



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

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

Pre-Service Music ~ 9:55 a.m.

Please enter the sanctuary to prepare for worship

Bringing Christ's light into Worship

Youth Acolyte &
Matthew Westermeyer, Senior Acolyte

Prayer Requests, Joys and Concerns

Pastor Jade Kendall

Live stream begins

Prelude

Garrett Woods, Music Director

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jade Kendall

***Call to Worship**

Pastor James R. Hill, Liturgist

L: You who are thirsty:

A: Come to receive living water.

L: You who are hungry:

A: Taste the bread that satisfies.

L: You who long for connection:

A: Receive the fellowship of this community, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

L: You who search for love:

A: Experience the love of Jesus expressed in music, prayer, community, word and action.

L: May this time of worship fill and refresh you.

A: Let us worship God together!

Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehova"

No. 622

***Invocation**

A: Holy One, draw us into community and connection. Let us receive you and our companions in worship. Lead us into your grace. Keep us open to the unexpected, so that we may perceive your work in the world, and your work in us. Amen.

***Call to Confession**

L: Do we have the mind of God? We do not. We reach out for wisdom and hope to God who knows us and loves us. Let us share together our Confession before God.

***Prayer of Confession**

A: Gracious God, sometimes we are disappointed by other people, too ready to dismiss or discard them. Help us to see in others what you see in them: their growth, the fruits that they offer. Forgive us when we too quickly judge others or ourselves. Forgive us also, when we doubt that we can be worthy followers of you. May we be inspired to nurture all of your people, and ourselves. Amen.

***Words of Grace**

P: In the grace of Almighty God, your sins are forgiven. You are treasured. You are invited to turn back to God, who loves all people with an everlasting love. Continue to grow in grace, hope and love. 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.

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 Thy peace. Amen.**

Choir Anthem:

“Walk with Me, Lord”

by Douglas Wagner

Scripture Lessons

First Reading ~ Romans 5:1-11

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Holy Gospel: John 4:5-42

(Part of the reading [...] is just for your hearing)

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” [...]

...] ²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”

³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.

³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Message

“Give Me a Drink”

Pastor Jade Kendall

***Affirmation of Faith – “The Jesus Creed”**

**We have confidence in Jesus who healed the sick, the blind, and the paralysed.
And even raised the dead.
He cast out evil powers and confronted corrupt leaders.
He cleansed the temple. He favoured the poor.
He turned water into wine, walked on water, calmed storms.
He died for the sins of the world,
rose from the dead, and ascended to the Father, sent the Holy Spirit.**

**We have confidence in Jesus
who taught in word and example, sign and wonder.
He preached parables of the kingdom of God
on hillsides, from boats, in the temple, in homes,
at banquets and parties, along the road, on beaches, in towns,
by day and by night.
He taught the way of love for God and neighbour,
for stranger and enemy, for outcast and alien.**

**We have confidence in Jesus, who called disciples, led them,
gave them new names and new purpose and sent them out to preach good news.
He washed their feet as a servant. He walked with them, ate with them,
called them friends, rebuked them, encouraged them,
promised to leave and then return, and promised to be with them always.**

**He taught them to pray.
He rose early to pray, stole away to desolate places,
fasted and faced agonising temptations, wept in a garden,
and prayed, 'Not my will but your will be done.'
He rejoiced, he sang, he feasted, he wept.**

**We have confidence in Jesus, so we follow him, learn his ways,
seek to obey his teaching and live by his example.
We walk with him, walk in him, abide in him, as a branch in a vine.
We have not seen him, but we love him.
His words are to us words of life eternal,
and to know him is to know the true and living God.
We do not see him now, but we have confidence in Jesus. Amen.**

The Jesus Creed was first used at the Emergent Convention, Nashville, May 2004. © Brian McLaren

***Hymn** *“All My Hope on God Is Founded”* **No. 88**

***Invitation to the Offering**

L: In gratitude for what we have received, and for the joy of giving and sharing, let us walk with others; let us share our time, talent and treasure, here and now. Let us offer our gifts to God's work, through this church.

***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: Dear God, use these resources we give, use our time and talent and our lives. Take all that I am and all that I have, Jesus, and multiply them for your purposes in the world. Bless these gifts, and use them to bring hope and change, the Love of God on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.

***Hymn** *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”* **No. 195**

***Benediction**

L: Friends, nourished by your presence here, go boldly in the way of Jesus, who is walking with you! You are beloved children of God! Receive the blessings of God, and be sustained by the Holy Spirit, today and always.

***Benediction Response**

**Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine. Remold them, make us, Like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be, a beacon to God, to love and loyalty.**

*Postlude

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion	2 Church & Ministry - 11:30 am - Annex	3 Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm.	4 Lenten Bible Study - 5-7 pm - Annex Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	5 Mens Bible Study - 6-8 pm - Annex	6 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Annex	7
8	9	10 Property - 7pm - Annex	11 Lenten Bible Study - 5-7 pm - Annex Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	12 Mens Bible Study - 6-8 pm - Annex	13 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Annex	14
15	16	17 Stewardship Meeting- 7 pm - Annex 	18 Lenten Bible Study - 5-7 pm - Annex Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	19 Mens Bible Study - 6-8 pm - Annex	20 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Annex	21 Community Meal 10:30 - 12 - F.H.
22	23	24 Council - 7 pm - Annex	25 Book Club 5:30 - 7PM F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	26 Mens Bible Study - 6-8 pm - Annex	27 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Annex	28
29 Easter Egg Hunt - 12:00 - 1:30 pm 	30	31				