



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Blessed

*are those who have not seen and
yet have come to believe.*

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

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: *"Prelude in G minor", J. S. Bach*

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

Leader: Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

**People: How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?
How long will you love vain words,
and seek after lies?**

Leader: But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for
himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

**People: When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.**

Leader: Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #234 *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

* **MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)* Marcia Ramsey

In all our restless activity and all our attempts to predict, control,
and secure our lives, we thirst for water; our spirits yearn for
you. Without your aid, our best efforts fall short of bringing the
life for which we long. We do not know how to create just and
loving relationships and societies; we need your help. Come to us
in Christ, and show us the way to true life. Empower us by your
Spirit that we may take part in your labor to bring new life on

earth. Come quickly, Christ Jesus, bright Morning Star of the world, and shine on us with your light. Amen.

Choral Response: *Gloria Patri* #623

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #493 *"It Is Well with My Soul"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts/debtors)*

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

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 20:24-31 #883 Marcia Ramsey

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"Grace Medley"*

(no. 201 verses 1, 4; no. 202 verses 1,2,4)

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "JESUS AMONG HIS DISCIPLES, PART 2"

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: #358 *"I Am Thine, O Lord"*

Caring for Us

Caring for Others

Praising God

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"*, 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

Pulpit Supply	Rev. Monica Harmon
Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Choir Director	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Marcia Ramsey
Ushers	Lynn Hollstein, Karen Geduldig, Lewis Zeller, Susan Cherry

Church News

Please note that there will be a Hall/Sanctuary rental next Sunday, April 21 from 1:45-5:45 PM. Dave Rice is Monitor.

Ponderings about St. Peter's

Spring is here and we are all enjoying the rebirth of the flower beds around our church and the fruits of the labors of St. Peter's gardeners and ground crew. Did you know that in the past the church has received recognition for these efforts?

In February of 2007 Amherst City Council recognized St. Peter's U.C.C. for the landscaping done around the church in celebration of their 150th year as a church.

St. Peter's UCC Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, April 20 from 4-6 PM | \$12 ticket

Ticket sales end tomorrow!

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. Dinner includes 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! *Thank you for supporting your church!*

Rummage Sale Cancelled

Fellow Church Members, it has been decided that the rummage sale that was scheduled in July will be cancelled, due to renovations in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions can be directed to Sue Conkle, or Geoff Gatz. Thank you.

“Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”

St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter

2726 Caroline Ave., Lorain

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month volunteers help feed the hungry. This week on **Wednesday, April 17th**, 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!

Coffee Chats

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

April Coffee Hour Donations

Please note that the April Coffee Hour donations will be going for lawn care this year. *Thank you for your generosity!*

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!

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.

Solar Eclipse Glasses wanted!

Please bring your solar eclipse glasses to the church. They will be collected by me for Firelands High School who is going to send them to Latin America for their next eclipse in August. *Thank you! Mary-K Kirsch*

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!*



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 15 Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
Council Meeting, Zoom, 7 PM
- Tues., April 16 Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
- Wed., April 17 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
St. Elizabeth Shelter Homeless Meal, 4:30 PM
- Thurs., April 18 YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM
No Handbell Choir Rehearsal | Preschool Conferences
- Fri., April 19 Preschool Conferences
- Sat., April 20 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, 4-6 PM**
- Sun., April 21 Worship Service, 10 AM
Sanctuary/Hall Rental, Eagle Scout, 1:45-5:45 PM
Dave Rice, Event Monitor

How To Reach Us

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

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Website: www.stpetersamherst.org

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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.

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

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