



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Christ is Risen!

“For if we have
been united with
him in a death
like his, we will
certainly be
united with him
in a resurrection
like his.”



March 31, 2024
Celebrate our Savior!

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: *"Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death", J. S. Bach*

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

Leader: People, why have you come here?

People: We have come to care for the body of Jesus, who was Crucified. We come to prepare him for burial, as our law requires.

Leader: He is not here! He was raised, as he told you.

People: Do you ask us to believe that Jesus, whom we saw dead, lives?

Leader: Come see for yourselves. Here is the shroud that covered Him; there, the place where he lay.

People: We see! His place really is empty. We hardly know what to say.

Leader: Rejoice with me in this great blessing, give praise to God; then go and tell everyone what you have seen here.

People: We will join you, singing God's amazing glory, who alone could work such a thing.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #217 *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"*

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

Greet us now, risen Christ, with the same cry your people heard on the first morning of your resurrected life. For at your "Hail!" we, too, are amazed and come to lay hold of your feet to worship

you. Then having heard for ourselves the dreadful sounds of your awaking and witnessed the mystery of your empty tomb, send us back, charged to tell our sisters and brothers of your love that death could not kill, your word that the power of hell itself could not erase. And by us, may others see, and know, that you live indeed! Amen.

Choral Response: *Gloria Patri* #623

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #226 *“The Day of Resurrection”*

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: ROMANS 6:1-11 #917

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“Fairest Lord Jesus”* #88

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: “CHRIST IS RISEN”

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: #8 *“Praise To The Lord,
The Almighty”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Rejoice!”* G. F. 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

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	Don Ramsey
Ushers	Christine Burman, Tom Janas, Lewis Zeller

Church News

We want to take this opportunity to thank the Rev. Dr. Don Nichols for leading our worship through Holy Week.

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 Meeting

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



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

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)

“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

Easter is a special day filled with praise, thanks and memories. Today our church has been decorated with beautiful Easter Lilies and all our traditional trappings. Did you ever wonder about past Easters at St. Peter’s?

Easter Sunday fell on April 22 in 1962. The church was decorated with “Easter Plants” that people wanted to bring in for the services. They were due at the church by Saturday at 1:00 p.m. so the Altar Guild could arrange them. They were to be picked up after the services.

That Sunday St. Peter’s set attendance records! At the 6:30 a.m. service they had 401 and at the 10:45 a.m. service they had 599. Those receiving communion also set a record – Maundy Thursday – 240; Easter Sunday – 6:30 – 369 and 10:45 – 493.

*Please remember to keep the families of Don Krueck
and Mary Ann Sterna in your prayers.*

“The church is not a select circle of the immaculate, but a home where the outcast may come in. It is not a palace with gate attendants and challenging sentinels along the entrance-ways holding off at arm’s-length the stranger, but rather a hospital where the broken-hearted may be healed, and where all the weary and troubled may find rest and take counsel together.” - James H. Aughey

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!*

Just a reminder that the church office will be closed Friday & Monday. I will return your call 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., April 1 *Office Closed*
Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
- Tues., April 2 Preschool Returns from Spring Break
Circle Six Meeting 6 PM, Cole's Public House
Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
- Wed., April 3 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., April 4 YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM
- Sun., April 7 Worship Service, 10 AM, Communion Sunday
Rev. Monica Harmon

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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to make your donation electronically via Breeze or Paypal.
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For more detailed information, contact the church office.

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