



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

April 14, 2024

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

Pre-Service Music ~ 9:55 a.m.

Please enter the sanctuary to prepare for worship

Bringing Christ's Light into Worship

Chloe Seery, Acolyte

Prayer Requests, Joys and Concerns

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

Live stream begins

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

Prelude

Garrett Woods, Music Director

***Call to Worship**

Dorothy Coore, Liturgist

L: Let us fill our hearts and minds with hope as we hear the Words of Jesus Christ.

A: "Peace be with you."

L: When peace and justice seem uncertain, let us hear anew the Words of Jesus Christ.

A: "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?"

L: Let us be comforted by the presence of Christ, whose love, and light dwells within us.

A: Let our lives be witnesses of these things.

L: Help us to be instruments of Christ's peace to all in need of God's healing love.

*Hymn

"The Strife is O'er"

No. 221

***Invocation**

A: Resurrected Christ, you have taught us how the unbelievable can be possible. When there is so much to fear in the world, we can find peace in your presence. As we worship, breathe your Spirit on us, that we may carry it with us. Help us comfort our neighbors. Help us serve a world of need. We pray this with thanksgiving for your work among us. Amen.

***Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

A: Loving God, in your infinite wisdom, we are glad that you make all things new. Where there is hate, show your love. Where there is war, bring your peace. Where there is despair, bring your hope. Where there is fear, bring your understanding. Where there is scarcity, bring your abundance. Where there is systemic oppression, bring equal justice for all. By your perfect grace and mercy, make us new. May it be so. Amen.

***Words of Grace**

P: Loving God, thank you for the assurance of your grace. You grant us all your peace. Help us to trust in your peace, especially in times of conflict. Believing you will bring peace in our hearts, and to all the earth. Guiding us, so that all may come to know Jesus Christ, who is our Prince of Peace. In his name, we pray. 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

"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

First Reading – Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Choir Anthem

“Power of the Cross”

by Lew King

The Gospel – Luke 24:36b-48

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus

it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

Message

“Food for Thought and Action”

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

*Affirmation of Faith – “The Jesus Creed”

**A: We have confidence in Jesus
who healed the sick, the blind, and the paralysed.
And even raised the dead.
He cast out evil powers
and confronted corrupt leaders.
He cleansed the temple.
He favoured the poor.
He turned water into wine,
walked on water, calmed storms.
He died for the sins of the world,
rose from the dead, and ascended to the Father,
sent the Holy Spirit.**

**We have confidence in Jesus
who taught in word and example,
sign and wonder.
He preached parables of the kingdom of God
on hillsides, from boats, in the temple, in homes,
at banquets and parties, along the road, on beaches, in towns,
by day and by night.
He taught the way of love for God and neighbour,
for stranger and enemy, for outcast and alien.**

**We have confidence in Jesus,
who called disciples, led them,
gave them new names and new purpose
and sent them out to preach good news.
He washed their feet as a servant.
He walked with them, ate with them,
called them friends,
rebuked them, encouraged them,**

promised to leave and then return,
and promised to be with them always.
He taught them to pray.
He rose early to pray, stole away to desolate places,
fasted and faced agonising temptations,
wept in a garden,
and prayed, 'Not my will but your will be done.'
He rejoiced, he sang, he feasted, he wept.

We have confidence in Jesus,
so we follow him, learn his ways,
seek to obey his teaching and live by his example.
We walk with him, walk in him, abide in him,
as a branch in a vine.
We have not seen him, but we love him.
His words are to us words of life eternal,
and to know him is to know the true and living God.
We do not see him now, but we have confidence in Jesus. Amen.

- The Jesus Creed was first used at the Emergent Convention, Nashville, May 2004. ©
Brian McLaren

*Hymn

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

No. 628

Young people return to the sanctuary.

***Invitation to Offering**

L: All are invited to give joyously to the church that bears witness to Christ's love.

A: Let us give with a joyful heart.

L: God's loving generous love has given us every good and gracious gift.

A: We offer our gratitude for God's abundant blessings in our lives.

L: Now, let us be a blessing to others in the ways that God has faithfully and generously blessed 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: Let us remember that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes early in the morning. May these gifts of blessing be a sign of the love, light, and glory of our redeeming God who has created a world of abundance with all that we need. May we remain thankful witnesses to your generosity, O God, as we dedicate these offerings to you and your beloved creation.

*Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

No. 86

***Benediction**

P: Beloved, go in peace, and go be peace! Receive the Holy Spirit deep in your being, and go out to share your new life in Christ with the world! Amen!

*Benediction Response

**He Lives! He Lives! Christ Jesus Lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He Lives! He Lives! salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart!**

Postlude

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

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Announcements



On June 9th we will be honoring those who have recently graduated or will graduate from high school, college, graduate or professional schools. If you have a loved one you would like to be included in our Graduation Sunday please provide their name to the Church Office by June 1st.

Did you know???

If you're a Kroger shopper and use their Loyalty Rewards Card they offer a Community Rewards program. If you enroll, a percentage of your purchases will be donated to the church.

Signing up is easy, follow the steps below.

1. Sign in to your Kroger Account
2. Click on my account
3. On the left-hand side scroll down to Community Rewards
4. Under Find an organization enter "St. Peter & St. Paul UCC"
5. Find our organization and click enroll

That's it, you're enrolled. Any time you shop at Kroger and use your Rewards card a portion of your purchase will be sent to the church.

Community Meal – Clothing Donations

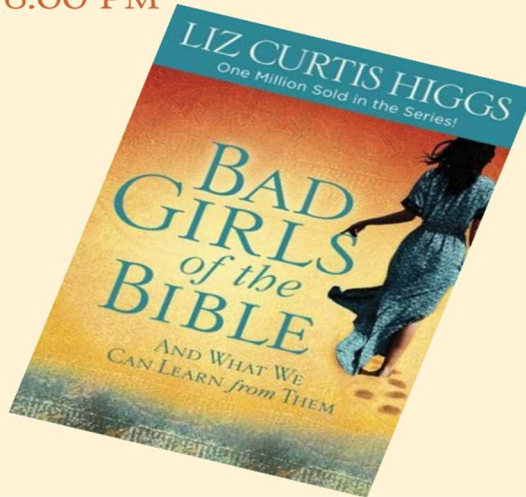
Thanks to everyone who has donated clothing to our Community Meal. We have received an abundance of donations recently and need time to sort and organize them. If you have clothing donations for the church, could you hold onto them for a couple weeks to give us time to sort through the inventory we have. If you have any questions or are interested in helping to sort through items please see Jackie Frank.

**Ladies Bible Study
Continued -
Last 5 Sessions**

Bad Girls of the Bible

Join Us...

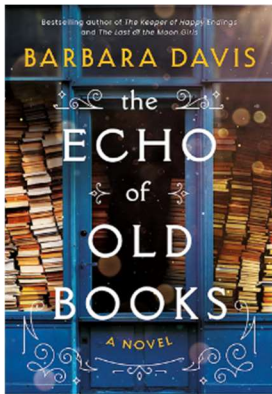
Every Wednesday
Apr 17th - May 15th
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL UCC
MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEAL**

**COME ON IN FOR A FREE MEAL, A FOOD BAG TO TAKE HOME, AND THE
OPPORTUNITY TO GO THROUGH ALL CLOTHES AND HOUSEWARES DONATIONS
YOU MAY NEED. ALL ARE WELCOME, NO DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED.**

**APRIL 20TH, 2024 | 10:30AM - 12:00PM
(3RD SATURDAY EVERY MONTH)**



Monthly Book Club

April 24th

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

(4th Wednesday of every month)

A novel about the magical lure of books and summoning the courage to rewrite our stories by the Amazon Charts bestselling author of *The Keeper of Happy Endings* and *The Last of the Moon Girls*.



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Angels

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- PROTECTORS
- SERAPHIM
- TEN THOUSANDS
- CREATED
- MICHAEL
- TRUMPETS
- HEAVEN
- SUPER STRENGTH
- WORSHIPERS
- UNCOVER ANGELS
- WINGS
- SERVANTS
- GABRIEL
- IMMORTAL
- ANNOUNCERS
- SUBJECT TO GOD
- SWORD

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/4799/>

APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Church & Ministry - 11:30 am F.H.	2 Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm.	3 Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	4	5	6
7	8	9 Property - 7pm - Par.	10 Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	11 Steering & Mission Service Committees - 7:00 pm	12	13 Steering & Search Committees - 11:00 am
14	15	16	17 Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	18	19	20 Community Meal 10:30 - 12 - F.H.
21	22	23 Council - 7 pm - Rm. 107	24 Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H. Book Club 5:30 - 7pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	25	26	27
28	29	30				

