



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

May 26, 2024

Memorial Day Sunday

*Please stand if you are able and comfortable

Congregation reads text in bold print

<i>In our liturgy, A: is all our voices. L: is the liturgist's voice P: is the Pastor's voice</i>
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Pre-Service Music ~ 9:55 a.m.

Please enter the sanctuary to prepare for worship

Bringing Christ's light into Worship

Angela Williams, Acolyte

Prayer Requests, Joys and Concerns

Michael Murphy

Live stream begins

Welcome and Announcements

Michael Murphy

Prelude

Garrett Woods, Organist

***Call to Worship**

Jan Williams, Liturgist

L: Give God the glory and power!

A: Give God the honor due with worship, in reverence!

L: The Voice of God speaks and we hear. The Voice thunders and creation moves.

A: The Voice of God is strong and mighty, secure and majestic.

L: The Living Water of the Savior refreshes us. The Holy Spirit strengthens us.

A: Bless the name of our God!

*Hymn

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

No. 725

***Invocation**

L: Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh upon us.

A: Renew us by your continued creative acts in the world. Your presence among us is a blessing and a gift. Open us to receive, ponder, and grow as you communicate with your people. In Voice, Body, and Spirit, we worship you and invite your transformative power to be alive among us and at work in us. Here we are, O Triune God, here we are. Amen.

***Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

A: God of mercy and grace, you come to us with loving compassion. You know our shortcomings and our willfulness. Make us new as we seek to become the people you have called us to be.

Help us live according to the spirit and in union with you and community with our neighbors. Help us to be instruments of peace, and witnesses of your loving kindness in the world. Hold us accountable as your empowered people. Let repentance and hope for new life overcome any sense of shame that may paralyze us in our past mistakes and misdeeds as we turn toward you with wonder and expectation that you will lead us into life abundantly for all. Amen.

***Words of Grace**

P: Beloved, you are known by the Holy One and invited to live into the life shaped for you in the divine image. Shame and discouragement are not your portion. Holy Love meets you with grace and gladness with the gift of new life in Christ. Receive it for the glory of God, our Source, Friend, and Counselor.

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.

Remembering, Honoring - All Veterans

L: Would those who have lost relatives or friends, who were service members in the uniformed services of the United States please stand? We Pause to Remember.

Would those veterans who have served or are serving please stand?

A: We salute you, we thank you, and we honor you! We Pause to Honor you.

Please share a round of applause for these veterans.

Please be seated.

Prayers for Memorial Day (*Note parts for men, women, and all*)

L: God of all people, You alone are the source of life. When we need to fight evil, you are with us. We thank you for the women and men who fought the good fight and stood up for the Gospel and the truth of Scripture, working for our country, and who lost their lives doing it.

A: Strengthen us with ears to hear and eyes to see where evil is, and to fight it. Give us and hearts to serve you.

Men: God of Life, we thank you for all whose lives were spared as they worked together for freedom.

Give us thankful hearts that, although there is much to do, we have the uniformed services: the Navy, the Army, the Air Force, the Marines, the Coast Guard, and Space Force, to keep exploring the many ways of freedom that keeps us safe.

A: Inspire us to encourage one another in peace, hope, hospitality and justice.

L: We pray with hope that we would seldom and sparingly have to fight or destroy.

A: Thank you for the Creation, the building up, and the fellowship we have in our faith lives Creator, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

Women: We continue to learn from your disciples who traveled with you, Jesus. All of your disciples, children, men and women love you and want to follow you.

A: Give us courage to work together with no divisions, to proclaim your grace and hope. In your mercy, hear all of our prayers.

P: Protect all people who are in any trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, soothe the suffering, guide the addicted, shield the grieving, uplift the joyous, and all for your love's sake.

A: Continue to bless us all to be a blessing! Make us your bold and faithful servants, celebrating the gifts of all people, this day and always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Time for Silent Prayer ~ Prayer Challenge #4 - Pray for someone who is on the mission field – Eph. 6:19-20 ~ 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 may go to Sunday School

Tammi Hart

The Holy Scriptures

First Reading – Psalm 29 *(read responsively)*

L: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**A: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

L: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.

**A: The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**A: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

L: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**A: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, ‘Glory!’**

L: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.

**A: May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

Choir Anthem

"On Eagle's Wings"

arr by Mark Hayes

Second Reading – Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Message *“Is The Price Right?”* *Michael Murphy*

***Affirmation of Faith ~ UCC Statement of Faith, Doxology Form**

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you, forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

Hymn* *“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”* **No. 720

Young people may return to the sanctuary.

***Invitation to Generosity**

Our God offers us fullness of life, protecting us and advocating for our needs. We are the protectors of the world and its resources, both locally and globally. What will we give to join Jesus in the work of building beloved community in the world?

*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**

Gracious God, thank you for your gift of Jesus Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, who travel with us always. With these gifts we return to you, help us care for others in our communities and around the world. Bless us to be a blessing. Amen.

*Hymn

“Let All Things Now Living”

No. 717

***Benediction**

P: Today you have received the gift of Christ’s protective, unceasing love for you. Because you are beloved, may all that you do and all that you are be a reflection of that love.

A: Christ sends us out to proclaim God’s good news! God has done great work *in* us. Now let us go and let God work *through* us! Amen!

