



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**JESUS
ANSWERED**



“Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

May 26, 2024 | TRINITY SUNDAY

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: *"Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death", Zachau*

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

Leader: Why are you here?

People: We're here to celebrate the presence of the risen Christ.

Leader: How do you know Christ is here?

People: Just look around, friend. When we look into the eyes of our brothers and sisters, we see Jesus, and share the Spirit. Praise God, and celebrate with us! Alleluia! Amen.

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

***MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison) Vicki Zeller*

Holy God, we recognize your glorious presence in the vastness of the universe, and in the quiet mornings at the kitchen table. We see your power and strength in the majestic mountains, and in the moments when we're too tired to take one more step. You come to us in the biggest ways, and in the smallest details. Forgive us when we forget to watch for your presence. Remind us again of your constant love for us, in the most glorious days, and in the darkest of nights. For always and everywhere, we are in the presence of your Spirit, and are being redeemed again and again by your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Choral Response: *Gloria Patri #623*

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #43 *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD’S PRAYER

Choral Response: *“Denmark Amen”*

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD Vicki Zeller

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 6:1-8

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 3:1-17

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“Grace Medley”*

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

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: #202 *“Amazing Grace”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“What God Ordains is Always Good”*, Marpurg
(Please remain seated “quietly” during the postlude.)

HONOR QUILT: Recipient, Bill Carpenter, *Presented by Teri
Walter and Kaye Koler*

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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

Guest Minister	Rev. Kathryn Ketchum
Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Choir Director	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Vicki Zeller
Ushers	Lewis Zeller, Judy McCurdy, Susan Cherry

Church News

Summer Hospitality Host/Hostess

There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen 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.

Rev. Kathryn Ketchum

Guest Minister

(Kathy will also be here June 9, 16, & 23)

Kathy grew up in Elyria, graduated from Centenary College in Louisiana, and then received her Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta. She served United Methodist churches in the Louisiana Conference until 1996, when she returned to Ohio. “The food and the people were wonderful! The heat, humidity and fire ants were NOT.”

Kathy transferred her ministerial orders to the UCC in 2001, serving Pilgrim church in Elyria, and working as a Christian counselor in a private practice. In 2016, she resigned from the practice, and became the full-time pastor at the newly formed Community of Faith UCC in Elyria. After her retirement last July, she has found every day brings something new.

“God continues to intrigue, inspire and guide me in the ways of grace. I’m looking forward to sharing worship with St. Peter’s!”

Ponderings about St. Peter’s

Do you remember where the “Narthex” is? How about what the “Petrine Cross” is?



In reading some of the histories of our church I found an article that said one of the “most striking” features of St. Peter’s was the inverted cross in the narthex. So, I checked it out and invite you to do the same. The narthex is located as you enter the church building up the grand stairs from Church

Street. Above the doors to the sanctuary, you will find the “Petrine Cross.” St. Peter’s request was to be crucified upside down so as not to imitate Jesus. The keys represent the keys to heaven. Matthew 16:19.



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



Monday, May 27th

The office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day, as we remember *and* honor the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces.

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.

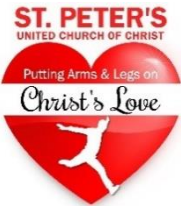
Our June meeting will now be held on Tuesday, June 4 in Fellowship Hall. **Please arrive at 6:00 to help set up and then we will have a short meeting at 6:30.** At 7:00 Linda Gatz will provide us with a presentation of hers and Geoff's trip to Poland, including pictures. The congregation is invited to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

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!

“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 27	Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
Tues., May 28	Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
Wed., May 29	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
Thurs., May 30	YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM
Sun., June 2	Worship Service, 10 AM Special Service by the Handbell Choir

How To Reach Us

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

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