



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Peace be with you!

“After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”



April 7, 2024
Second 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: *“All Glory be to God Alone”, Schack*

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

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts
with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #345 *“Blessed Assurance”*

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

We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory. We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ, whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news Born to Mary our sister and to Joseph our brother in faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your Word to suffer and die on the cross for us, to be raised from death on the third day and then to live in glory. Amen.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #195 *"Nothing But the Blood"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 20:19-23 #883

HANDBELL CHOIR: *"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"*, Maryton H. Percy Smith, Arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "JESUS AMONG HIS DISCIPLES, PART 1"

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: #66 *"To God be the Glory"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Andante", Krieger
(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	Neil Wasilk
Ushers	Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz Fred Helyes, Judy McCurdy

Church News

Ponderings about St. Peter's

Have you ever wondered if the opening of our services each Sunday varied in format from week to week? In digging through old church bulletins, I have discovered that they did. For example, in the 1990s there was a "Thought Before Worship" listed before the Prelude. Below is the one from May 6, 1990.

“When the prelude begins keep silent friend, for some have come to cast their cares on God, and some to praise from thankful hearts, and some ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ to pray. Keep silence – let him speak to every heart – perhaps to YOU.”

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!*

Rummage Sale **Saturday, July 20 from 9 AM-3 PM**

Fellow Church Members, as you Spring Clean your house, 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. Be sure to mark your calendar! No clothing or shoes please. **Questions?** Please contact: Sue Conkle (440) 537-1749 or Kaye (440) 988-4965. Thank you!



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

Thank You from the Altar Guild

The Altar Guild would like to thank Mary-K Kirsch for the attractive arrangement in the chancel vases.

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 8 No Preschool
 Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
- Tues., April 9 Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
- Wed., April 10 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM
 Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., April 11 YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM
 No Handbell Rehearsal
- Sun., April 14 Worship Service, 10 AM

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.

Christine Burman, Church Council President
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Kaye Oswald, Church Office Administrator
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