



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

August 17, 2025

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
and

Youth Acolyte

Matthew Westermeyer, Senior Acolyte

Sharing of Joys and Concerns for Prayer

Bob Hedspeth, Lay Leader

Live Stream Begins

Prelude
Director

Garrett Woods, Music

Welcome and Announcements

Bob Hedspeth, Lay Leader

***Call to Worship**

Michelle Daniels, Liturgist

L: God is good! He is the reason for our praise and gratitude! His love is immeasurable and powerful. Come, let us worship our God.

*Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

No. 546

***Invocation**

A: Father, I invoke Your spiritual strength today. Empower me to stand firm in faith. Fill me with Your Spirit's might. Thank You for Your power in me. I trust You to uphold me. I declare that I am strong in You today. Amen.

***Call to Confession**

L: Every week, as we worship together, we have the opportunity to admit to ourselves, to each other, and to God that we do not always live as we are called. In this time of confession, this time

of opening our hearts, let us remember that God is merciful and just, eager to offer grace and love.
Let us pray, first in silence

***Prayer of Confession**

A: Holy God, we can be so full of fear at times – afraid of the unknown; afraid of what is beyond our control; afraid of what is strange to us. And we know that fear stops us in our tracks, hinders our action, and gives excuse for not doing what you call us to do and what you empower us to do. So we pray that you will give us courage, O God. Give us strong hearts and open hands, that we might set aside our fear, and walk confidently into this world you have made. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

LL: Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

*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: Silent Prayer - LL: 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.**

Children dismissed for Sunday School with Miss Tammi

The Holy Scriptures

Epistle

II Corinthians 8:7-15

⁷But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—*see* that you abound in this grace also. ⁸I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. ¹⁰And in this I give advice: It is to your advantage not only to be doing what you began and were desiring to do a year ago; ¹¹but now you also must complete the doing *of it*; that as *there was* a readiness to desire *it*, so *there* also *may be* a completion out of what *you* have. ¹²For if there is first a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to what one has, *and* not according to what he does not have. ¹³For *I do* not *mean* that others should be eased and you burdened; ¹⁴but by an equality, *that* now at this time your abundance *may supply* their lack, that their abundance also may *supply* your lack—that there may be equality. ¹⁵As it is written, “He who *gathered* much had nothing left over, and he who *gathered* little had no lack.”

The Gospel

Mark 5:21-43

²¹ Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea. ²² And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet ²³ and begged Him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live.” ²⁴ So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him. ²⁵ Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, ²⁶ and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. ²⁸ For she said, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.” ²⁹ Immediately, the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. ³⁰ And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched My clothes?” ³¹ But His disciples said to Him, “You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, Who touched Me?” ³² And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. ³³ But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. ³⁴ And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace and be healed of your affliction.” ³⁵ While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” ³⁶ As soon as Jesus heard the word

that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe." ³⁷ And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. ³⁸ Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. ³⁹ When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying. ⁴¹ Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." ⁴² Immediately, the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement. ⁴³ But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat.

Message

"Claiming Our God-Given Power"

Bob Hedspeth, Lay Leader

***Affirmation of Faith**

A: We believe in one God, who is Creator of all who has revealed Himself in three distinct Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, yet who is one in being, essence, and glory. God is eternal, infinite, and sovereign. God is omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, and unchanging. God is holy, just, and righteous. God is love, gracious, merciful, and good.

**Hymn*

"Have thine own way Lord"

No. 588

***Invitation to the Offering**

L: For almost 75 years, people have been gathering in this very place to remember, to be restored, to be renewed. They shared their story, prayed together, and made an offering to God as they prepared to set out on their journey to freedom in the Promised Land. Today, we gather to remember and to pray together, to be restored and renewed, and we bring our offerings so the ministry of this church will continue to participate in the saving works of God. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

**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: Almighty God, as we present these offerings before You, we surrender our hearts in gratitude. May our gifts be a reflection of our thankfulness for Your abundant blessings. Teach us to give with joy, knowing that everything comes from You.

*Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

No. 543

***Benediction**

LL: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

***A: 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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August

Summer
Time♥

Birthdays

08/07	Jim Foutch	08/20	Paull Middendorf III
08/13	Meghan Ryan	08/22	Paul Staley
08/15	Dorothy Coore	08/24	Ruth Jansen
08/15	James Boland	08/27	Robert Keely
08/16	Bruce Hust	08/28	Chris Kohlmeyer
08/20	Steve Bozich		

Anniversaries

08/03	Robert & Ginger Cheeseman
08/18	David & Janette Clark

AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	2
3 Communion	4 Church & Ministry - 11:30 am F.H.	5 Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm.	6 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H.	7	8 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	9
10	11	12 Property - 7pm - Par.	13 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H.	14	15 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	16 Community Meal 10:30 - 12 - F.H.
17	18	19	20 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H.	21	22 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	23
24/31	25	26 Council - 7 pm - Rm. 107	27 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Book Club 5:30 - 7pm F.H.	28	29 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	30