

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

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*Mission Sunday*

February 22, 2026  
10 a.m.

WELCOME AND JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE      “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”      arr Lund

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

How blessed we are to gather where we may receive the vision and Spirit of heaven.

**How blessed we are to share God’s vision and Spirit, so that others may know the Good News.**

Let us be grateful for this time together to celebrate the joyous work of loving our neighbors as ourselves.

**We are grateful for all the missions of our church.**

We thank them for seeing every stranger as a neighbor that they simply haven’t met yet. Sacred heart of Jesus, bless us as we gather in your name. May your heart be our heart, and your will, our will.

**Amen.**

HYMN 195 “On a Hill Far Away” (The Old Rugged Cross)

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

## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

All of the missions that we support represent a voice of hope and help in our communities. They represent every tear and sadness, and they also represent each precious moment when tears stop and a chance for joy comes to those whom they serve. Let us confess a world that too easily creates tears, and too rarely, joy. Let us confess our great need for God and for each other:

**Loving God, forgive us when we fail to see with the eyes of Jesus. Forgive us when we forget that each soul, none excluded, is precious in your sight. Forgive us when we don’t always love our neighbor as ourselves. Help us, we pray, to know ourselves always in community with you. Amen.**

Hear the Good News. The world does not, cannot, own us. We belong to God. Find freedom in Jesus Christ to live as people of God. Looking to the powerful grace of heaven, live your faith. Praise be to God. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of compassion, may your Holy Word inspire in us visions of peace with justice, and eyes that see with the heart.  
**Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*The Peaceful Kingdom*

Isaiah 11:6-9

Pew Bibles, Page 641

### A LESSON FROM PSALM 31 (various verses)

*We will read the psalm responsively,*

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

**Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have taken heed of my adversities.

**Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress...For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.**

I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

**I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. For I hear the whispering of many.**

But I trust in you, O Lord...Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

**Love the Lord, all you his saints....Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.**

### A LESSON FROM THE GOSPELS

*Parable of the Good Samaritan*

Luke 10:25-37

Pew Bibles, Page 71

MESSAGE

“Grace in Graciousness” Pastor Doug Hanson

HYMN 539 “Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant?”

*After the Hymn, please be seated.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*To be read responsively*

Creator God, struggles and sadness are found at every age, even the young. Who will bring hope and renewed trust?

**He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms.**

Loving God, there are so many people who fall between the cracks, and who feel forgotten and forsaken. Who will lift them up?

**Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.**

When a man feels all alone, when hope is almost lost, and respect comes rarely, O God, who will find a new path for him?

**He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.**

Sustainer God, who will help me build my dreams, when I cannot even afford to build a roof over my head?

**When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”**

In this world so caught up with self concern, we pray for those who would work together to help hungry families feed themselves.

**They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit....and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain.**

How is it possible, O God, that anyone can feel alone and overwhelmed in hard times, when thousands of people share the same community? Where is your vision of peace and good will?

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.**

When things change without warning, but the demands of life remain, it is so easy to feel unprepared, and the joy of our days is replaced by fear. Are you really there, O God?

**Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.**

I never thought my life could get turned so upside down. I don't even have a bed to sleep in or a coat for the cold. Holy God, is there anyone willing to look my way in my time of need?

**Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.**

The church is to reflect the vision and the Spirit of heaven. The church is to live out the ways of heaven, knowing that each moment is a gift from God to share the Good News in word and deed. Let us be grateful for this time together to celebrate all the wonderful organizations we support, who answer the call to love our neighbor as ourselves. We thank them for seeing every stranger as a neighbor that they simply haven't met yet. Sacred heart of Jesus, may your heart be our heart, and your will, our will.

**Amen.**

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

*Using "debts . . . debtors."*

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"A Lenten Song"

Demorest

## 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

**Gracious God, we dedicate our gifts to the work of your church in the world. May St. Peter's reflect the ways of our loving Savior in all that we say and do. Bless our gifts, we pray, and bless us as servants of Christ. Amen.**

HYMN 495 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

## BENEDICTION

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

## TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE "The Way of the Cross Leads Home" arr Broughton



## 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 Beth Stein

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Beth Stein in memory of her mother, Catherine Woodruff

**THE SOCIAL HOUR** is hosted by Wayne Freese

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOAGIE SALE:** The Sewing Circle will be holding a hoagie sale to benefit Bethany Children's Home. Orders can be made today and next Sunday, with pick-up on March 8<sup>th</sup>. *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.

**SEWING CIRCLE FOOD DRIVE:** The Sewing Circle would like to thank everyone for their food and monetary donations over the course of the last two months for PACS.

**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 21<sup>st</sup>. More info to come!



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your giving statements. Thank you!

[www.StPetersPikeland.org](http://www.StPetersPikeland.org)

## Our Prayer List

Andrea Lafleur  
Angie Schlessman  
Annamae Moore  
Annette Noce, JoAnn Thomson's mother  
Austin Myers  
Barbara Broyles, friend of the Wachsmuths  
Barbara Shivers  
Carol Meyer  
Connie Hershey, friend of Micki and Alyssa Menkins  
Charlie Fishman, Pete Warner's Nephew and Godson  
Charles and Virginia Garber  
Danielle Smith, friend of Sarah Hackman  
David Richman, friend of Grace Merryman  
Debbie Rittenhouse, mother-in-law of Mitchell Warner  
Dr. Michael J. Ward  
Ernie P., friend of Dee McClimon  
Fred Schilling, husband of a friend of Kathy Krasley  
Gayanne Loring, sister of Dawna DeRosa  
Heidi Kieffer, daughter of Eric Johnson's cousin  
Jamie Glennon, friend of Eric Hanson  
Jeff Johnson, Co-worker of Eric Johnson  
Jeanine Leber, friend of Alyssa Menkins  
Jennifer Osborne  
Jessica G., friend of Grace Merryman  
Jim Smith, Denise Harlow's brother  
John Pittock, friend of Grace Merryman  
Karl Longenbach, friend of Deb Wetty  
Kelly Maldonado friend of Maureen & Kenzie Wookey  
Laura Dick  
Laura S., friend of Grace Merryman  
Linda Cherneck, friend of Deb Wetty  
Lisa, cousin of Eric Johnson  
Mary Andersen, friend of the McCarthy  
Paul Pascale, friend of the McClimons  
Penny, friend of Linda Johnson  
Richard, friend of Dee McClimon  
Sally Kramer, Cherri Romano's sister  
Sandy C., Friend of Dee McClimon  
Sandy McKeever, Maureen Wookey's Sister in law  
Sandy Pereni, Joyce Rosen's sister  
Sharon Basile, Jennifer Basile's mother-in-law  
Sue and Jeff, Linda Johnson's sister and brother-in-law  
Tara Cantello, friend of Denise Harlow  
The Fost Family, friends of Sarah Hackman  
Tracey Knox, cousin of Kathy Krasley  
Travis McClimon  
Virginia Lawrence