



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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March 24, 2024

...into Jerusalem, *"Hosanna in the Highest"*

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: *"The Palms", Faure*

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

Leader: Now begins to break upon our ears the distant triumph song. Now we hear the muffled shouts of apostolic excitement and the rustle of approaching palms. Now the rising swirl of dust announces the emerging procession. Prepare us, Holy One, to receive your coming triumphal Child, astride a humble beast – this contradictory vision, this metaphor of paradox – by which meekness and humility begin to work of dismantling pretentious power and true quality of majesty is revealed.

People: "Hosanna, Son of David. Blessed in the name of God is he who comes. Help, please, O Most High."

Leader: Let us who also are disciples gather by the roadside and join our voices with others in the crowd.

People: We will lift our voices in praise and supplication.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #173 *"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*

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

If we propose to join the disciples as they mark Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, we ought also to have the humility to join them in admitting that, ere the week is over, we too will fall away and abandon Jesus to face alone his torment and passion. We remind ourselves that none of them, nor any of us, have stood finally by

his side. We ask for and know that you forgive our failings.
Thanks be to God. Amen. *(Please be seated)*

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #369 *“O Jesus, I Have Promised”*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD’S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: PSALM 118:24-27 #493

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MARK 11:1-11 #823

HANDBELL CHOIR: *“Ride On!”*, Michael Ryan

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: *“After The Celebration–WHAT?”*

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: #468 *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Andante”*, Seger *(Please remain seated “quietly”)*



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

Visiting Pastor	Rev. Dr. Donald Nichols
Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Choir Director	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Dave Rice
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Earl Wiegand Susan Cherry, Tom Janas

Church News

Thursday, March 28 | Good Friday, March 29 | Easter, March 31

Join us again Thursday, March 28 for Maundy Thursday worship service at 7 PM. The Rev. Dr. Nichols will lead us in this solemn service that commemorates Jesus Christ's Last Supper with his disciples and reminds us of the importance of humility, selflessness, and service to others. And, we hope to see everyone on Easter at 10 AM as we celebrate the Risen Christ!

Coffee Chats

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

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.”

Should one child go hungry? You can help!

There is a real need for the following items
for the **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



Please leave your donations in the drop boxes at church.

Thank you for your continued support!

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.*

Ponderings about St. Peter’s

Did you ever wonder about how our elevator came to be? Here is part of the story.

In January 1987, 90-year-old WWI Veteran, Richard Schroeder donated \$50,000 for the church elevator. (Church Council estimated the total cost would be \$100,000.) At the time it was the largest donation ever made to St. Peter’s by a living member of the church.

In 1891 Richard’s grandfather helped to build St. Peter’s and his father was confirmed here. At the age of 14 Richard quit school to work 10-hour days for \$1.40 an hour in the Quarries. *“Saving comes natural for me,”* Schroeder said, *“As far back as I can remember, I always saved for the future-my future. Now I am giving to the church for somebody else’s future.”*

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 15th. *Thank you in advance for supporting your church!*

Circle Six Update

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

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.

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!*

Please note the office will be closed on Good Friday and the Monday after Easter. If you need help, please leave a message and I’ll return your call on Tuesday. *Thank you, Kaye*



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., Mar. 25 Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
March 25-April 1, Preschool Spring Break
- Tues., Mar. 26 Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
- Wed., Mar. 27 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., Mar. 28 Maundy Thursday Service, 7 PM**
Rev. Dr. Don Nichols
- Fri., Mar. 29 Good Friday observed – *office closed*
- Sun., Mar. 31 EASTER Worship Service, 10 AM**
Rev. Dr. Don Nichols

How To Reach Us

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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Kaye Oswald, Church Office Administrator
admin.ofc@stpetersamherst.org 440-988-4965

Please visit our website, **www.stpetersamherst.org**
to make your donation electronically via Breeze or Paypal.
Also, we now have the ability to accept donations by TEXT!
For more detailed information, contact the church office.

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Please remember St. Peter's UCC in your estate planning.