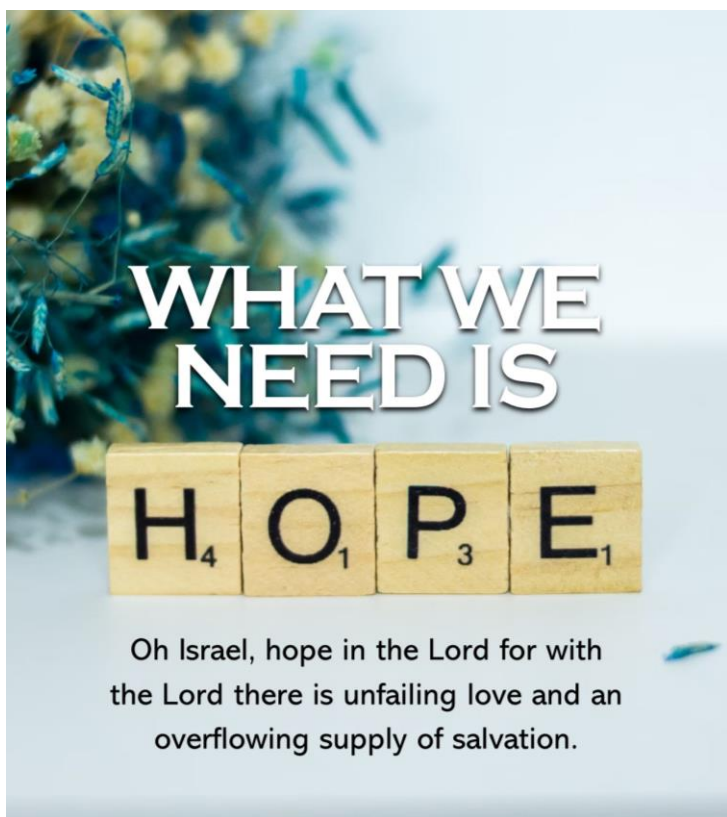




**ST. PETER'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Oh Israel, hope in the Lord for with  
the Lord there is unfailing love and an  
overflowing supply of salvation.

May 5, 2024  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

# 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: *“Christ Lag in Todesbanden”, Zachau*

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

Leader: Beautiful is all of God’s creation.

**People: Beautiful are we the children of God.**

Leader: Blessed are the hopes of God’s people.

**People: Blessed are we to have been forgiven of our sins.**

Leader: Let us praise our Lord and be thankful for today.

**People: And for being able to worship together in  
our Lord’s house.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #406 *“My Hope Is in the Lord”*

\* **MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison) Pam Miskov*

*Let us pray:* Praise be to you God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In your great mercy give us new birth into living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Give us hope that our inheritance is kept in heaven for us. Shield us with faith by your power for we have faith and hope that all will be well again, even if we now must suffer grief in things happening in our world today. Please give others hope also, hope that America may become strong with leadership following *your* rules. May *your* will be done, and in this we pray in your name.  
AMEN.

*(Please be seated)*

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #4 *“How Great Thou Art”*

**A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD** Pam Miskov

PSALTER LESSON: PSALM 130; 5-7 #500

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 2<sup>ND</sup> THESSALONIANS 2:16-17 #962

HANDBELL CHOIR: *“Morning Has Broken”*, by Douglas E. Wagner

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: “WHAT WE NEED IS HOPE”

## **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**

As we join in taking communion this morning,  
let us share in a moment of silence.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**People: It is right to give our Thanks and Praise.**

WORDS FROM CAROL STRUCK

THE LORD'S 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: #220 *"He Lives"*

BENEDICTION

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

*(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

Visiting Pastor	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	Pam Miskov
Ushers	Earl Wiegand, Fred Helyes, Lynda Helyes

# Church News

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

*Did you ever wonder about what kind of financial challenges St. Peter's had in its past. Or better yet, how did they meet these challenges? Here is an early example.*

In August 1923 the congregation was informed that the heating system of the church had "served admirably well during the course of years" but had reached a "stage beyond repair". The Church Council had researched the problem and the solution; and awarded a contract to Schmidtin Bros of Toledo at a cost of \$3635.00 cash. (\$1.00 in 1923 would be \$18.15 today.) The contract was for a hot air and ventilating system "guaranteed to heat the entire church property". To reduce the cost some of the men "promised to come out after supper to do the necessary work of enlarging the fuel room".

In September on the afternoon of the 9th, 90 church members were visited to solicit contributions and all but \$1103.00 was raised. It was reported that four people gave \$100 each and six \$50. In October the congregation was asked to dig deeper and an "installment plan" was offered. In January 1924 the Treasurer reported that the heating system had been paid for but that the church had had to take out a loan for \$618.00. Everyone was encouraged to give a dollar a month to retire the debt.

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## **Update - Potluck Dinner is May 26**

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

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Coffee Chats 

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

## 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.

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Please note that Audrey Korbel will be renting the Hall/Sanctuary this afternoon from 2-6:00 PM. Her son William will be receiving his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Geoff Gatz will be the Event Monitor. Thank you Geoff!

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**St. Peter Parish, Choral Spectrum** invites you to join us for our final concert of the '23-'24 Season, "*Water, Water Everywhere.*" **Today 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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## 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

Circle Six's next meeting is **Tuesday, May 7 at 6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Nataliia Kobiakova will be sharing her favorite recipe with us. This meeting is open to members only and members are asked to please bring a finger snack to share.

*Thank you, Sally Readinger, President*

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., May 6	Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
Tues., May 7	Circle Six Meeting, 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
Wed., May 8	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
Thurs., May 9	YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM No Handbell Rehearsal
Sun., May 12	Worship Service, 10 AM, Allen Cadwallader

## 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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*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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