



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

July 28TH, 2024

10TH 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

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

Please enter the sanctuary to prepare for worship

Bringing Christ's light into Worship

Kyra Anderson, Acolyte

Prayer Requests, Joys and Concerns

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

Live stream begins

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

Where Are We Now? Search and Call Progress!

Deb Boland, Search Committee

Prelude

Garrett Woods, Music Director

***Call to Worship**

David Warner, Liturgist

L: Great and Mighty God, we seek your presence among us.

A: We strain to hear your voice as it so often gets drowned out by the noise of the world.

L: We pause to consider your works, your Word, and your way.

A: Speak to us now in spirit and in truth. Open your hand and our hearts that we may join in this moment of holy encounter. Forge us as a community committed to follow the path Jesus has marked for us. Amen.

*Hymn

"My Hope Is Built"

No. 537

***Invocation**

A: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Call to Confession**

L: Let us gather our hearts together with hope, sincerity, and love for God and our neighbor, as we confess our trespasses against God and one another.

***Prayer of Confession**

A: Creator God, we confess that we fail to recognize the bounty around us. We are not satisfied; we never have enough. We consider what we have received and what we have generated, is too little rather than sufficient. We need to cultivate our imagination and our faith to observe abundance and opportunity rather than scarcity and deficiency. Help us to comprehend that, in your kingdom, the fragments you gather are more than enough for flourishing.

***Assurance of Pardon**

P: Beloved, you are enough. God's grace, strength, love, and hope meet you with sufficiency. Through the Holy One's sustaining power, we can gather the fragments that make our lives beautiful and God's kingdom real in the world.

*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 ~ Prayer Challenge #13 – Pray for people affected by natural disasters, wars, or tragedy – Neh. 1:3-4 ~ 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.**

The Holy Scriptures

The First Reading – Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Holy Gospel – Gospel: John 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish.

But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Message

"Baking Bread, Part 1"

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

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

No. 422

***Invitation to Generosity**

L: Jesus, Bread of life, you have invited us to this worship and sharing with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Give us the courage and cheerfulness to give according to your will.

*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: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set the table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us with courage and hope to share your Word and your message with strength. Make us to be what we receive, of Jesus' bread and fish miracle, into expansion of this place for the life of the world.

*Hymn

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

No. 419

***Benediction**

P: May you, according to the riches of God's glory, the presence of Christ, and by power of the Spirit, be strengthened. May you find healing in miracles of hope, faith, and love, and be filled with the fullness of God, the Bread of Life. Amen.

A: Thanks be to God.

*Benediction Response

There is strength in the name of the Lord;

There is power in the name of the Lord;

There is hope in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Postlude

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

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Announcements



Summer Singing

Anyone interested in singing during worship this summer please sign up at Communication Corner.

Adults, we need ushers!

Women or men, please help your congregation by volunteering yourselves!
We need you!

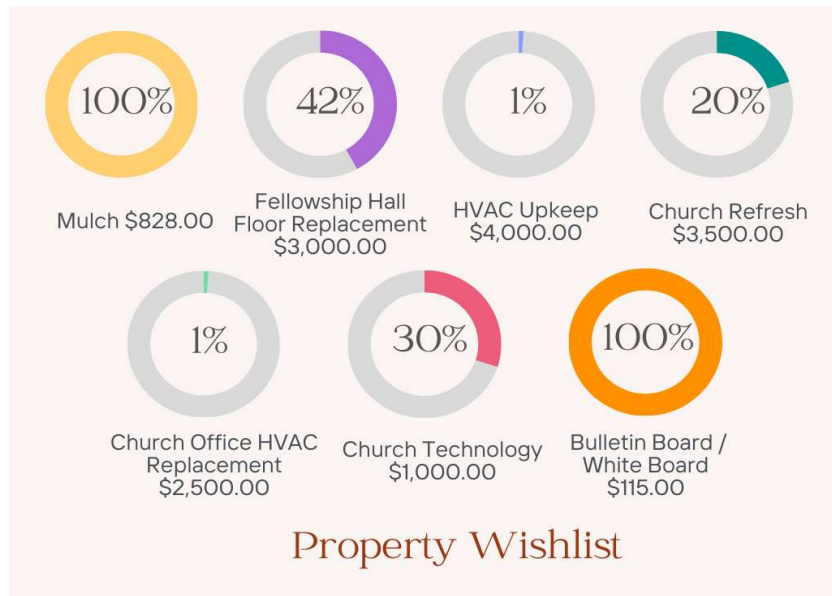
Praise Dance Classes

Classes have been cancelled, effective immediately

Our July 28th worship picnic has been moved to Sept 8th.

Property Wish List

The Property Department is asking for donations to help with the cost of maintaining areas of the church. If you are able to help, please fill out the form located in the Narthex and return it with your donation. We will update the graph each week so you can see the progress of our goal.



AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	3
4 Communion	5 Church & Ministry - 11:30 am F.H.	6 Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm. Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.	7	8	9 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	10
11 Bless the Backpacks 	12	13 Property - 7pm - Pat.	14 Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.	15	16 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	17 Community Meal 10:30 - 12 - F.H.
18	19	20	21 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H.	22	23 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 1 pm - 3 pm - Library	24
25	26	27 Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H. Council - 7 pm - Rm 107	28 Book Club 5:30 - 7PM F.H.	29	30 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 1 pm - 3 pm - Library	31 Youth Group - 4:00 - 6:00 - F.H.