*Benediction Response

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus, the Son,

And give God the glory! Great things he has done!

Postlude

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

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In case of pastoral care emergency, please call the office, Deb Boland,

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Please note the Pastor will be on vacation 5/22 – 5/29. If you have an emergency, please call Deb Boland 513-252-8744 and she will get in contact with the designated Pastor.



Altar Flowers

From Jan Williams - To celebrate family birthdays – Jan and Arnie.



Announcements



All Church Meeting – June 2nd

We've received feedback concerning various changes to the worship service together with various national UCC publications that have been made available. These changes will be discussed in an "All Church Meeting" on Sunday, June 2nd in Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. We are hoping that you will attend, as your opinions are important to our ongoing discussions and decisions about the future of St. Peter and St. Paul.

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.

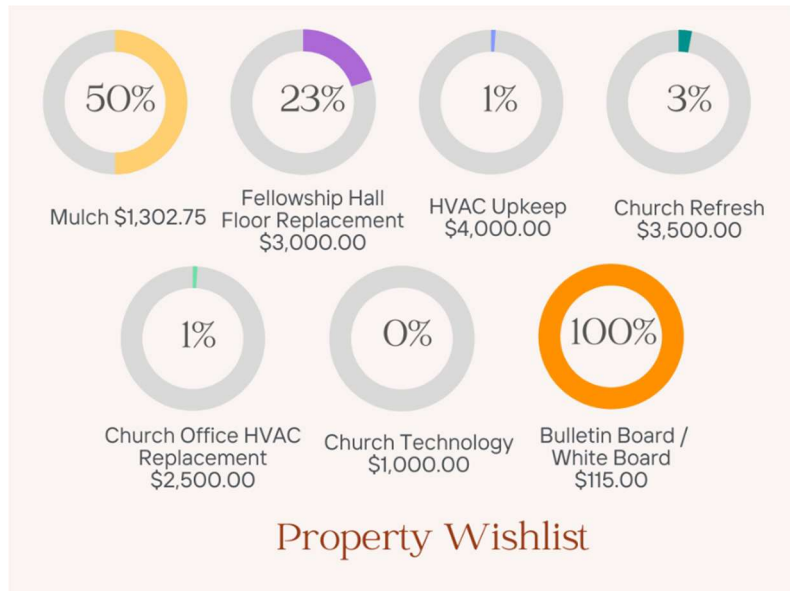
Community Meal – Clothing Donations

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.

Nursery Summer Volunteers Needed
Please see Tammi if you are interested
in volunteering on Sundays
(don't forget we have snacks and AC 😊)

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.



Beginning in May 30th, we will be starting a grief recovery group. These meetings will be held on Thursday evening for 6 weeks (skipping July 4th). If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the sheet hanging on communication corner with your preferences.

These will be open to the public so if you know someone is interested, please pass the information along.

A flyer for a free food distribution event. It features a central illustration of a wooden basket overflowing with various fresh vegetables like corn, tomatoes, and leafy greens. The background is a warm orange color with blue dashed lines in the top left and a blue grid pattern in the bottom right. The text is in a mix of blue and black fonts, with 'Free Food Distribution' in a large, cursive blue font at the top. Below it, 'JUNE 4TH' is written in bold black letters inside a purple brushstroke. The main text describes the event's hours and eligibility, and a URL is provided at the bottom.

Free Food Distribution
JUNE 4TH

If you or someone you know is in need stop by our free food distribution between 12:00 - 2:00 PM.

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

Community News

The annual **Hunger Walk** is on May 27. It is a major fundraiser for Washington UCC's food ministries. We purchase food for community lunch, Camp Cupboard and Closet, Homework Club and Summer program with the funds raised. Please support their team!
- <https://give.freestorefoodbank.org/team/580546>

Summer Program at Washington June - July

Statistics bear out that at-risk children who have meaningful relationships with adults are less likely to engage in risky behavior.

The summer program at Washington partners children up with youth from other communities offering experiences and engagement for everyone.

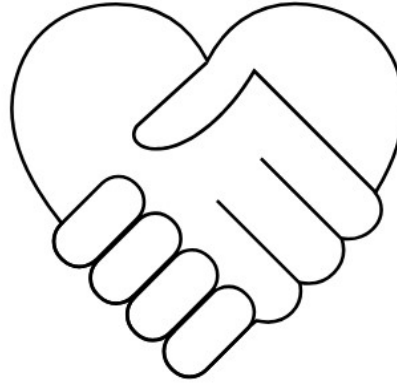
This year we are expecting groups from Winchester KY, Strasburg OH, St. Charles MO, Orrville OH, Evans City PA, Holgate OH, Avon Lake OH, and West Liberty OH.

Our programming this summer will also include a Social Emotional Learning unit to guide our children to better self-awareness and self-regulation. We will also have a reading and writing component and the children will create their own books.

Please see the flyer on communication if you'd like to volunteer.

Kindness Crossword

- Consideration
- Encouraging
- Sensitivity
- Thoughtful
- Generosity
- Compassion
- Goodwill
- Generous
- Patience
- Kindness
- Empathy
- Polite
- Caring
- Heart
- Grace



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MAY 2024

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