



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Jesus went to Galilee
preaching the
Message of God:

“TIME’S UP!

God’s kingdom is here.
Change your life and believe
the Message.”

—Mark 1:14-15 “The Message Bible”



“follow me”

January 21, 2024
Third Sunday after Epiphany

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Please stand in body or spirit)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: *“Fugue in G minor”, Bach*

Welcome and Introductory Comments by Pastor Jim

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** **(Please stand in body or spirit)*

Leader: Be still and know that I am God.

People: We put aside all that distracts us to be with Jesus.

Pastor: I invite you to share in a spiritual experience...
 A Guided Meditation... *“The Greeter at the Door”*

***HYMN OF PRAISE: #92** *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*
(Please be seated)

A Time for Dialogue about Transition

***THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(in unison)*

Source of Life and Love, pour out your Spirit upon us. Assure us of your love and presence in this time of transition. Strengthen our faith. Uphold us in unity. Grant us wisdom. Help us discern your call and direction for our congregation. We thank you for who we are and for all the saints who have come before us in this place. As we move forward in these challenging times, we pledge to continue the ministry and mission of this church following the example and teachings of Jesus, loving one another and all people whoever and wherever they are on life’s journey. Amen.

***HYMN OF MEDITATION: #375** *“Jesus Calls Us”*
(Please be seated)

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A TIME OF LISTENING TO OUR SACRED SCRIPTURE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MARK 1:14-20 #812

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "FOLLOW ME"

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Doxology **(Please stand in body or spirit.)* #625 unison prayer of dedication
praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye Heavenly host; **
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*
*(**alternate: Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(We offer one another the peace of Christ for the week ahead.)

*HYMN SENDING FORTH: #292 *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Allegro in C major”*, Handel
(Please remain seated “quietly” during the postlude.)

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Everyone is Welcome!

Feel at home, for Christ Jesus is our host. If you are visiting for the first time, we are delighted to have you here!

The Psalmist sings: *“Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing... thanksgiving... and praise.”*
We pray peace and joy to you, dear friend.

WORSHIP TEAM

Pulpit Supply	Rev. Jim Cunningham
Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Choir Director	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Susan Cherry
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Susan Cherry Earl Wiegand, Shelley Harmych

Church News

Coffee Chats 

Sandstone Coffee House, Amherst
Wednesday from 9-11:00 a.m.

Join us for our Potluck after worship!

Welcome Rev. Jim Cunningham

We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Jim Cunningham in leading our worship service today. Jim is retired from full-time ministry having served for 23 years as a Board Certified Health Care Chaplain and 15 years as a Parish Pastor in the United Church of Christ. In retirement, Jim is guest preaching, and hosts 2 monthly on-line chat rooms for retired clergy. Jim and his spouse, Charlie, live in Westlake, Ohio with two cats.



We are pleased to **welcome Chaplain Amanda Nagy next Sunday, Jan. 28st** to lead us in worship. She will also join us on Feb. 4th and Feb. 11th. She is an ordained UCC minister and serves as the Chief of Chaplain Service at VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System. She received her undergraduate degree from Elmhurst University and a Masters of Science

in community counseling from Oklahoma State University, before completing her Masters of Divinity from Chicago Theological Seminary. Chaplain Nagy relocated to Ohio to complete a Clinical Pastoral Education Fellowship at VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System. Once hired on as a Staff Chaplain, Chaplain Nagy has served in a variety of clinical chaplain settings including the residential setting for substance abuse and trauma, marriage and family, and suicide prevention and postvention. She is a Board Certified Chaplain through the National Association of VA Chaplains. When not working Amanda enjoys watching hockey, reading, and exploring new areas with her wife, Kim, and 2 year old son.

A Message from your Financial Secretary, Becky Woods

End of Year Statements have been emailed January 11th. Please contact the church office if you need a printed copy.

Help Feed our Children!



Needed items for **CHILDREN'S WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM**

- . Single Serving PB & Jelly
- . Peanut Butter Crackers
- . Canned Soup (Pop top lids)
- . Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids)
- . Mac & Cheese (Microwavable)
- . Individual Cereals
- . Granola Bars
- . Fruit Cups & Jello Cups
- . Oatmeal Packages
- . Small Bag Pretzels
- . Small Bag Chips

We are also collecting 'regular food items' for families with food insecurities. Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. Pam Miskov will make sure donations are delivered. *Thanks to Pam and everyone who donates.*

Reminder - Recycling Plastic Bags

The Amherst Leo Club, sponsored by the Amherst Lions Club, are recycling plastic bags through the TREX Recycling project. It takes 500 pounds to achieve the goal to receive a recycled bench. Let's help them to reach their goal for another bench! Thank you everyone.

Circle Six Meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 6, 6 PM



Circle Six's next meeting is Tuesday, February 6 at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Our program is **Kitchen Yoga** presented by Mary-K Kirsch and the congregation is invited to join us. Circle Six members to bring healthy snacks to share.

"Kitchen" yoga adapts stretches and poses (asanas) from the kitchen counter, table and chairs to incorporate a simple practice into daily routines. Wear comfortable clothes, no mat or previous experience needed!

YOGA with Mary-K

St. Peter's UCC, enter Chapel door to the lower level | Cost: \$10
Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM (arrive by 8:25 AM)
Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM (arrive by 5:55 PM)

Bible Study, 7 PM, Tuesdays on Zoom

The weekly Bible Study will be continuing. Please join us any Tuesday for an interesting discussion on the Bible. Everyone is welcome to participate in the comfort of your home! All the sign in credentials will remain the same.

Please fill out the Participation cards and drop into the offering plate. *Cards should be filled out weekly.* Thank you!

Help us continue to move forward in faith by submitting your pledge card, if you have not already done so. Thank you.

“When leaving the church, please make sure to push the door closed. There have been times it’s left unlocked.” *Thank you!*



At St. Peter's we work together in love to build strong foundations for our lives in Christ. This firm foundation allows us to put **“Arms and Legs on Christ’s love in the world”** We believe that God is calling you to be embraced by God’s radical love and to be a part of this foundation of faith.

Join us LIVE on **Facebook: St. Peter's UCC Amherst, OH**

Zoom: Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 | Passcode: 379205
(or call in with phone: 1 929 205 6099)

The service will be posted at a later date to view on our **YouTube channel: St Peters UCC Amherst**



This Week's Events

Mon., Jan. 22	Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
Tues., Jan. 23	Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
Wed., Jan. 24	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
Thurs., Jan. 25	YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal, 7 PM
Sun., Jan. 28	Worship Service, 10 AM, Choir Practice 9 AM Chaplain Amanda Nagy

How To Reach Us

Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 8:30-12:30 PM and 1-2:30 PM
Afternoons available by appointment with Pastor Chris

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We are currently searching for a new pastor. If you need help, please contact either Christine or Kaye at the phone numbers below.

Christine Burman, Church Council President
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Kaye Oswald, Church Office Administrator
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