



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



IS IT WORTH IT?

*A Nobler Sense of Purpose*

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May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\*(Stand as you are able.)*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Greeting      Announcements      Birthdays      Anniversaries*

Mary-K Kirsch: *"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"*

PRELUDE: *"Larghetto"*, G. F. Handel

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

Leader: The God of heaven and earth calls us together.  
We come to explore matters of the Spirit.

**People: There is so much we do not know or understand.  
So much of God is unknown to us.**

Leader: Let us look carefully at the objects of our worship.  
Our attention is easily diverted from God.

**People: We want to worship the One who gives us breath.  
We reach for the Reality beyond our knowing.**

Leader: In God we live and move and have our being.  
All that we have and are comes from God.

**People: God is not limited to shrines made by us.  
God is everywhere present in the whole universe.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #262 *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

\***MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)* Susan Cherry

Satisfy us this morning with your steadfast love, O God. Gracious God, our helper, we greet you this morning with joy and thanksgiving. We feel you entering our hearts and minds, and anticipate your teaching. Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For great is our Lord and greatly to be praised. Amen.

Choral Response: *Gloria Patri* #623

*(Please be seated)*

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #492 *"Thou Wilt Keep Him in  
Perfect Peace"*

**PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER** Judy McCurdy

Choral Response: *"Denmark Amen"*

**A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD** Susan Cherry

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 SAMUEL 11: 14-17, 25-27

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: MATTHEW 26: 14-16, 47-56

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"Jesus is Lord of All"*

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "A NOBLER SENSE OF PURPOSE"

**A TIME OF GIVING**

OFFERING INVITATION Christine Burman

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 Christine Burman

**A TIME OF GOING OUT**

THE PEACE OF CHRIST Judy McCurdy

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

\*HYMN SENDING FORTH: #277 *"The Church's One Foundation"*

BENEDICTION Judy McCurdy

POSTLUDE: "Praeludium", Seger

*(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**

Guest Worship Leader	Allen Cadwallader
Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Choir Director	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Susan Cherry
Ushers	Linda Gatz, Geoff Gatz Earl Wiegand

# Church News

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**Join us for a Potluck Feast on May 26!**

Mark your calendar for our potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall on May 26 after worship. Bring your favorite dish to share. Great Food & Fellowship! Drinks will be provided and everyone is welcome.



Today, we celebrate the loving sacrifice of all mothers, both biological and spiritual, and those who are now in Heaven. We pray our living mothers have joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless devotion of motherhood. May all mothers feel appreciated and honored not just today, but every day.

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## **Ponderings about St. Peter's**

*With Mother's Day upon us, how many of you remember the "Mother and Daughter Banquets" held by St. Peter's? I know some of you have told me about them, so I decided to research their history.*

The 1st "Mother and Daughter Banquet" was held in the basement of St. Peter's in 1923. There were 200 attendees. In 1924 the banquet was conducted by the Philathea class which was a Bible class of women that met in the church parlors on Thursday evenings. Because of a lack of room at the church the event was held in the high school auditorium (Central School). 226 ladies attended and Grandma Deuscher, as the oldest mother there, received a basket of flowers.

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

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## **Join our Bible Study Group!**

Our group still meets *every* Tuesday at 7 PM on Zoom. The credentials are the same as Sunday worship:  
**Zoom: Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 | Passcode: 379205**  
(or call in with phone: 1 929 205 6099)

## **Strengthen the Church Offering**

Next Sunday we will take up the Strengthen the Church Offering which reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to build up the UCC. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

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## **Carol Struck, Guest Lay Minister**

Carol will return next Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> to lead worship with us again. Please give her a warm welcome!

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## **St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter**

2726 Caroline Ave., Lorain

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month volunteers help feed the hungry. This week on **Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**, 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!

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## **Summer Hospitality Host & Hostess**

There will be a signup sheet outside the church office for anyone willing to host a **Sunday Coffee Hour** in June, July, or August. The donations will go towards the beautification of the church grounds. Thank you to volunteers and donors!

# YOGA with Mary-K

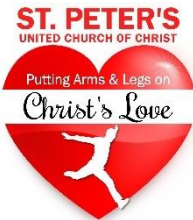
St. Peter's UCC, enter Chapel door to the lower level | Cost: \$10  
Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM (arrive by 8:25 AM)  
Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM (arrive by 5:55 PM)

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!*

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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**  
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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., May 13	Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
Tues., May 14	Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
Wed., May 15	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter, 4:30 PM
Thurs., May 16	YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 7 PM
Sun., May 19	Worship Service, 10 AM, Carol Struck

*We are currently searching for a new pastor. If you need help, please contact either Christine or Kaye at the phone numbers below.*

## 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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