



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

August 18TH, 2024

13TH 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

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

Please enter the sanctuary to prepare for worship

Bringing Christ's light into Worship

Matthew Westermeyer, 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**

Wendy Bauer, Liturgist

L: Praise the Holy One! We gather with God in the congregation.

A: God's works delight us, inspire us, challenge us, and uphold us.

L: God is good! God works with all of us in covenant, in the congregation.

A: Righteousness endures forever. The covenant is everlasting.

L: Praise the Holy One! Give honor to God in the congregation.

A: Honoring God leads to wisdom. Let us praise the Holy One forever!

*Hymn

"Take Time to Be Holy"

No. 572

*Invocation

A: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Call to Confession

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Prayer of Confession

**A: God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you.
Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

P: 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 #16 – Say “Yes” to God’s plan for your life.
Matthew 26:39 ~ 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.

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
incline thine ear to us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Young People’s Message!

*All young people are invited to come forward for their own
special time with the Pastor.*

Sending of the College Students

Young people may go to Sunday School

Tammi Hart

The Holy Scriptures

First Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Special Music:

“City of God” by Dan Schutte

Pastor Teri Lynn

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Gospel: John 6:51-58

In John’s gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true “bread of life.” Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church’s celebration of holy communion.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

Message

“Enough Bread Already!”

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

***Affirmation of Faith ~ The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

*Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

No. 595

***Invitation to Generosity**

L: Jesus, Bread of life, you have invited us to this worship and sharing with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. We give as the Spirit leads us, with faith, hope and love.

*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: Jesus, Bread of life, you come to us in the places where we have the greatest need. All good gifts come from your gracious hand. We offer you this bread, wine, and money, the harvest of our time and labor. Make us wise stewards of all your gifts, that your name may be exalted in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Hymn

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

No. 622

***Benediction**

P: God of our ancestors, God of all people, as a congregation we continue in the great *Alleluia*, as we are gathered up and healed by the redeeming act of Christ. Send us forth in peace, form us into what we celebrate, the body of Christ in the world.

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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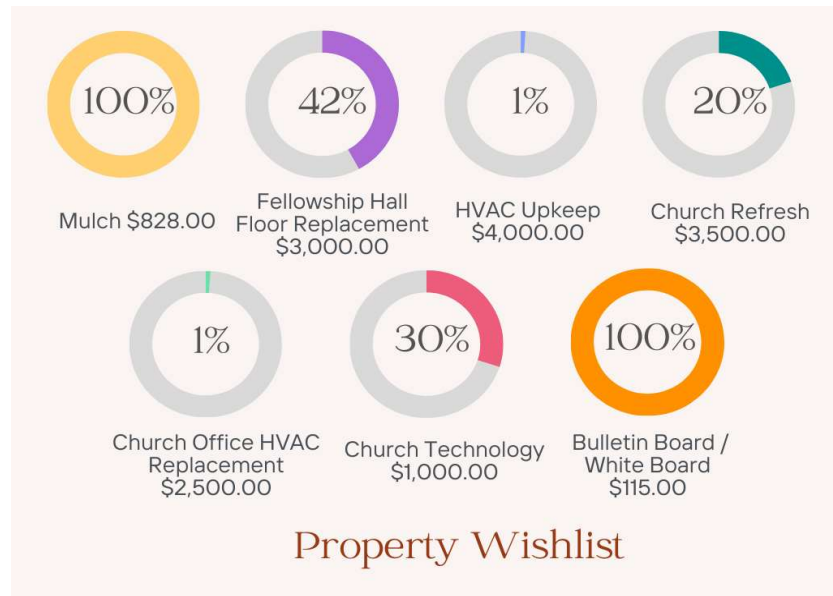
Summer Singing

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.

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.



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
Communion						
11 Bless the Backpacks 	12	13 Property - 7am - Par.	14 Ladies Bible Study - 4-5 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.