

*Welcome to
St. Peter's Pikeland
United Church of Christ*

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*Third Sunday in
Lent*

March 23, 2025
10 a.m.

WELCOME AND JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE “Cherish the Cross Medley” arr Sinclair

COMING OF THE LIGHT

*Please use this time for silent meditation before worship.
During the service, the people will make the responses
in the **bold print**.*

GATHERING

Let us turn to our God, whose love took human form in Jesus Christ.

We are here, O God, because we believe in your Good News. Bless us, we pray. Be with us in Word and Spirit.

In all the changes in the world, be assured that God offers timeless truths.

We praise the God of heaven. We praise the head of the church, Jesus Christ.

ALL: Let us worship God.

HYMN 586 “Come to Tend God’s Garden”

All who are able may stand for the hymn and prayers that follow.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

The world pulls us in one direction and another. The world proclaims truths that often fade in time. In all of this, the still, small voice can easily get lost. Let us confess our need for God:

Gracious God, you watch from heaven and see a busy world. Your outstretched hand too often goes unnoticed. Forgive us, we pray, and help to turn to you in all things; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Take heart. We may sometimes feel consumed by worldly concerns, but the world can never own us. We belong to God. Repent and believe in the God of hope and promise, even salvation. Praise be to God. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Kyrie Eleison” Tomlin

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of steadfast love, may your words keep us turned to the ways of heaven. Bless these words of scripture, so that we may know them in heart, mind, and spirit. **Amen.**

A LESSON FROM PSALM 63:1-8

We will read the psalm responsively,

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there
is no water.

**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your
power and glory.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will
praise you.

**So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands
and call on your name.**

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises
you with joyful lips

**When I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the
watches of the night;**

For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I
sing for joy.

My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

SERMON

Pastor Doug Hanson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Colossians 1:15-20 (adapted)

All may stand for the affirmation and the hymn that follows.

We will read the Affirmation of Faith responsively.

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
**For in Christ all things were created, in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible.**

Whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities -
all things were created through Christ and for Christ.

Christ is before all things, and in Christ all things hold together.

Christ is the head of the body, the church.

Christ is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything Christ might be preeminent.

For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

And through Christ all things are reconciled to God, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of Christ's cross.

HYMN 502 "Dear God, Embracing Humankind"
After the Hymn, please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR *Using "debts . . . debtors."*

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Meditation on "Pleading Savior" arr Hegarty

PRESENTATION

All may stand as the offering is presented and remain standing for the prayer and hymn and blessing that follow.

SONG OF PRAISE 780 OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

Jesus, we offer our gifts to you, the head of the church. Bless our gifts, we pray, so that we may live out heaven's vision for us. May St. Peter's be known as a home for hope and caring and Good News. Amen.

HYMN 493 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"
All who are able may stand for the hymn and the blessing.

BENEDICTION

After the Blessing, all may be seated until the postlude begins.

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Amazing Grace”

arr Cherwien



TODAY'S WORSHIP

THE MESSAGE is brought to us by Pastor Doug Hanson

THE ORGANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR is Kat Bowman

THE LECTOR today is Denise Harlow

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Denise Harlow in memory of Joyce Smith, mother and grandmother

THE SOCIAL HOUR today is hosted by Denise Harlow, Joyce Rosen and Cherri Romano

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRING CLEAN UP: Calling all willing and abled bodies to join us on Saturday, March 29th for our annual Spring Clean Up! We will gather at 8:00 am at the church to spruce up the grounds and get ready for Spring! Please bring rakes, shovels, tarps, leaf blowers and whatever else you think might make the work easier.

HEIFER SUNDAY: Heifer Project Living Gift Market will be held after Church Sunday March 30, 2025. Contributions to Heifer can be made through offerings or after service on March 30, 2025 at the Living Gift Market table in Fellowship Hall. Heifer project fights hunger and poverty around the world and in the United States and changes peoples lives. Your contributions are a big help. See you at the Heifer Project Sunday March 30, 2025.

FISHERMAN'S BREAKFAST: Join us on Sunday, April 13 for our annual pancake breakfast that supports Habitat for Humanity. This breakfast starts at 7:45 am. Pancakes, sausage, bacon, orange juice and fruit will be served. A monetary donation will be graciously accepted at the door.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Invite all your friends, family and neighbors with kids! This annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt is always a big hit! The hunt will take place immediately after worship service on Palm Sunday, April 13.

SIGN UPS: Please take a look at the Sign Up sheets in Fellowship Hall to see what Sundays you may be able to help out with worship needs. Sign ups are posted through August. Thank you!

You can now give to the church more easily by scanning the QR code here:
All online giving will be designated on your giving statements. Thank you!



Holy Week Schedule

April 13: Palm Sunday; Fisherman's Breakfast;
Easter Egg Hunt

April 17: Holy Week Communion Service 7:30pm

April 20: Easter; 8am Communion service;
10am family service

Our Prayer List

Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

Andrea Lafleur
Angie Schlessm
Ann Kieffer, cousin of Eric Johnson
Barbara Broyles, friend of the Wachsmuths
Barbara Shivers
Bill Cochran, friend of Fred and Maureen Wookey
Carol Meyer
Cole Davenport
Connie Hershey, friend of Micki and Alyssa Menkins
Charlie Fishman, Pete Warner's Nephew and Godson
Charles and Virginia Garber
Danielle Smith, friend of Sara Hackman
David Richman, friend of Grace Merryman
Debbie Rittenhouse, mother-in-law of Mitchell Warner
Diane, friend of Dee McClimon
Dr. Michael J. Ward
Ernie Gross, cousin of Fred Wookey
Gwen Davidson
Heather Murphy, cousin of Steve Krasley
Heidi Kieffer, daughter of Eric Johnson's cousin
Hugh Lawson
Jamie Glennon, friend of Eric Hanson
Jeff Johnson, Co-worker of Eric Johnson
Jennifer Osborne
Jessica G., friend of Grace Merryman
Jim Smith, Denise Harlow's brother
John Pandjak
John Pittock, friend of Grace Merryman
Laura Dick
Laura S., friend of Grace Merryman
Lisa, cousin of Eric Johnson
Mary Andersen, friend of the McCarthys
Melinda Greenwood, cousin of Joe Thomson
Patrick, friend of Dee McClimon
Richard, friend of Dee McClimon
Sally Kramer, Cherri Romano's sister
Sandy Pereni, Joyce Rosen's sister
Sharon Basile, Jennifer Basile's mother-in-law
Sylvia Houff, Kathleen Wachsmuth's sister
Tara Cantello, friend of Denise Harlow
Tina Frick, friend of Sarah Hackman
Tracey Knox, cousin of Kathy Krasley

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