



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

August 4, 2024

Service of Holy Communion

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: The Holy One is just and merciful, righteous and compassionate, wise and near.

A: O God, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach us wisdom. Enliven joy and gladness within our hearts.

L: We long for your presence and gather with joy before you. We bring our hearts to you in gratitude and in awe of your steadfast love.

A: O God, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach us wisdom. Enliven joy and gladness within our hearts.

L: Create just, righteous, and loving hearts within us. Renew our spirits as we declare your praise and seek you in prayer.

A: O God, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach us wisdom. Enliven joy and gladness within our hearts.

*Hymn

"Hope of the World"

No. 538

***Invocation**

A: 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 and help us to create joy and gladness in that service. We pray this with thanksgiving for your work among us. Amen.

***Invitation to Confession**

L: Gracious God, we come before you today with our hearts open. You are the God of manna, the God of miracles, and the God of mercy. Drawn to Christ and seeking your abundance, we confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**

A: We confess our comfort holds more influence over us than your command that we love our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us and release us from the bonds of guilt and shame so that we can be free to change and grow, free to receive your power and new life, and free to be your agents of transformation in the world. Holy One, in your mercy, hear our plea. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

P: Beloved, Jesus comes to us with grace, telling us we can believe. Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. 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 ~ Prayer Challenge #14 - Talk to God about your worries and needs. Phil.
4:6-7 ~ 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: Exodus 16:4, 9-15

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Special Music:

"Moral Chorale" an original piece composed by Bob Wendt

The Holy Gospel – John 6:24-35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Message

“Baking Bread, Part 2”

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

***Affirmation of Faith – “The Jesus Creed”**

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, ascended to the Father,
and 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

"Come, Share the Lord"

No. 408

***Invitation to the Offering**

L: The richness of God's love extends to all persons and in response to God's abundant compassion, we are invited into a spirit of generosity so that God's love may be known to the very ends of the earth. Let us give generously.

*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: O Lord our God, maker of all things, through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.

With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion

Communion Prayer

P: Pastoral Leader: In the United Church of Christ, and here in this place, we bring the Sacrament of Holy Communion on first Sundays and on Church Festival days. We practice an open communion, which means all are welcomed to this table...it is God's table.

You don't have to be a member of this church or any church to partake in the sharing of the bread and drink of the vine. Since 1970 we have had an open table, and just as Jesus did, we have been welcoming people of all abilities and ages, from every time and every place, to join in the Sacrament.

We remember, the night before Jesus would be betrayed and crucified, that he sat among his friends and took bread, blessed, and broke it, and said "Take and eat for this is my body given for you. As often as you do it do it in remembrance of me."

After the supper had ended, Jesus took the cup, blessed it and said, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

My friends, whenever we share this bread and cup, we remember the compassion and love Jesus taught and the call to follow Christ in all we do.

*Seraphic Hymn

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and Earth are full,
Are full of the majesty of Thy glory,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

Distribution of Communion

P: Come. Find your place at this table, you who seek the Spirit's power and grace. We are a community in Christ. Join in the meal of love with all Christians. Our God has given Christ Jesus, for us, forever!

All may come forward for the bread (Gluten Free is available) and wine (outer ring of cups) or grape juice (center of tray). If you are not able to come forward, raise your hand and we will bring Communion to you.

Prayer of Gratitude

A: Holy Creator, we remember the sacrifice of Jesus, and all who follow to bring love and justice to the world. May this bread and drink nourish us as they are the symbol of Christ's presence between us, and in all of us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

"We're United in Jesus" (sing English verse twice) No. 493

***Benediction**

P: May you, according to the riches of God's glory, the presence of Christ, and by power of the Spirit, be strengthened. May you find healing in miracles of hope, faith, and love, and be filled with the fullness of God, the Bread of Life. Amen.

A: Thanks be to God.

*Benediction Response

There is strength in the name of the Lord;

There is power in the name of the Lord;

There is hope in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Postlude

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

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Altar Flowers

From Wendy Bauer – In memory of Guy's birthday



Announcements



Summer Singing

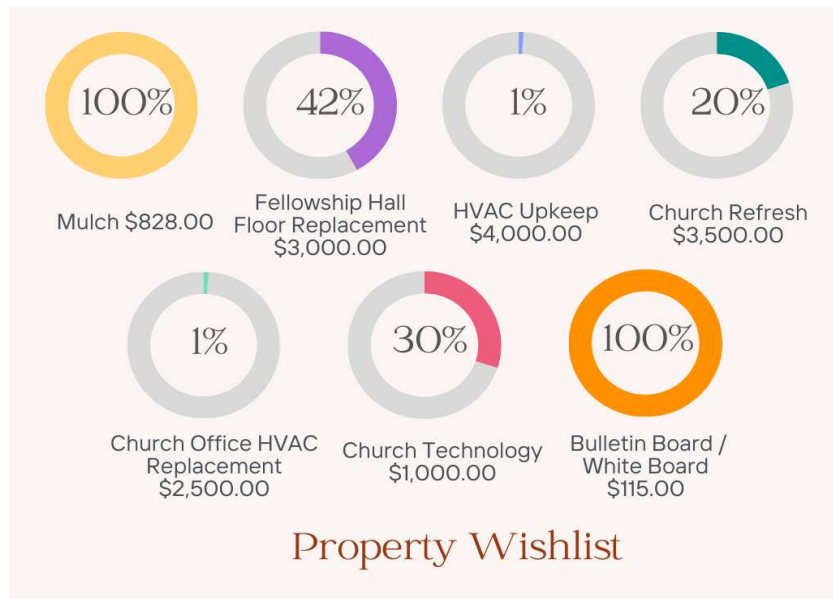
September 1st the Friends of the Choir are gathering to sing - during the service - Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone. We are looking for choir and non-members who would like to sing. If interested there will be a rehearsal at 9:30 on the 1st. Please wear something red, white or blue.

Adults, we need ushers!

Women or men, please help your congregation by volunteering yourselves!
We need you!

Property Wish List

The Property Department is asking for donations to help with the cost of maintaining areas of the church. If you are able to help, please fill out the form located in the Narthex and return it with your donation. We will update the graph each week so you can see the progress of our goal.



Free Food Distribution

JOIN US
AUGUST 6TH 2024
12PM - 2PM

St. Peter & St. Paul UCC
3001 Queen City Ave
513-661-3745

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

MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEAL

August 17th 2024
10:30am - 12:00pm
(3rd Saturday every month)

Join us for a free meal, food bag to take home as well the opportunity to go through all clothing and houseware donations that you may need. All are welcome, no documentation required.



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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AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	3
4	5 Church & Ministry - 11:30 am F.H.	6 Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm. Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.	7	8	9	10
11 Communion	12 	13 Property - 7pm - Par.	14 Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.	15	16 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	17 Community Meal 10:30 - 12 - F.H.
18	19	20	21 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H.	22	23 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	24
25	26	27 Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H. Council - 7 pm - Rm. 107	28 Book Club 5:30 - 7PM F.H.	29	30 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	31 Youth Group - 4:00 - 6:00 - F.H.