



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 15, 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 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

Joel Westermeyer

Live Stream Begins

Prelude

Garrett Woods, Music Director

Welcome and Announcements

Joel Westermeyer

*God is good (**all the time!**) – And all the time (**God is good!**)*

***Call to Worship**

Paul Middendorf, Liturgist

L: God calls us together as people shaped by love.

A: We come to worship the God who first loved us.

L: We show our love for God through praise and prayer.

A: We grow in love through following Jesus in faith and discipleship.

L: We show love through our presence with one another.

A: We serve with compassion, reflecting Christ's love in the world.

L: Let us worship God with hearts formed by love.

A: May our worship send us out to love in word and deed.

***Benediction**

LL: Go in peace, rooted in the love of God. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Go in peace, and love one another as Jesus has loved you. Amen.

***A: Benediction Response**

“Blessed Be The Tie That Binds” (No. 433)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

Postlude

Garrett Woods, Music Director

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

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*Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

No. 517

***Invocation**

A: Loving and Faithful God, we come into your presence because you have called us here by grace. Gather us now by your Spirit so that our worship may be faithful and our hearts may be open to your love. Shape us through your Word, draw us together as the body of Christ, and receive our praise that is offered in humility and thanksgiving. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is our Savior, Lord, and Friend. Amen.

***Call to Confession**

L: The call to love God and our neighbor is at the heart of our faith, and yet, we know that our love often falls short. Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin together.

***Prayer of Confession**

A: Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We confess that we have not loved you fully, nor have we loved one another as Christ has loved us. We have been slow to forgive, reluctant to serve, and divided in our hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and renew us by your Spirit, so that we may live as people shaped by your love. We humbly ask for this grace through Jesus Christ, your Son, and our Lord. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

LL: Hear the Good News: “But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us.” In the name of Jesus Christ, we are loved, cherished, and forgiven.

A: In Jesus Christ, we are truly forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*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

Hymn of Prayer

“More Love To Thee, O Christ”

No. 527

