

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

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*Second Sunday  
of Easter*

April 27, 2025  
10 a.m.

WELCOME AND JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE

“Lord of the Dance”

arr Raney

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

We are gathered in the presence of the risen Christ, who remains with us forever.

**When we abide in Christ, love, joy, and peace grow.**

We are rooted in Christ's love, that we may bear these fruits together with all God's people.

**With faithful people everywhere, we say, "Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, and might be to God for ever and ever!" Amen.**

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

HYMN 241 "Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day"

## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Even as we rejoice in the Resurrected Christ, even as we rejoice in the Resurrection promise, still, we cling to our old ways. Let us confess the power this world has over us:

**We praise you, Redeemer God, that the hope and promise of Easter has been given to us. Yet, we confess that the Good News of Easter morning gets lost in the demands of daily life. The day's concerns pull us away from the assurance of our faith. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to live as people of the promise; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Jesus showed us that we can be freed from the ways of the world and freed instead for God. Jesus showed us that the path of love can conquer the world. Jesus showed us that even death itself does not own us. Friends, turn every day to the Good News of heaven's blessings. Praise be to God. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, we pray that the truth of your Good News never be clouded by worldly ways. Keep our faith strong and let the victory of the Resurrection be our hope and joy. **Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON  
*The Apostles Are Persecuted*

Acts 5:27-32  
Pew Bibles, Page 123

A LESSON FROM PSALM 150

*We will read the psalm responsively,*

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

**Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

**Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!**

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

GOSPEL LESSON  
*Jesus Appears to the Disciples*

John 20:19-31  
Pew Bibles, Page 115

MESSAGE

Pastor Doug Hanson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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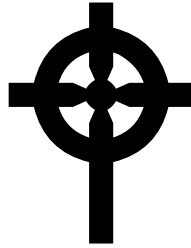


BENEDICTION

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

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE Postlude on “Lancashire” arr Payne



**TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**THE MESSAGE** is brought to us by Pastor Doug Hanson

**THE ORGANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR** is Kat Bowman

**THE USHER** today is Wayne Freese

**THE LECTOR** today is Wayne Freese

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## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SIGN UPS:** Please take a look at the sign up sheets posted in Fellowship Hall to see what you can sign up for in the upcoming Sundays to help with worship through ushering, altar flowers, reading scripture as our lector or hosting social hour.

**FEAST:** All are invited for another outside FEAST gathering behind Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 17th at 6pm. FEAST is a pot-luck dinner, and a fun way to enjoy fellowship with other members; perhaps some conversations with others that you haven't had a chance to talk to in the past.



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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

