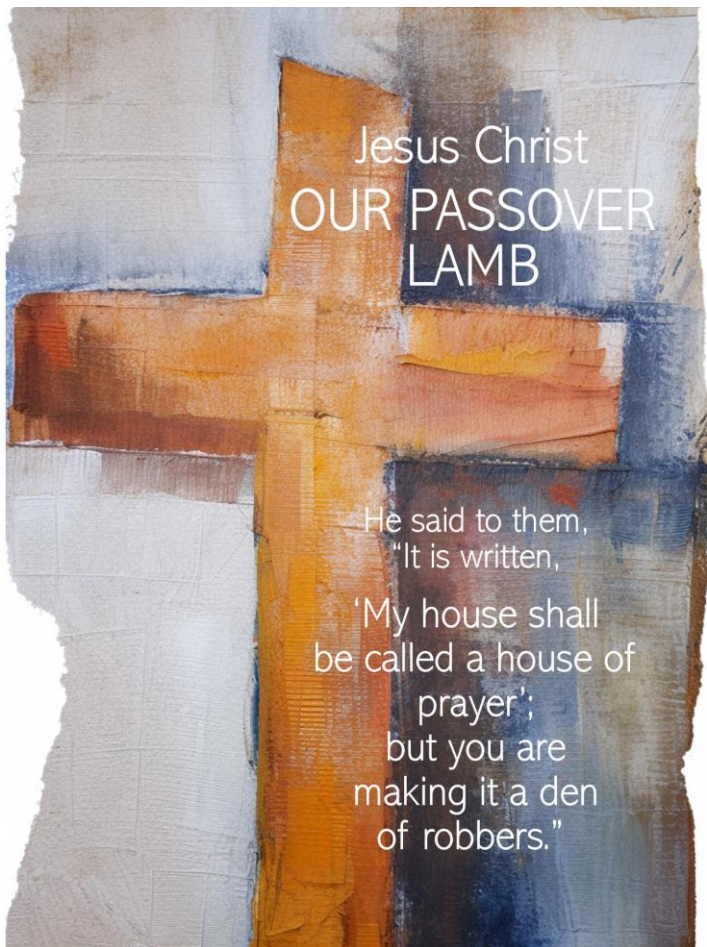




**ST. PETER'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



**March 3, 2024**  
Third Sunday in Lent

# 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: *"What God Ordains is Always Good", Marburg*

\*HYMN: #2 *"Hallelujah"* (See insert.)

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

Leader: Jesus, I am not worthy to have you come  
under my roof.

**People: But only say the word, and your servant  
will be healed.**

Leader: Let us confess our sins.

**People: The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives.**

Leader: We confess to you, O God.

**People: Our self indulgent appetites and ways and our  
exploitation of other people.**

Leader: We confess to you, O God.

**People: Our anger at our own frustration and our envy  
of those more fortunate than ourselves.**

Leader: We confess to you, O God.

**People: Restore us O God, and let your anger  
depart from us.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #202 *"Amazing Grace"*

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

God of all mercy, we confess before you and each other that we have been unfaithful to you. We lack love for our neighbors, we waste good opportunities to do good, and we look the other way when you cry out to us in the suffering of our brothers and sisters in need. We are sincerely sorry for our sins, both those we commit deliberately and those that we allow to overtake us. We ask for your forgiveness and we pray for strength that we may follow in your way and love all your people with that perfect love which casts out all fear; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #1 *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

**PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: PSALMS 19:8-11 #863

HANDBELL CHOIR: *“Just As I Am”*, William B. Bradbury 1816-1868  
Arr. by Linda R. Lamb

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: *“THE WORKS AND THE WORD OF GOD”*

## **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

## A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

\*HYMN SENDING FORTH: #195 *“Nothing But the Blood of Jesus”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Fugue in G minor”*, J. S. Bach

*(Please remain seated “quietly” during the postlude.)*

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*Everyone is Welcome!*

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**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

Organist

Zoom Director

Worship Producer

Handbell Choir Director

Choir Director

Scripture Reader

Ushers

Rev. Monica Harmon

Allen Cadwallader

Mary K. Kirsch

Brian Schieferstein

Shelley Harmych

Jennifer Wasilk

Sally Readinger

Dave Rice, Earl Wiegand

Christine Burman, Walter Beale

# Church News

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## Next Sunday is **One Great Hour of Sharing®**

Jesus teaches that faith calls for action. Sharing our light, is the expression of God's love here on earth and leads to making blankets, staffing food pantries, cooking meals, building houses and schools, signing petitions for worthy causes, and protesting injustices. On any given day, light is shining because we are there through our gifts to OGHS.

*Share the light. Give generously.*

## **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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## **Circle Six Meeting**

Circle Six's next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Members are asked to bring a snack to share. The congregation is invited to attend our scheduled program which will begin around 7:00 PM. The program is on *"The Great Amherst Train Wreck"* presented by Tom Jewel on behalf of **The Amherst Historical Society**. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Sincerely, Sally Readinger, President*

*Start saving for our*  
**Spring Rummage Sale!**

*Fellow Church Members*, as you Spring Clean your house, please save your unwanted items for the Church Rummage Sale *and* tell your friends and family too!

Starting in June, items can be brought to the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar! The Rummage Sale will be 2 days this year:

**Friday, July 19 from 5-8 PM and**  
**Saturday, July 20 from 9 AM-3 PM**

No clothing or shoes please. Questions? Please contact:  
Sue Conkle (440) 537-1749 or Kaye (440) 988-4965

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**Choral Spectrum presents**  
**“Light Eternal: Songs of Our Heavenly Home”**  
**Sun., Mar. 10 at 3 PM**

St. Peter Parish, 3655 Oberlin Ave., Lorain

Featuring Morten Lauridsen's “Lux Aeterna” and Shawn Kirchner's “Heavenly Home,” this concert speaks to us of the promise of all that is still to come. The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken. Choral Spectrum is an auditioned choir under the direction of Anthony Trifiletti. Visit us at [choralspectrum.org](http://choralspectrum.org) for more information!

**St. Joseph Performing Arts presents “THE ANSWER”**

St. Joseph Performing Arts is a collaboration of members from surrounding churches, and we are so excited to bring the GOOD NEWS to various locations. Event cost is free. Please consider a donation. Thank you! See our schedule below:

**March 8 & 9** – 7:30 pm at St. Ladislav Parish, 2345 Bassett Rd. Westlake

**March 14 & 15** – 7:30 pm at St. Peter Parish, 3655 Oberlin Ave. Lorain

**March 22 & 23** – 7:30 pm at St. Albert the Great Parish,  
6667 Wallings Rd. North Royalton

# 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)

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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!*

Thank you to Rev. Monica Harmon for leading us in worship.  
Please join us next Sunday, for our Fourth Sunday in Lent with Rev. Jim Cunningham.

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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. 4 Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
- Tues., Mar. 5 Circle Six Meeting, 6 PM followed by  
"The Great Amherst Train Wreck" at 7 PM  
Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
- Wed., Mar. 6 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM  
**Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM**
- Thurs., Mar. 7 Compassionate Care Meeting, 10:30 AM  
YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM  
No Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- Sun., Mar. 10 Worship Service, 10 AM, Rev. Jim Cunningham  
One Great Hour of Sharing

## How To Reach Us

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

**Address:** 582 Church St. Amherst OH 44001

**Website:** [www.stpetersamherst.org](http://www.stpetersamherst.org)

**Phone:** 440-988-4965

*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  
[president@stpetersamherst.org](mailto:president@stpetersamherst.org) 440-522-8035

Kaye Oswald, Church Office Administrator  
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