude *Garrett Woods, Music Director*

Welcome and Announcements *Joel Westermeyer, Liturgist*
God is good (all the time!) – And all the time (God is good!)

***Call to Worship** *Joel Westermeyer, Liturgist*

L: Come, people of God! From seasons of waiting and watching, from celebrations and sorrows, from quiet winter nights and bright Easter mornings – all are welcome to come and remember our faith and traditions.
A: God has walked with us through every season. In Advent hope, in Christmas joy, in Lenten reflection, and in Easter resurrection – God has never left our side.

L: Through the winds of Pentecost and the ordinary days in between, the Spirit has moved to guide and sustain us always.
A: In every chapter of the church year, God's presence has been our light and our strength.

L: Come with hearts open and voices ready! Let us worship the God who is with us always: yesterday, today, and forever.
A: Thanks be to God! Let us worship together!

*Hymn "Hark, The Voice Of Jesus Crying" Printed in Bulletin

BITS 'N PIECES 2.0

COME CRAFT WITH US ✨

Looking for a fun and relaxing way to connect with others? Join our crafting group every Friday from 9:00 AM - 11:00 PM—whether you're a pro or a total beginner, we'd love to have you! Interested in knitting or crocheting? Don't worry if you've never picked up a needle or hook before—we'll teach you!



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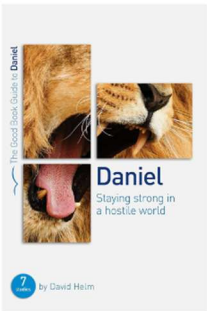
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More info to come.

Ladies Bible Study

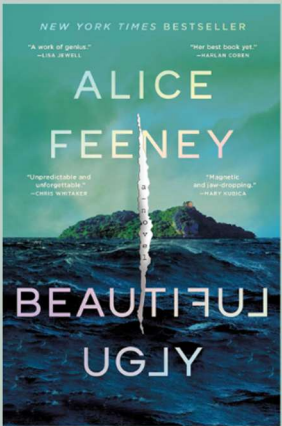
A gathering that encourages deep spiritual conversations and reflections among women.



The first half of Daniel is well-known and much-loved. The second half is little-read and less-understood! These seven studies will show how the truths about God in the second half enabled Daniel and his friends to live faithful, courageous lives in the first half; and how they will inspire us and our churches to do the same, knowing that Jesus has won, is ruling, and will return.

**7 WEEK STUDY
STARTING
WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 17TH
- OCTOBER 29TH
3:00 - 5:00 PM**

DANIEL: STAYING STRONG IN A HOSTILE WORLD - BY DAVID HELM



Monthly Book Club

September 24th

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

(4th Wednesday of every month)

Beautiful Ugly by Alice Feeney
INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
“Her best book yet.” —Harlan Coben
The million-copy bestselling Queen of Twists Alice Feeney returns with a gripping and deliciously dark thriller about marriage. . .
. . . and revenge.

*Invocation

A: Gracious and Eternal God, you have walked with us through every season: in the stillness of Advent, the wonder of Christmas, the wilderness of Lent, the joy of Easter, and the fire of Pentecost. Even in the ordinary days, you are here. As we gather today, remind us once again that you are always among us. Let the rhythms of worship draw us closer to your heart. Open our eyes to see your presence, open our ears to hear your voice, and open our lives to be shaped by your grace. May this time of worship honor you, renew us, and send us out as faithful witnesses to your love in every season of life. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

*Call to Confession

L: Although God walks with us in every season, we often turn away. Yet, God remains faithful. Let us confess our sins in trust, knowing that God is always with us and ready to forgive.

*Prayer of Confession

A: Faithful God, you have been with us in every season, but we have not always been with you. We rush through holy moments and treat ordinary days as if they are unimportant. We rush through life, resist your Spirit, and close our hearts to your grace. Forgive us, renew us, and walk with us again so that we may find you here with us. Thank you, Lord. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

LL: Friends in Christ, hear the good news: In every season, God’s mercy is constant. In every failure, God’s grace is greater. In every return, God runs to meet us. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and made whole.

A: Thanks be to God! We receive this grace with grateful hearts. Amen.

*Gloria Patri (Glory be to the Father)

No. 35

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Please be seated.

