



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

June 15, 2025

Holy Trinity Sunday
Father's Day

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
and

Youth Acolyte

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**

Jan Williams,

Liturgist

L: The Lord is in this Holy Temple, let all the children of God rejoice.

A: We are called as family to hold up holy hands and praise the God of justice and liberation for all! Not some, but for all people regardless of where you are on life's journey or who you are in the Kingdom of God.

L: We are here to worship!

A: Hallelujah!

L: We are here to lift up Holy hands!

A: Hallelujah!

L: We are the Kingdom of God!

A: Glory Hallelujah. Let us praise the name of the Lord!

*Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

No. 4

***Invocation**

A: Gracious and ever-present God, make each of us an instrument of your justice. Continue to weave us into a family, your Kingdom, showing forth your power of healing, feeding, clothing and resurrection as evidenced through the life and ministry of your son Jesus the Christ. Bless us and our differences and sustain our courage to stand together in the face of oppression and injustice in this present world. We call on you today to gather us in your love. In the name of Jesus, who came in the name of love, let us now commit to You with a voice of triumph, go forward to serve, and work to proclaim the love and grace of God to all the world. 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: Righteous God, we find ourselves as your hands, legs, heart and spirit here in the earth. As your children, as were your disciples, we are called to manifest a Gospel of love, justice, reconciliation and healing in the present world. But our concern for a just and egalitarian world too often dissipates at the point of our discomfort. Forgive us for our humanity and our frailty as we dwell in your presence and seek transformation and new energy for the work of your ministry. Revive us again, O Lord. Revive our love for the Kingdom, our yearning for justice, our desire for reconciliation, and our need for healing! Amen!

***Words of Grace**

Just as Jesus endowed his disciples, his family, with moments of rest and amazement, it is good for us, kinfolk, to bask in the glorious and loving presence of God. I'm so glad that with grace and compassion, the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit lifts, informs and propels us forward, showing where we should go to heal, deliver and resurrect. Come Holy Spirit. Lift us! Inform us! Propel us! Shower us with your Grace and Mercy! **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.

A Responsive Reading for Fathers and All Men *(read responsively)*

Fathers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

Thank God for fathers!

Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

Thank God for our fathers!

For those men who have died and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

Thank God for fathers who are no longer with us.

For every man who is working day and night to raise his children, right now.

Thank God for fathers of today.

For all the men who will soon be fathers, but aren't quite fathers yet!

Thank God for soon-to-be-fathers, and men who care for others.

For the men who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

Thank God for fathers with hearts so big.

For those men who have lost a child to death yet must carry on in their grief.

May they receive comfort and hope.

For those who were not emotionally, mentally, physically ready to have children and supported heart wrenching decisions.

May God bless these hurting men who were part of hard decisions.

For the men who choose not to have children, yet their influence is felt by many.

Thank God for the mentorship and positive influence of men who work for others.

For the men who have 'less than' fathers and struggle with this oppression on this day.

Thank God for the ability to heal and find chosen community and family.

For the men who were and maybe are 'less than' caregivers to their children.

Thank God for the forgiveness, and may there be hope for a good future in the children.

We give thanks for the men who have influenced our lives in so many ways.

May we be an encouragement to all.

We will honour them,

As God honours all humankind.

From <https://worshipwords.co.uk/litany-for-fathers-janice-hill-usa/>

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: Romans 5:1-5

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.

Choir Anthem

“Have Thine Own Way”

arr. by Bryan Sharpe

Gospel Lesson: John 16:12-15

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Message

“Dad, Daddy, Father, Pop, Papa”

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

“My Hope Is Built”

No. 537

***Invitation to Generosity**

L: The Spirit of God has been poured out on us. For the gifts of God, we give thanks. For the grace of God, we extend our trust. For the love of God, we bring forth the gifts we have to give. May our offerings of time, talent, and treasure ignite and unite this community for the hope of the world around us, near and far.

*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: Loving God, receive our gifts as tangible expressions of our belonging to your church and our commitment to the ministry begun in Christ and continued through this faith community. Magnify them in miraculous ways, and make our generosity a demonstration of the love you have given us and we return to the world you love. Amen.

Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

No. 33

***Benediction**

P: May Truth be your companion and guide.
May Truth reveal and inspire
May Truth encourage and challenge
May Truth clothe you to be a living declaration
Of Truth. 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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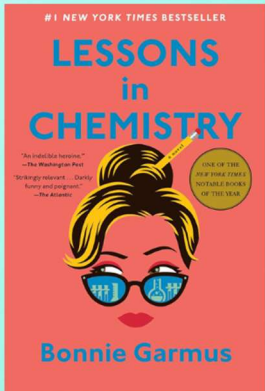
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**LESSONS
in
CHEMISTRY**

"An irresistible heroine"
—The Washington Post

"Brilliantly relevant... Darkly
funny and poignant"
—The Atlantic

"ONE OF THE
100 MOST ANTICIPATED
BOOKS OF THE YEAR"

Bonnie Garmus


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).



JUNE 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Church & Ministry - 11:am 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					