



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

“Unless I wash you,
you have no share
with me.”

SERVANT

“For I have set you an example, that you also
should do as I have done to you.”

March 28, 2024 | Maundy Thursday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE

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

Leader: The Israelites cried out to God in their oppression.

People: **Their voices still echo around the globe:
In India, Sudan, Mexico, and in American cities.**

Leader: God hears the cries of the suffering,
and delivers those who wait on God.

People: **All who suffer, who die, who are alienated
are precious to God.**

Leader: Let us love the Lord who restores liberty,
And gives us hope for peace.

People: **Let us worship God.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** #186 *“The Old Rugged Cross”*

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

Jesus, Lamb of God, we bless you tonight, remembering what you have done for us. You poured out your life to show us the love of God. Tonight, we celebrate your gift of life as we somberly recall your death and exult in your resurrection. **Amen.**

Choral Response: *Gloria Patri #623*

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #183 *“Beneath The Cross of Jesus”*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MARK 14:17-31

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"At the Cross"*, #188

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "MOST OF US ARE IN TROUBLE"

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 TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INTO THE DARKNESS

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

*HYMN SENDING FORTH: #185 *"When I Survey the
Wonderous Cross"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(Please remain seated "quietly" during the postlude.)



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	Sue Conkle
Ushers	Betty Pekare, Sue Cherry Lewis Zeller, Fred Helyes

Church News

Imagine yourself in this upper room with Jesus and his friends. With whom do you identify? How do you feel? Peter resists Jesus’ service of foot washing. Would you? Are you surprised that Jesus included Judas in the foot washing? What would it take to offer a service of love to someone who hurt or betrayed you? What manner of love does Jesus model and command of us?

Join us again on Easter Sunday, March 31, 10 AM,
with the Rev. Dr. Nichols, as we celebrate
the Risen Christ!

“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.*

Circle Six Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 2 at 6:00 PM at
Cole's Public House for our Anniversary Dinner.

-Sally Readinger, President

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)

Good Friday Breakfast Tomorrow

Please join Penny Knepper at her Good Friday Breakfast 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.

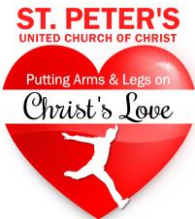
“A special thank you to Neil Wasilk for catching my mistake in last week's Ponderings. It should have read \$1.40 a day.”
Thanks, Linda

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**



LOVE
one another
As I have
loved
YOU

Washing the feet of another is an ancient custom. It made a great deal of sense in a dry climate where sandals were common footwear. Dirty and dusty pathways and streets were a harsh daily reality, and a basin of water for the feet of visitors was an act of hospitality. A truly caring host would bend and wash the feet of guests. In finer homes, a servant would do it. So why did Jesus ask his disciples to provide this hospitality for one another? I'm not sure that the hospitality is as important as the act of humility – *lowering one's self to the role of servant to the other.*



This Week's Events

- Fri., Mar. 29 Good Friday *office closed*
Breakfast 9-11 AM at Penny Knepper's
6421 South Dewey Road, Amherst
- Sat., Mar. 30 Holy Saturday
- Sun., Mar. 31 Easter, "He is Risen! 10 AM
Rev. Dr. Don Nichols, Communion

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
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