



**ST. PETER'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

But this is the covenant that I  
will make with the house of Israel  
after those days, says the Lord:



I will put my law within them,  
and I will write it on their hearts;  
and I will be their God, and  
they shall be my people.

March 17, 2024 | Fifth Sunday in Lent

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\*(Stand as you are able.)*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Greeting      Announcements      Birthdays      Anniversaries*

PASTOR: *"This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"*

PRELUDE: *"Voluntary", Walond*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: *\*(Stand as you are able.)*

Leader: Lord open our hearts for us to hear your word.

**People: And that we may see the suffering of others  
around us.**

Leader: Lord open our eyes and look what you show us.

**People: So that we may see how to serve this day and  
this week.**

Leader: Awaken us as your believers and followers.

**People: So that we may joyfully anticipate your return  
to us when it is time.**

ALL: Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts for we are  
one body of God's people who are thankful to share  
God's love with others as his son Jesus Christ did.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #204 *"Rock of Ages"*

**\*THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)*

Almighty Father, help us remember that freedom does not come automatically, that we have to work at it, nurture it, protect it and pray for it as we do today. Freedom like faith needs our attention and our cooperation. Lord, be with us now so that we may be strengthened, that you may be around us, above us to watch over us, so that you may guide us, and be behind us to

keep us from straying. Be with us this morning as we share this time together in church. In your name we pray. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

Choral Response: *Gloria Patri #623*

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #172 *"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"*

**PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Choral Response: #614 *"Here Our Prayer O Lord"*

## **A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: JEREMIAH 31:31-34 #642

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 12:35-36 #875

ANTHEM: *"Lord, I'm Coming Home"*

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "GOD'S COVENANT STANDS"

## **A TIME OF GIVING**

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Doxology *\*(Stand as you are able.) #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

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

\*HYMN SENDING FORTH: #560 *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"*, Walther  
(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

Lay Minister	Carol Struck
Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Choir Director	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Carol Murphy
Ushers	Linda Gatz, Geoff Gatz Fred Helyes, Lewis Zeller

Join us again this Thursday, March 28 at 7 PM for our **Maundy Thursday Service** and **Easter Sunday** at 10 AM with the Rev. Dr. Don Nichols our visiting pastor.

# Church News

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## **St. Peter's UCC Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser!**

Our newly formed Fundraising Team is excited to announce their first event, which will be a Spaghetti Dinner. It will be *carry-out only* on Sat., April 20 from 4-6 PM. Tickets are \$12 that will include spaghetti, meatballs, sauce, salad, bread & butter, and cookies. **Get your tickets after worship today.** Support your church by enjoying a delicious meal at the same time! And, buy a ticket for a friend! Ticket sales end on April 15<sup>th</sup>. *Thank you in advance for supporting your church!*

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## **Rummage Sale Update!**

Please note that we have decided to keep the Rummage Sale to *1 day only*. The date and time remain the same:

**Saturday, July 20 from 9 AM-3 PM**

Start saving your items as your spring clean your home.

No clothing or shoes please. Questions? Please contact:

Sue Conkle (440) 537-1749 or Kaye (440) 988-4965

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## **Circle Six Update**

We will be holding our annual **Easter bake sale** in the Fellowship Hall on **Palm Sunday, March 24**. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 2 at 6:00 PM at Cole's Public House for our Anniversary Dinner. *-Sally Readinger, President*

# St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter

2726 Caroline Ave., Lorain

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month volunteers help feed the hungry. This week on **Wednesday, Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>**, we need volunteer(s) to serve starting at 4:30 PM, or to bake cookies or cupcakes. If you want to help or have questions, please call **Betty Pekare at 440-245-1231**. Thank you for your help!

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## Ponderings about St. Peter's

**Our own "March Madness":** Did you know that 100 years ago St. Peter's had both a girl's and a boys' basketball team. I wonder if they had uniforms, colors; a mascot. Anyway, their results were published in the monthly newsletter:

*Feb. 7 - In Lorain – St. John's Girls 2, St. Peter's 8*

*Feb. 11 – In Collins, Ohio – Collins 16, St. Peter's 14*

*Feb. 12 – In Lorain – Atlas Club 27, St. Peter's 6*

*Feb. 13 – Elmore Here – Elmore 14, St. Peter's 41*

*Feb. 20 – Lutheran Church team Elyria cancel game  
Birmingham Here – score 13, St. Peter's 28*

*Feb. 26 – In Avon Lake – Faculty team 2, St. Peter's Girls 10*

*Feb. 27 – Lagrange failed to appear – Boys played  
Amherst High 13, St. Peter's 18*

*Berlin Heights Girls 20, St. Peter's 1*

### **And in March the following appeared:**

"It came to pass on Thursday evening, March 27<sup>th</sup>. A large bus and three machines transported 33 basketball players and rooters to that little city, (Elmore), where a return game was played. Our boys however, could not bring home the victory and had to be content with the smaller end of the score which was 22-20. The reception in the church parlors after the game, tendered the former Pastor and his new friends was royal to say the least. We arrived home at 2:30, tired but happy.

# Good Friday Breakfast Invitation!

Once again Penny Knepper is hosting a Breakfast on Good Friday from 9-11 AM. All women in the church are invited. Her home address is 6421 South Dewey Road, Amherst. If you have any questions please call Penny at (440) 988-8025.

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## 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)

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!*

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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

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- Mon., Mar. 18      Communion Visits, 1-4 PM  
                            Council Meeting, Zoom, 7 PM
- Tues., Mar. 19      Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
- Wed., Mar. 20      YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM  
                            Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM  
                            St. Elizabeth Shelter meal, 4:30 PM
- Thurs., Mar. 21      YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM  
                            Handbell Rehearsal, 7 PM
- Sun., Mar. 24      Palm Sunday Worship Service, 10 AM  
                            Rev. Dr. Don Nichols
- Thurs., Mar. 28      Maundy Thursday Service, 7 PM  
                            Rev. Dr. Don Nichols

## How To Reach Us

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**Office Hours:** Mon.–Fri. 8:30-12:30 PM and 1-2:30 PM

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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.*

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