



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

June 22, 2025

Second Sunday After Pentecost

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 able and comfortable

Congregation reads text in bold print

In our liturgy, A: is all our voices. L: is the liturgist's voice P: is the Pastor's voice

Bringing Christ's Light into Worship

*Youth Acolyte and
Matthew Westermeyer, Senior Acolyte*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns for Prayer

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

Live Stream Begins

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

Prelude

Garrett Woods, Music Director

***Call to Worship**

Dorothy Coore, *Liturgist*

L: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so we long for you, O God.

A: As the plants turn toward the sun, so we turn to you, O God.

L: As the tide ebbs and flows, so we move with you, O God.

A: Hope in God! Again, we worship the Holy One, our help and our God.

L: When tears are our constant companion, when our souls become weary, when we feel forgotten or alone, we may ask the question, "Where is God?"

A: Trust in God! As we pray, we honor the Present One, our strength and our God.

Thanks be to God!

*Hymn

"All Are Welcome"

No. 641 ELW

***Invocation**

A: O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; You never slumber nor sleep. We live, move, and have our being through Jesus Christ our Lord, our Savior, for ever and ever. Amen.

***Call to Confession**

L: The Spirit is present with us as we confess our sins to God and as we receive the assurance of God's mercy. Let us now embrace the presence of the Holy Spirit, as we are guided to renewal.

***Prayer of Confession**

A: Holy One, as we experience difficult moments, we so often fail to recognize your abiding presence. We question if you exist or if you are with us when things do not go our way or when it seems that you have not kept promises we've manufactured from our wishes and dreams—and that you've never pledged to keep. Help us to turn to you in trust even when the present troubles us and the future seems bleak. Guide us into a prophetic imagination that realizes that your covenant is everlasting. Sustain us by faith for transformation and new life. Amen.

***Words of Grace**

P: Beloved, the grace of God meets us even when we question, "Where is our God?" God is near, with us, behind us, above us, in us, and before us. Sometimes, the answers we seek come slowly in silence. Sometimes, God charges us to become the solution we need for one another. Whatever and however God replies to our cries, we may be assured that God's peace, justice, and righteousness are central to the response. Receive the gift of new and renewing life in Christ.

*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.

Time for Silent Prayer ~ Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

No. 306

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
incline thine ear to us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

Young People's Message!

All young people are invited to come forward for their own special time with the Pastor.

Young people may go to Sunday School

Tammi Hart

The Holy Scriptures

First Lesson: Psalm 42:1-7

- ¹ As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- ² My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- ³ My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- ⁴ I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,
- ⁵ With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.
- ⁶ Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- ⁷ Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Bell Choir

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

No. 347

Gospel Lesson: John 3:16-18

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

Choir Anthem

" Look at the World"

by John Rutter

Message

"Sounds and Voices of Love"

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

***Affirmation of Faith ~ The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy, universal Christian church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

No. 475

***Invitation to Generosity**

L: In gratitude for all that God has given us, we ask that as you are led by faith in your giving, let us be bold in our faith for the sake of Jesus Christ, who stills the storms of living.

*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 Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**A: O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us the care of the earth:
Increase our willingness to engage that care, and with these gifts give us new insight into
your purposes for the Church on earth, and for this congregation, new wisdom and
determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

“Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind”

No. 594

***Benediction**

P: The grace of God the Father and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Keep you in faith, hope and love, and in the Unity of God's Son, our Savior. And may
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit dwell with us forever. Amen.

*Benediction Response

**O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus,
because he first loved me!**

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us at St. Peter and St. Paul United Church of Christ!

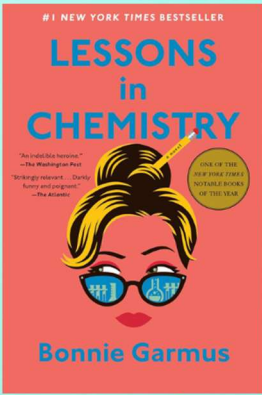
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Monthly Book Club

June 25th

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

(4th Wednesday of every month)

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
This novel is "irresistible, satisfying and full of fuel" (The New York Times Book Review) and "witty, sometimes hilarious...the Catch-22 of early feminism" (Stephen King, via Twitter).



BITS 'N PIECES 2.0

Every Friday 10 am - 12 pm

**Come join us for
knitting, crocheting,
crafting, fun &
fellowship!
Don't know how?
Come and we can
teach you.**

JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Church & Ministry - 11am F.H.	3 Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm.	4 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Bells - 5:30 - 6:30 - Fellowship Hall Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	5	6 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	7
8 Graduation Celebration Communion	9	10 Property - 7pm - Par.	11 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Bells - 5:30 - 6:30 - Fellowship Hall	12	13 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	14
15 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY Father's Day Breakfast - 8:30 am F.H.	16	17	18 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Bells - 5:30 - 6:30 - Fellowship Hall	19	20 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	21 Community Meal 10:30 - 12 - F.H.
22 Pastor Teri Lynn's last service	23	24 Council - 7 pm - Rm. 107	25 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Book Club 5:30 - 7PM F.H.	26	27 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	28
29	30					