

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

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*Second Sunday in
Lent*

March 1, 2026
10 a.m.

WELCOME AND JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” arr Powell

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

God of all, we come before you from our many walks of life to rejoice that, together in you, we are blessed by your loving grace.

We turn our faces to the wind of your Spirit, confident that you truly are the hope of the world.

Even though, in our busy days, we sometimes forget you, still, you never forget us.

Eternal light of heaven, shine brightly for us, and guide us in Word and Spirit.

Come, almighty God, and close the gap between heaven and earth.

Let us worship God!

HYMN 208

“God Loved the World”

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

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Who can stand before the vision of heaven’s ways and claim worthiness? Let us confess our great need for God in our lives and in the world:

Gracious God, we wonder at a world that turns away from the logic of our faith; a logic that presumes a desire for kindness, forgiveness, and peace in all things. We confess that we fall prey to worldly ways that cause suffering, and even cruelty and violence. Forgive us, we pray, and by your grace, lead us back to your holy path; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

“All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God,” says the Apostle Paul. “For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba!” Father! It is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.” This truly is Good News. Praise be to God. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. May the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Righteousness through Faith

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Pew Bibles, Page 154

A LESSON FROM PSALM 121

We will read the psalm responsively,

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

GOSPEL LESSON

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

John 3:1-17

Pew Bibles, Page 93

MESSAGE “God So Loved the World” Pastor Doug Hanson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

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We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 332 “As We Gather at Your Table”
After the Hymn, please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Reflection” D. Wagner
*The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills,
by righteousness. -Psalm 72:*

PRESENTATION

*All may stand as the offering is presented
and remain standing for the prayer that follows.*

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

**Merciful God, we dedicate our gifts to the heavenly message of
your Good News. May our offering serve to bring your Good
News into the hearts and minds of all who enter your church,
and out into the world; in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

Please be seated.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.

You who come to me shall not hunger;
you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**In company with all who hunger for spiritual food,
we come to this table to know the risen Christ
in the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing
and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your
constant love for all you have made.

We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith
in every generation who have given themselves to your
will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent
from your own being as our Savior.

We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and
Resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church
for its mission in the world.

Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer
ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire
family of your faithful people everywhere:

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,
the whole universe speaks of your glory,
O God Most High.**

**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of our God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith,
we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ.
Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread,
and blessed, and broke it,
and gave it to the disciples and said:
“Take, eat: This is my body.”
Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks,
gave it to the disciples and said:
“Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood
of the covenant, which is poured out for many
for the forgiveness of sins.”

Let us say boldly what we believe:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine.
Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table,
that our eyes may be opened,
and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst,
in each other, and in all for whom Christ died.

Amen.

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven... *(Use debts . . . debtors)*

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come, for all things are ready.

The ushers will invite you to come forward for Communion. Visitors are welcome to come forward. It is our custom to take the bread individually, and the cup together at the Pastor's signal. After receiving, the Pastor will dismiss you with a blessing. Use side aisles to return to your seat. Place cups in one of the baskets provided. We use wine, water, and white grape juice.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We give thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.**

**Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,
and send us forth into the world in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through
Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

HYMN 18 “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

BENEDICTION

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

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE “It Is Well with My Soul” arr Whitsett



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 Maureen Wookey

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by
Scott Raichle in memory of Gail Raichle

THE SOCIAL HOUR is hosted by Joyce Rosen

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOAGIE SALE: The Sewing Circle is holding a hoagie sale to benefit Bethany Children's Home. TODAY is the last day to order. *Please see insert.* The hoagies will be purchased through Redner's, with a cost of \$7 for a 6" hoagie. Orders will be taken in Fellowship Hall, or contact one of the ladies of the Sewing Circle.

GAIL RAICHLER: Gail Raichle's graveside service will be held here at St. Peter's Pikeland *this* Saturday, March 7th at 12 noon. There will be a luncheon to follow in Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP HELPERS: Please take a look at the sign up sheets posted in Fellowship Hall to see where you may be able to help. We would love to be able to start filling the early months of 2026.

CHILI COOK OFF: Mark your calendars for our Chili Cook Off on March 21st. More info to come!

CLOCKS: Spring Forward! Don't forget to set your clocks one hour forward *this* Saturday before going to bed.

BIBLE STUDY: Join us for a Bible Study after social hour on Sunday, March 15th. We will be learning more about Holy Week.



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

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