



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

July 6, 2025

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion

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

Prelude

Garrett Woods, Music Director

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

***Call to Worship**

Deb Boland, Liturgist

L: Let us praise God for sending Jesus Christ to offer his saving love to us all.

A: We give God all our praises.

L: Let our hearts be filled with joyful celebration for the fulfillment of God's promises.

A: We open our hearts to receive the joy of Christ.

L: Let us move forward with Jesus Christ as our guiding light.

A: The light of Jesus Christ is shining in each of us.

L: Come, let us worship our Risen Christ, whose love and light us still.

*Hymn

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

No. 23

***Invocation**

A: O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

***Prayer of Confession**

L: Life-giving God,

A: Forgive us for praying for the harvest without planting seeds. Forgive us for praying for the harvest without preparing the soil. Forgive us for praying for the harvest without tending the land, discerning weeds, and ensuring an adequate supply of water. Transform us for the work of the harvest. Transform us into cultivators of hope and joy. Transform us to plant seeds of justice and love. God of the harvest, equip us for the labor of stewarding the roots of new life you offer. Amen.

***Words of Grace**

P: Beloved, there is room in the garden for you and the gifts you bring. Receive the grace of God to plant and replant, to till and to tend, to harvest and to hope. Rest in knowing that the One who sends you to work for a good harvest will sustain, guide, and renew you in this life.

*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

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

"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

Epistle: Galatians 6:1-10

¹My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵For all must carry their own loads. ⁶Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. ⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹⁶"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."
¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!"
¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Message

"How Can We Keep This to Ourselves?"

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

***Affirmation of Faith – From the New Zealand Prayer Book**

Here in this place, we lift our hearts in hope. O God, the Creator and King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn**

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

No. 484

***Invitation to Generosity**

L: Jesus offers us fullness of life, protecting us and advocating for our needs. In response, the ways in which we can give of ourselves are as vast as Creation on Mother Earth. You’re now invited to give accordingly – to give freely, knowing that what we do here matters in the bigger picture of the blessings that the Creator has accorded us.

***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: We give thanks to you Creator, for the invitation to be alive in a world full of possibility with open minds and open hearts to live with great joy until we meet again. Thank you for the opportunity to give of our time, talent and treasure. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

P: God loves you!

A: And God also loves you.

P: Lift up your hearts!

A: We lift all we are to God!

P: May we embrace the gifts of God in these simple things.

A: In Christ’s words we celebrate our love for one another.

Communion Prayer

P: Divine Gatherer of Your Children, there is beauty in this celebration of YOU. We gather with Christian friends of all time and space here at this Table. We remember your giving of yourself in the First Supper of Love.

It was on that night of love and betrayal that Jesus took a loaf of bread. After he blessed the bread, he broke the bread, and gave it to his friends. "This is my body," he said to them. "Remember me each time you break and eat the bread."

And after supper, Jesus took the cup filled with the fruit of the vine. He spoke to his followers, "This is the cup of the new covenant. As often as you drink from this cup, do this in remembrance of me."

Holy Spirit, Breath of Healing, encircle these elements tonight. Surround us with your care, pour your peace that passes all understanding on us. This is the sacramental meal of Christ for all God's children. No matter where you are on the path of life, each of you are welcome at this table.

Seraphic Hymn

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and Earth are full,
Are full of the majesty of Thy glory,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

Distribution of Communion

P: Come. Find your place at this table, you who need hope, you who are seeking for peace. Join in the meal of love with all Christians. Our God has given Christ Jesus, for us!

Prayer of Gratitude

A: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and you have nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

*Hymn

"God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

No. 439

***Benediction**

P: Go out into the world, and say, "Peace." Say peace when despair threatens to overwhelm you. Say peace when the news of the day invites you to apathy or avoidance. Say peace when a ceasefire is not enough. Say peace because a loving approach to conflict can build it. Say peace because a faithful people can create it. Say peace because the God of Peace is with you. Go and say and be peace in the world. 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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm.	2	3	4 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	5
6	7 Church & Ministry - 11:30 am F.H.	8 Property - 7pm - Par.	9 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H.	10	11 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	12
Communion						
13	14	15	16 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H.	17	18 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	19 Community Meal 10:30 - 12 - F.H.
20	21	22	23	24	25 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	26
		Vacation Bible School 21st - 25th 6:00 - 8:30 pm				
27	28	29 Council - 7 pm - Rm. 107	30 Book Club 5:30 - 7PM F.H.	31		