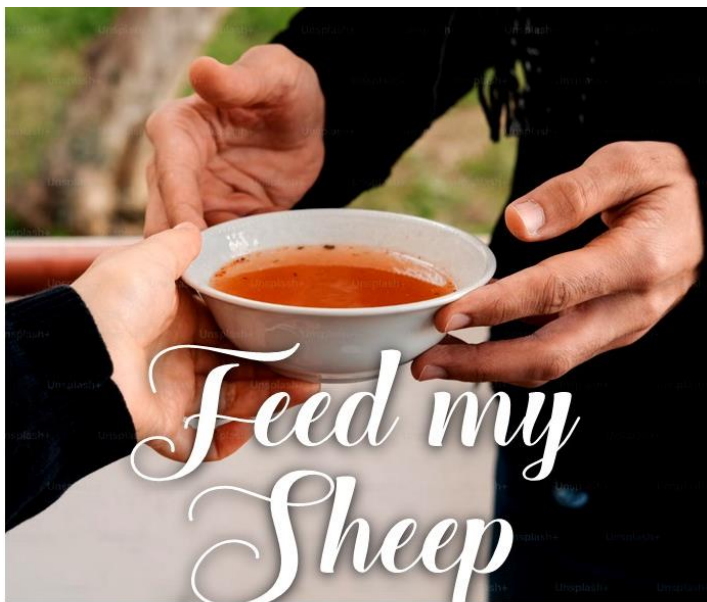




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JOHN 21:15-17

“When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.”

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April 28, 2024  
Fifth 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: *"Diapason Movement", Green*

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

Leader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from helping me, from the  
words of my groaning?

**People: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
and by night, but find no rest.**

Leader: Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**People: In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted,  
and you delivered them.**

Leader: To you they cried, and were saved;  
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #97 *"Blessed Assurance"*

\* **MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison) Joan Whitman*

Eternal Spirit of the universe, we thank you that you do not leave us alone but place your world within us and in the midst of our life together. You are no statue made of silver or gold, but a living reality on the face of the earth. Give us courage and commitment to let your winds blow through us and to let your life be revealed among us. Empowered by your Spirit, may we care for the needs of all people, grant us your peace through Jesus who lives among us. Amen.

Choral Response: *Gloria Patri* #623

*(Please be seated)*

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #425 *"I Come To The Garden Alone"*

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

Choral Response: *"Denmark Amen"*

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 21:15-17 #884 Joan Whitman

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"It is Well with My Soul"* #493

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "JESUS AMONG HIS DISCIPLES, PART 4"

## **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: #284 *"They'll Know We are Christians  
by Our Love"*

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	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	Joan Whitman
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Lewis Zeller, Judy McCurdy, Susan Cherry

Church  News

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**Ponderings about St. Peter's**

*See insert for "Pearls of Wisdom".*

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## 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*

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## 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!*

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

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**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.*

## Carol Struck, Guest Lay Minister

Carol Struck will be here next Sunday, May 5 to lead worship. It will be Communion Sunday. We hope everyone will be able to join us. Please give her a warm welcome.

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## 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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A very special **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped or participated in the first fundraiser for our church! It was successful *because* so many people helped by cooking, shopping, planning, set up, serving, making tickets and flyers, and so much more. *And, we had fun, too.* Laughter was the key in doing the work, for we enjoyed what we were doing. It was not just the financial gain to the church, but the feeling of *camaraderie and fellowship* that was important. And, to those who bought the tickets, your support was also an important part of this venture. Our goal was to sell 100 tickets and we reached that goal. Fundraisers have become a way to increase the stewardship of any church, and we have a good start on future fundraisers. Please don't hesitate to offer your help with our next fundraiser.

—Christine Burman, Your Council President

**St. Peter Parish, Choral Spectrum** invites you to join us for our final concert of the '23-'24 Season, *“Water, Water Everywhere.”* **May 5 at 3PM, 3655 Oberlin Ave., Lorain.** Featuring music from the Renaissance to the modern day. 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!

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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!*

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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., April 29 Communion Visits, 1-4 PM  
Tues., April 30 Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM  
Wed., May 1 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM  
Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM  
Thurs., May 2 Compassionate Care Meeting, Fireside, 10:30 AM  
YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM  
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 7 PM  
Sun., May 5 Worship Service, 10 AM, Carol Struck

## **How To Reach Us**

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

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**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.*

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Kaye Oswald, Church Office Administrator  
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