



St. Peter and St. Paul United Church of Christ

June 14, 2026

Third 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

Bringing Christ's Light into Worship

*Youth Acolyte and
Matthew Westermeyer, Senior Acolyte*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns for Prayer

Pastor Jade Kendall

Live Stream Begins

Prelude

Garrett Woods, Music Director

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jade Kendall

***Call to Worship**

Aaron Westermeyer, Liturgist

L: The kingdom of heaven has come near!

A: We open our lives to the presence of God breaking into our world today.

L: You received without payment; give without payment.

A: We come to receive the free gift of God's grace, that we might pour it out generously to others!

*Hymn

"The God of Abraham Praise"

No. 24

***Invocation**

A: God of steadfast love, we come into your presence to offer you a thanksgiving sacrifice. We fulfill our vows to you today in the courts of your house, surrounded by the family of faith. Awaken our minds, kindle our spirits, and fill this sanctuary with your grace. May our words, our prayers, and our silence be acceptable to you, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

***Prayer of Confession**

L: God of Grace, you have poured your love into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

A: We confess that we often keep that love tightly locked away, guarded by fear and suspicion.

L: We fail to love our neighbors as you have loved us, withholding grace from those we deem unworthy.

A: Forgive our coldness, pour your Spirit fresh into our lives, and free us to love unconditionally as you first loved us. Amen

***Words of Grace**

P: God looks upon our secret fears and our hidden doubts not with anger, but with overwhelming grace. Just as God transformed Sarah's cynical laughter into the pure joy of new life, God removes our guilt and fills our mouths with praise. Hear and believe this truth: through the grace of Christ, your sins are completely washed away. You are restored, you are loved, and you are welcomed into a future full of joy. 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.

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

"Into My Heart"

No. 304

**Into my heart, into my heart,
come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
come in today, come in to stay,
come into my heart, Lord Jesus.**

The Holy Scriptures

First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-15: 21:1-7

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?” The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

The Gospel – Matthew 9:35-10:8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep

without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Message

“God’s Wonderful Harvest”

Pastor Jade Kendall

***Affirmation of Faith**

L: Church, what do we believe about the ministry of Jesus Christ?

A: We believe that Christ went through all the cities and villages, teaching the good news and curing every disease and sickness.

L: How does Christ view the brokenness of our world?

A: When Christ looks out at the crowds, he has deep compassion for them, seeing that they are harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

L: What is our call as followers of this compassionate Shepherd?

A: We believe that the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. We are called to step into the harvest, to proclaim that the kingdom of heaven has come near, and to minister to a hurting world. Amen.

***Hymn**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

No. 207

***Invitation to Generosity**

L: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. Our generosity is a direct expression of that profound peace and unshakeable hope. We offer our financial gifts today to fund ministries that bring peace to the anxious, hope to the despairing, and comfort to those who are suffering. Let us give generously, confident that our collective offerings will help build a world where God's hope does not disappoint.

*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**

L: Generous God, we pay our vows to you today in the presence of this gathered family of faith.

A: We give back a portion of what you have given us, trusting entirely in your provision.

L: Let the giving of these tithes and offerings be a physical witness to your ongoing faithfulness.

A: May our gratitude overflow into systemic care, bringing your peace to light across all generations. Amen.

Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

No. 95

Benediction

P: Go forth into the world in peace, knowing that through faith you have been reconciled to God. Look out at the crowds with the very compassion of Christ, and step boldly into the harvest fields of your daily life. May the love of God, which has been poured into your hearts through the Holy Spirit, protect you, sustain you, and give you strength to proclaim that the kingdom of heaven has come near. Go now in grace, to freely give as you have freely received. Amen.

***Benediction Response (sung)**

**A: To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
to God be the glory for the things you have done.**

**With his blood Christ has saved me; with your power you have raised me;
to God be the glory for the things you have done.**

Postlude

Garrett Woods, Music Director

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Men's Bible Study

New 12 Week Series

Parables of Jesus

June 4th – August 20th

Thursday evenings 6:30 – 8:00 in the annex building

If you have any questions, please text or call Paul Middendorf at 513.301.6303.


Join us for a special Father's Day Breakfast! ☺☺

Come enjoy good food and fellowship as we celebrate the dads and father figures in our church family.

On the menu: delicious French toast casserole!

June 21 at 8:30

We'd love to see you there!



Monthly Book Club

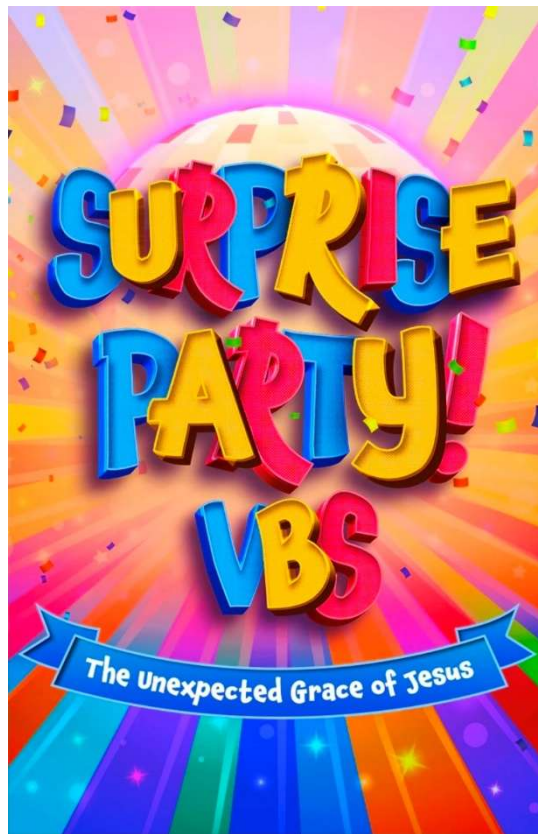
**SO MANY
BOOKS,
SO LITTLE
TIME**

St. Peter & St. Paul UCC
3001 Queen City Ave.

Love to read? Join our monthly book club, where we explore a new book each month and enjoy great discussions in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month – come share your thoughts and connect with fellow book lovers!

the more you read,
the more things you will know.

June 24th
5:30 - 7:00 PM



VBS

Surprise Party- The Unexpected Grace of Jesus

July 20-24

6:00 - 8:30