



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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**

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 guide us still.

*Hymn

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

No. 494

***Invocation**

A: Ever present God, we are grateful that you meet us right where we are, speaking our language and giving us the assurance that you are with us. We walk forward in your purpose each day. Here we are to worship you! Amen.

***Prayer of Confession**

L: Life-giving God,

A: Lead us through the dark times of life. Help us with burdens that are heavy to bear. Redirect us when we get off track and forget that we are children of God. Inspire us to find joy in your newness of life through Jesus Christ. Help us to feel the joy of inhaling and exhaling the breath of life in every season. Guide us in our praise as we seek your saving love toward a world where there is peace and justice for all. Amen.

***Words of Grace**

P: Loving God, in Christ we see the fulfillment of your promise to be with us always. Forgive us when we lose faith in your compassion for all creation. Help us to see the great sacrifice of the Risen Christ as an example of your undying love for us all. Knit us together in our relationship with you and all of creation. Hear our prayer, O God. Amen.

A: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*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

"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: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

¹²“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Choir Anthem

“Joy in the Morning”

by Natalie Sleeth

Gospel Lesson: John 17:20-26

²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Message

“Unity in Faith”

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

“O Morning Star”

No. 105

***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 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.

***Hymn**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

No. 433

***Benediction**

P: Through these shared rituals, we are shown what it is to be both whole and broken, and empty and full in order for us to embody the hope of Jesus, that we are not in this alone, and that God came to help us better know what it is to be a healing community and a unified community. Amen.

***Benediction Response**

**Up from the grave he arose, (he arose)
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! (he arose) He arose! (he arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

Postlude

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

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Announcements



TODAY is the last day to submit your loved one for our graduation celebration. If you have a loved one you would like to be included in our Graduation Sunday please provide their name to the Church Office. On June 8th we will be honoring those who have recently graduated or will graduate from high school, college, graduate or professional schools.

We want to celebrate Fathers Day with a delicious breakfast honoring all the men in our church on June 15th. Everyone is invited for biscuits & gravy, specialty coffee and more. Be sure to sign up!

Mission Statement

St. Peter and St. Paul United Church of Christ

Be the lighthouse of the community, letting Christ's life flow through us as a beacon of hope and strength to others.

To enlighten the entire church family on the values of participation and commitment

Offer to all the hand of fellowship, allowing the Holy Spirit to work through us

Light the way for the community, as we serve God and reach out to minister

Offer support and care for one another, with grace

Visit and minister to all in need, as Jesus did

Encourage one another to walk in the faith, actively in love

Free Food Distribution

JUNE 3RD

12:00PM - 2:00PM

(1st Tuesday of every month)

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

Our free food pick-up is open to all.
No documentation needed, no questions asked.



VBS REGISTRATION RALLY

JUNE 28TH | 12:30 - 2:30 PM

FEATURING KONA ICE, COTTON
CANDY, POPCORN, TREATS,
GAMES & GIVEAWAYS



ST. PETER & ST. PAUL UCC
3001 QUEEN CITY AVE

PRODUCE POP UP WITH FREESTORE FOODBANK

**2nd Thursdays || 2-4pm
Back of Rear Parking Lot**

According to the USDA, half of every meal should be made up of fruits and vegetables. Freestore Foodbank & Anthem are working together to deliver Produce Pop Ups to your neighborhood with our community partners, food pantries, and organizations.

The Covedale Branch has partnered in this collaborative effort to distribute FREE food to families in need on a first-come, first-served basis.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



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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
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