

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

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Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025
10 a.m.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Morning Has Broken”
Pete Warner, trombone

arr Adams

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

Praise God, who brings life out of death and hope out of despair.

Praise God, who has raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

Sing, O heaven, and be joyful, O earth.

For God has comforted the people.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN 233 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

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

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Easter morning takes us by surprise, with heaven’s light revealing our doubts and sins. Let us now humbly turn to our forgiving God with the prayer of confession:

In the bright light of Easter morning, our sin is exposed, but your grace is revealed. Tender God, we humbly and gratefully come before you and ask you to forgive us. Help us to leave behind our foolish doubt, so that with joy we may witness to your awesome deeds in Jesus the Risen One. Amen.

Hear the Good News. In the name of Jesus, all things are made new. Our sins are forgiven. Doubt no more, for Christ is with us always. Alleluia! Praise be to God. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

ANTHEM “A Gaelic Easter Celebration” arr Larson
Senior Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of all life, and conqueror of death, we thank you for your Holy Scripture that calls on us to believe and hope in your wonderful, even miraculous ways. **Amen.**

A LESSON FROM PSALM 118:14-17, 19-24

We will read the psalm responsively,

The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

**I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

EASTER MESSAGE

Pastor Doug Hanson

HYMN 198

“Lift High the Cross”
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 “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” Townend
Emily Gorge + Kat Bowman, duet

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

God of the Resurrection promise, we offer our gifts to the work of the church, proclaiming the Good News of a loving Savior for all the world. Accept our gifts, we pray, for the sake of all who seek new life and life eternal. Amen.

HYMN 242

“The Strife Is O’er”

BENEDICTION

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

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Toccata from *Symphony No. 5*

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

THE MESSAGE is brought to us by Pastor Doug Hanson

THE ORGANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR is Kat Bowman

THE USHERS today are the McClimon family

THE LECTOR today is Dave Wise

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by the Warners

THE SOCIAL HOUR today is provided by the Warners and Wachsmuths

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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
Gayanne Loring, sister of Dawna DeRosa
Gwen Davidson
Heather Murphy, cousin of Steve Krasley
Heidi Kieffer, daughter of Eric Johnson's cousin
Hugh Lawson
Jamie Glennon, friend of Eric Hanson
Jason Cox, cousin of Kelly Martini
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



The Easter flowers that adorn the sanctuary were purchased by:

Kelly Firment, in loving memory of Nancy Smith

Virginia and Charles Garber, in memory of loved ones

Pastor Doug, in memory of loved ones

Kathy and Steve Krasley, in loving memory of family and friends

Scott Raichle, in memory of Charles and Viola Platt

Tom and Sandy Raichle, in memory of Dorothy and Alby Raichle

Cherri Romano in memory of Amy Griffetts

Joyce Rosen, in memory of Doris Ingham, my sweet Mom

Joanna Sheffer, in memory of friends and family

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The Warners, in memory of Jack Warner and Lynn Cline

Deb Wetty, in honor and memory of loved ones in the Wetty family

Luba Wise, in memory of Ken Wise

Fred and Charlotte Wookey, in memory of our parents

Maureen Wookey, in memory of Joan Betres, Maureen's mom

The Yeakle family, in honor of our mothers and family

Diane Yeakle, in loving memory of Tom

