



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

October 12, 2025

If you are visiting us for the first time, welcome!
Thank you for joining us. We're happy you are here.

Please be sure to sign in at 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

*Youth Acolyte and
Matthew Westermeyer, Senior Acolyte*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns for Prayer

Bob Hedspeth, *Lay Leader*

Live Stream Begins

Prelude

Garrett Woods, Music Director

Welcome and Announcements

Bob Hedspeth, *Lay Leader*

***Call to Worship**

Deb Boland, Liturgist

L: God has given us this day for praise!

A: Praise be to God for this most generous gift!

L: God has given his Son to us that we might learn ways of peace and mercy.

A: Let the words of God's own Son, Jesus, enter our hearts and transform our lives!

L: Come, let us worship this great God of abundant mercy and love!

A: Let our songs, our words, and our thoughts reflect God's healing and restoring love.

AMEN.

*Hymn

"My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"

No. 80

***Invocation**

A: Heavenly Father, as we gather here today, we acknowledge the significance of invoking Your presence through this opening prayer. May Your spirit guide our hearts and minds as we seek Your wisdom and guidance. We come before You with reverence, knowing that Your presence is a source of strength and inspiration. Lord, be with us as we invoke Your

**name, and may our hearts be open to receive Your blessings. In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.**

***Call to Confession**

L: Out of the depths we cry to God, in our suffering and in our pain. Out of the depths God cries to us, asking us to repent, to return to God with our whole hearts, to admit our sin, and to accept forgiveness. So let us pray with one another, first in silence.

***Prayer of Confession**

A: Holy God, hear our prayer:

For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;

For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;

For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;

For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;

We pray for the courage to admit our fault,

The strength to amend our actions,

And the hope that your grace awaits us.

Through Christ we pray. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

LL: Even if you have transgressed and done what you know to be wrong, remember that God will heal and forgive you; sending you on your way to become a person of peace, hope, love and justice. Be at peace. God is with you. 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: 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.

**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

Hymn #56

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Bell Choir

The Holy Scriptures

Old Testament

⁴²And there came a man from Baalshalisha and brought the man of God bread of the first fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat.

⁴³And his servitor said, What, should I set this before an hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the Lord, They shall eat, and shall leave thereof.

⁴⁴So he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of the Lord.

Anthem

“I Will Sing and Not Be Silent”

Allen Pote

New Testament

1After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is *the sea* of Tiberias. 2And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased. 3And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. 4And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was night. 5When Jesus then lifted up His eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip “Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat 6And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. 7Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. 8One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, 9There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? 10And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. 11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. 12When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. 13Therefore they gathered *them* together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. 14Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

15When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone. 16And when even was *now* come, his disciples went down unto the sea, 17And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them. 18And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew. 19So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid. 20But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid. 21Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.

Message

“Fragments”

Bob Hedspeth, Lay Leader

***Affirmation of Faith – from Apostle Paul’s Epistle to the Colossians**

A: “Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.” Amen.

*Hymn

“Take our Bread”

No. 413

***Invitation to the Offering**

L: God is the giver of all good things, the one who fashioned each of us with unique gifts that together make the Body of Christ whole. In gratitude for all we have received, we offer our lives back to God — we share our time, our skills, our money, and in so doing, we say “yes” to God’s invitation to join in building His Kindom here on earth.

*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: Bountiful God, all that we can offer you stems from your generosity. May the gifts that we return to you become a blessing for your whole community, enriching and empowering us for the work to which you call us. Amen.

*Hymn

“Here I am Lord”

No. 452

***Benediction**

LL: May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. -Romans 15:5-6

***A: Benediction Response**

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" – Elmhurst Hymnal (1921)

**God be with you till we meet again, by His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.**

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;

Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again. Amen.

Postlude

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

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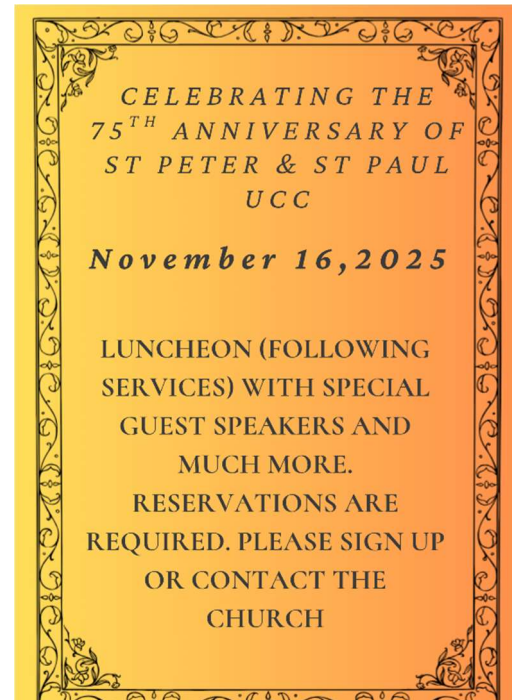
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STARTING OCTOBER 16

This 13 week study discover how the book of Genesis lays the groundwork for the gospel and points us to Jesus. This men's Bible study explores the lives of key figures like Adam, Abraham, and Jacob, revealing God's unfolding plan to bless all nations. Through practical insights and honest reflection, we'll learn what it means to walk with God as men of faith today.



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