



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



HE ALSO SAID,  
"WITH WHAT CAN WE COMPARE THE  
KINGDOM OF GOD, OR WHAT PARABLE  
WILL WE USE FOR IT?"

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June 16, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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# 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

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

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

**People: And sing praises to God's name with the music of the lute and the harp and the lyre.**

Leader: Well, there isn't a lute or a harp here.  
And there isn't a lyre around for miles.

**People: Yes, but Psalm 22 says God will inhabit our praise. Even without the lute, harp and lyre, God will bless us. Make a joyful noise with us, and experience the presence of God! Alleluia! Amen**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #29 *"Glorify Thy Name"*

\***MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison) Sue Conkle*

Creator God, we are people with big dreams. We experience the faith, hope and love of your Spirit, and we know you hold our future in your hands. But now and then, we get distracted by doubt, despair and bitterness. We are human after all! So Lord, you'll need to remind us... We are human! Made in your image! Capable of growing to be great disciples doing humble things for Christ. Remind us that with you, all things are possible. In Jesus' name. Amen.

***(Please be seated)***

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #382 *“Be Thou My Vision”*

**PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MARK 4:26-34

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: REV. KATHY KETCHUM

**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: #402 *“The Solid Rock”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*(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 Pastor	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	Sue Conkle
Ushers	Geoff Gatz, Don Ramsey Linda Gatz, Dave Rice

# Church News

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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!



**Thanks to all the fathers who...**Stepped up, plugged in, held on, forged ahead, committed to, learned how, embraced all, encountered much, battled through, held tight, loved soft, never quit, backed off, let loose, braved courage, faced fears, prayed for, tightened up, loosened reigns, remembered when, helped often, inspired much, led forward, stayed true, taught morals, found strength, said yes, valued life, reasoned well, gave in, made time, had fun, helped out, played fair, took care, provided plenty, let go, stood up, swallowed pride, changed paths, took risks, dug deep, went easy, pushed forward, fought for, carried burdens, kept going, dreamed big, never quit, shed tears, forgave often, found patience, shined light, suffered pain, made dates, had faith, showed respect, wrote notes, held hands, stayed safe, laughed loud, lost sleep, slowed down, tackled chores, tried hard, let win, chose right, opened up, gave grace, got involved, gave your all...

*For the true integrity of a man  
is measured by such things.*

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**Rev. Kathryn Ketchum  
Guest Minister**

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

Kathy will return to lead worship next Sunday.

Thank you Kathy!

# Ponderings about St. Peter's

*Have you ever turned around in your pew to look at the back of the sanctuary? Did anything stand out to you other than Brian; and if you look up Tom and Mary-K in the balcony?*

The Illuminated Cross that hangs from our balcony has been there since 1935 when it was present to St. Peter's by Alyce Jaeger in honor of Mr. & Mrs. George Neiding.

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

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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, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM**, we will not need volunteer(s) to bake cookies, as we will be serving ice cream through the summer to give our bakers a much needed break. 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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## 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)

# Help Feed our Children!

THERE IS A REAL NEED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS  
for the CHILDREN'S WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM.

- . Single Serving PB & Jelly
- . Peanut Butter Crackers
- . Canned Soup (Pop top lids)
- . Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids)
- . Mac & Cheese (Microwavable)
- . Individual Cereals
- . Granola Bars
- . Fruit Cups & Jello Cups
- . Oatmeal Packages
- . Small Bag Pretzels
- . Small Bag Chips

Please leave your  
donations  
in the drop boxes  
at church.

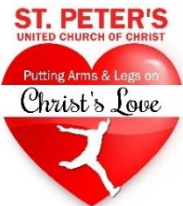


We are also collecting 'regular food items' for families with food insecurities. Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. Pam Miskov will make sure donations are delivered. *Thanks to Pam and everyone who donates.*

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!*

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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., June 17	Communion Visits, 1-4 PM Council Meeting, Zoom, 7 PM
Tues., June 18	Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
Wed., June 19	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM St. Elizabeth Shelter, meal served 4:30 PM
Thurs., June 20	YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM
Sun., June 23	Worship Service, 10 AM, Rev. Kathryn Ketchum

## How To Reach Us

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*Please remember St. Peter's UCC in your estate planning.*