LL: Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

A: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Through Song

“Into My Heart”

No. 304

Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come in today, come in to stay, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

Children dismissed for Sunday School with Miss Tammi

Message:

“The Seasons Of A Christian’s Life”

Deb Boland &
Matthew Westermeyer

Written by Mary Beth Westermeyer

ADVENT:

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (Chalice #125; Worship & Rejoice #153)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

CHRISTMAS:

“What Child Is This” (Chalice #162)

What Child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

EPIPHANY:

“We Three Kings” (Chalice #172)

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

ASH WEDNESDAY:

“My Faith Looks Up To Thee” (Chalice #576)

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day be wholly thine.

LENT:

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” (Chalice #180)

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us to fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

PALM SUNDAY:

“Tell Me The Stories Of Jesus” – women of the Chancel Choir

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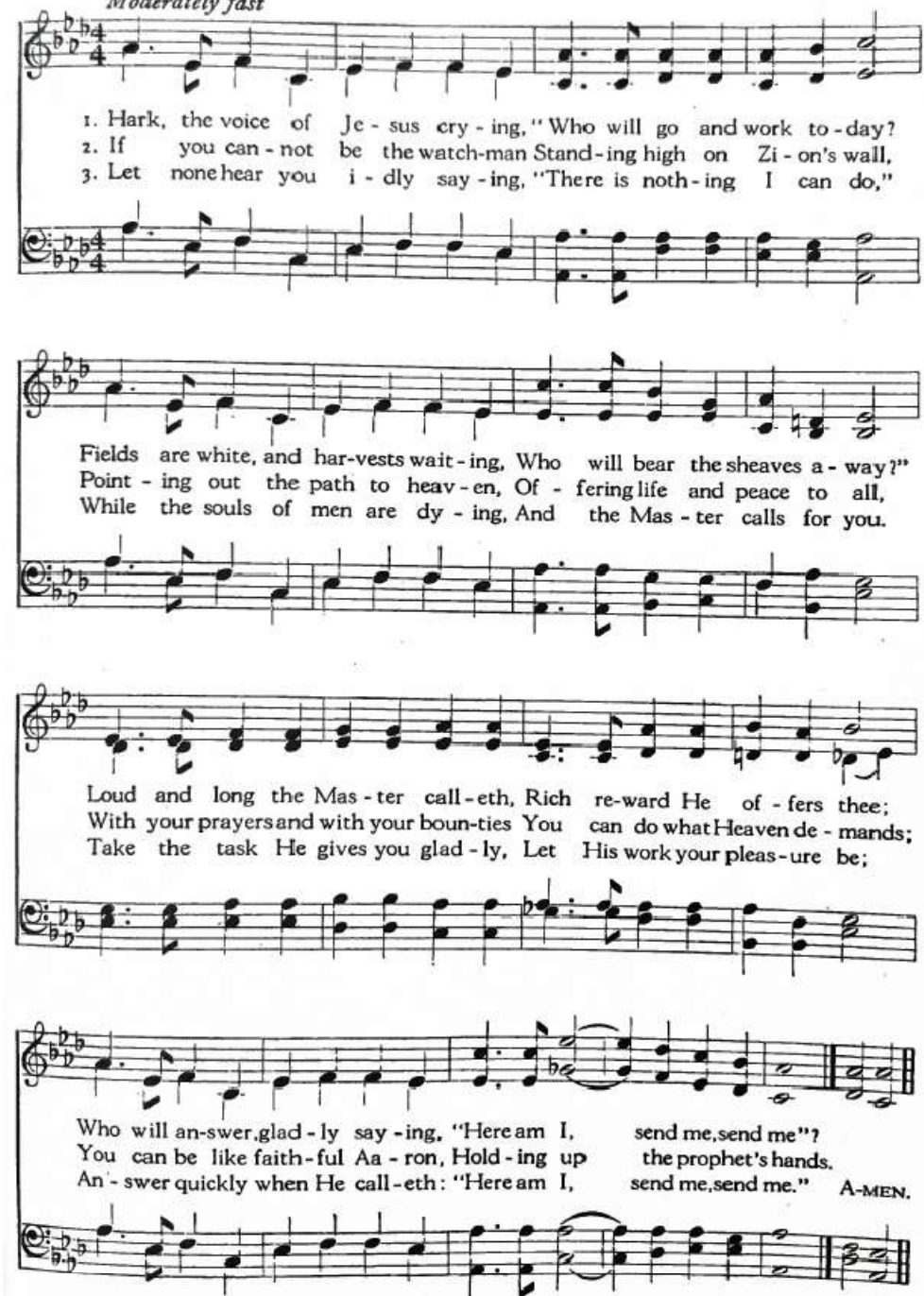
DANIEL MARCH, 1868

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WHITE FIELDS

DAVID BRUNING, 1915

Moderately fast



1. Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2. If you can - not be the watch - man Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
3. Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"

Fields are white, and har - vests wait - ing, Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - fering life and peace to all,
While the souls of men are dy - ing, And the Mas - ter calls for you.

Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth, Rich re - ward He of - fers thee;
With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what Heaven de - mands;
Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your pleas - ure be;

Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me?"
You can be like faith - ful Aa - ron, Hold - ing up the prophet's hands,
An - swer quickly when He call - eth: "Here am I, send me, send me." A - MEN.

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Mission Statement

St. Peter and St. Paul United Church of Christ

Be the lighthouse of the community, letting Christ's life
flow through us as a beacon of hope and strength to
others.

To enlighten the entire church family on the values of
participation and commitment

Offer to all the hand of fellowship, allowing the Holy Spirit
to work through us

Light the way for the community, as we serve God and reach
out to minister

Offer support and care for one another, with grace

Visit and minister to all in need, as Jesus did

Encourage one another to walk in the faith, actively in love

MAUNDY THURSDAY: *"In Remembrance Of Me" – men of the Chancel Choir*

GOOD FRIDAY: *"The Old Rugged Cross" (Chalice #548)*

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown.**

EASTER: *"Christ Arose!" (Chalice #224)*

**Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose (he arose), with a mighty triumph o'er his foes (o'er his foes);
He arose a victor from the dark domain, and he live forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! (he arose) He arose! (he arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

PENTECOST: *"On Pentecost They Gathered" (Chalice #237)*

**On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
A band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
And tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.**

REFORMATION DAY: *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Chalice #65; Worship & Rejoice #507)*

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thro’ him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.**

TOTENFEST: *“For All The Saints” (Chalice #637)*

**For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

***Affirmation of Faith**

An adaptation of the UCC Statement of Faith – formed at the National Meeting of United Church of Christ Women – Cincinnati, OH (1979)

O God, because you are the source of all life and love and being, we call you CREATOR.

Because we know the history of your presence among your covenanted people and honor their tradition, we call you LORD.

Because our Savior, Jesus Christ, your obedient child, knew you intimately and spoke of you so, we call you FATHER.

Because you are present in each act of birth; and because you shelter, nurture and care for us, we call you MOTHER.

Because you hold us up and give us strength and courage when we are weak and in need, we call you SUSTAINER.

Because we have known you in our pain and suffering, we call you COMFORTER.

Because beyond pain lies your promise of all things made new, we call you HOPE.

Because you are the means of liberation and the way to freedom, we call you DELIVERER.

Because you have chosen to come among us and share our common lot, making the hard choices, suffering and dying; because you rose victorious, bringing new life, we call you REDEEMER.

Confident that you will hear, we call upon you with all the names that make you real to us, the names which create an image in our minds and hearts, an image which our souls can understand and touch. And yet we know that you are more than all of these.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you, our God. Amen.

***Invitation to the Offering**

L: God has been faithful through every season: in times of waiting, in times of joy, in quiet days, and in Spirit-filled celebrations. We are invited to respond with gratitude. We give not to earn God’s favor, but because we have already received it. We give because God is always with us and calls us to be a part of the ongoing work of love in the world. Let us bring our offerings with joy, trusting that God will use them – and us – for good.

***Doxology (Praise)**

No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

A: God of Compassion and Calling, you have been present with us in every season, and you call us to be present with others – especially those in need, in crisis, or in search of hope. We offer these gifts to you now, trusting that you will use them for mission and ministry: to feed the hungry, shelter the vulnerable, heal the broken, and share the good news of your love. Bless what we give, and bless us as we go, so that we may be your hands and feet in our neighborhoods and across the world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Servant and Savior. Amen.

***Hymn**

“Pass It On”

No. 477

***Benediction**

LL: Go now into the world, remembering that the God who was with you in Advent waiting, in Christmas joy, in Lenten reflection, and in Easter hope is the same God who walks with you today. As you go, may you carry the light of Christ into places of need, into lives longing for love, and into the everyday mission fields all around you. And may the blessing of the God who sends, the Christ who serves, and the Spirit who empowers be with you now and in every season. Amen.

***A: Benediction Response**

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again” – Elmhurst Hymnal (1921)

**God be with you till we meet again, by His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.**

**Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again. Amen.**

Postlude

Garrett Woods, Music Director