



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



May 19, 2024

"How Great is Our Faith?"

Pentecost serves as an annual reminder that our Creator still works miracles, granting His Spirit to those called to be the firstfruits of His spiritual harvest, empowering them to carry out His work in this world.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

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

PRELUDE: *"Voluntary in D minor",* Boyce

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

Leader: He who is faithful in a little,

People: Is faithful also in much.

Leader: And, if you have not been faithful in use of another's,

People: Who will give you that which is your own?

Leader: Be faithful until death,

People: And you will be given the crown of life forever.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #43 *"Great Is Our Faithfulness"*

***MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)* Judy McCurdy

Be with us this morning as we share your words of faith and trust. We know you are good to us all the time and tell us what we must do to have everlasting goodness here on earth. We know you are with us in times of pain and sorrow and we have faith that you will help us become better servants to others who are in need. In your name we pray. Amen.

(Please be seated)

*HYMN OF MEDITATION: #408 *"Have Faith In God"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD Judy McCurdy

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: PSALMS 100:4-5 #481

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: ROMANS 3:27-31 #916

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "HOW GREAT IS OUR FAITH?"

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION "*Strengthen the Church Offering*"

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: #279 "*Faith of Our Fathers*"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "*Siciliano*", Alcock

(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

Lay Minister	Carol Struck
Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Choir Director	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Judy McCurdy
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Lynda Helyes Judy McCurdy, Dave Rice

Church News



Flowers on the Altar

May 22nd will be three years since the passing of Crystal Diaz. She is deeply missed. Flowers on the altar are given in *loving memory* from her beloved husband, Art Diaz and his family. May God comfort the hearts of



family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

“A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again.” -Maya Angelou

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!

The only Christian you want to listen to is the one who gives you more of a hunger for God.



Today is PENTECOST SUNDAY
STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFEREING
and MENTAL HEALTH SUNDAY

Carol Struck, Guest Lay Minister

I have 4 children and 11 grandchildren. In 1965 I was married at what was then St. Paul UCC in Elyria, which is now called Community of Faith, since 3 churches have joined together. For 12 years my husband Bob and I lived in McCormick, SC where I took classes to become a lay minister through studies. I was a pastor at Bordeaux Church for six years, since they could not afford paying a minister and helped them grow. Sharing with people, their Bible studies, and serving the Lord on Sundays became my important gift to them, until I moved back to Elyria two years ago. Hopefully, I will be able to help St. Peter's UCC in the coming months with God's leadership.

Join us for a Potluck Feast on May 26!

Join us next Sunday after worship. Bring your favorite dish to share. Great Food & Fellowship! Drinks will be provided.

Ponderings about St. Peter's

Do you ever think about the "Pearl's of Wisdom" you received from your elders when you were younger?

Here are some the Rev. Soell shared 100 years ago (1924) with the people of St. Peter's.

- I would rather have worldly minded people sneer at me on earth for a while, than to have devils in hell laugh at me throughout eternity.
- If God would lift the curtain and allow some men and women to see how near they are to the coffin, they would turn pale.
- The church does not need more men, or more women, as much as it needs men and women who are true to God.
- A heathen is a person who has no consciousness of God. Many of them have white skins, live on this side of the pond, and are cultured and educated.
- We read that people would not listen to Noah's preaching until the creek got up and then they wanted to get into his boat.

Strengthen the Church Offering

This Offering 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. *Thank you.*

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)

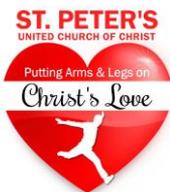
Circle Six Meeting, June 4 at 6:00 PM

Please make a note of the following change to Circle Six's June meeting. The Schoepfle Tram tour will not work for our meeting schedule. Therefore, we will reschedule it for some time in the summer as an extra outing.

Our June meeting will now be held on Tuesday, June 4 in Fellowship Hall. **Please arrive at 6:00 to help set up and then we will have a short meeting at 6:30.** At 7:00 Linda Gatz will provide us with a presentation of hers and Geoff's trip to Poland, including pictures. The congregation is invited to join us for the presentation. Circle Six members please bring finger snacks to share.

Please fill out the Participation cards and drop into the offering plate. *Cards should be filled out weekly.* Thank you!

"When leaving 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., May 20	Communion Visits, 1-4 PM Council Meeting, Zoom, 7 PM
Tues., May 21	Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
Wed., May 22	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
Thurs., May 23	Preschool Picnic morning & afternoon class YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM
Fri., May 24	Preschool Picnic morning class
Sun., May 26	Worship Service, 10 AM, Rev. Kathryn Ketchum

How To Reach Us

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