



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



June 2, 2024

Second Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

Shelley: "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.) Shelley Harmych*

Leader: Arise, people of God, to greet the one who calls us;
come alive to the Spirit's energy among us.

**People: God awakens us and restores our souls.
Surely God's goodness and mercy are with us here.**

Leader: The shepherd is calling us to new ventures.
We are invited to a higher quality of life.

**People: We will not fear to walk through shadowed valleys.
God's love in Christ is with us everywhere.**

Leader: Come to drink from springs of living water.
Gather to find comfort and blessing here.

**People: Surely God will guide our search for truth.
We seek eternal values within our daily walks.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #590 *"This is the Day"*

***MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison) Shelley Harmych*

Draw us together, Eternal One, from paths of aimless wandering.
Lead us today toward the community you intend. Draw the
fragments of our lives together into some meaningful whole. Help
us deal with present concerns in constructive ways yet point us
beyond ourselves to engage with you in larger issues. Help us feel
the hunger and thirst of others; then lead your church to make a
caring response. May your love fill us and overflow into other
lives. Amen.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF MEDITATION: *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* #1

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

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD Shelley Harmych

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: JOSHUA 6:1-2, 6-7, 25

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: HEBREWS 11:30-31

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: *“Joshua, Jericho, and the Walls”*
by Tammy Waldrop; Joshua-Tom Jewell, & the Handbell Choir

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 TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING THE MEAL Judy McCurdy & Pam Miskov

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST Christine Burman
(We offer one another the peace of Christ for the week ahead.)

*HYMN SENDING FORTH: #602 *"God Be With You"*

BENEDICTION Judy McCurdy

POSTLUDE: *"What God Ordains is Always Good"*, Marpurg
(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

Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Choir Director	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Shelley Harmych
Ushers	Linda Gatz, Geoff Gatz, Betty Pekare

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
June 9, 16, and 23

Ponderings about St. Peter's

Marriage is one of the sacraments of the church. Have there been things St. Peter's has done in our past to support or recognize the importance of this? Here are some items I have discovered. In 1964 the importance of a Christian Marriage was supported by sharing some statistics with the congregation. The divorce rate in 1964 was 33%, but in Christian marriages it was 20-25%. (Today the divorce rate is around 50%.) On May 10, 1964 all the couples celebrating their 5th or multiple of 5 Wedding Anniversary were invited to the 11:00 service and were seated in a reserved section at the front of the church. I also discovered one of our minister's "Ten Commandments for a Successful Marriage":

- I. Thou Shalt Understand What Marriage Really Is
- II. Thou Shalt Accept Each Other For What Each Other Is
- III. Thou Shalt Talk Things Through
- IV. Thou Shalt Trust One Another
- V. Thou Shalt Forgive One Another
- VI. Thou Shalt Develop A Sense of Humor
- VII. Thou Shalt Be Loyal To One Another
- VIII. Thou Shalt Take The Positive Approach
- IX. Thou Shalt Cultivate Thy Romance
- X. Thou Shalt Make Thine A Christian Marriage



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



A Message from the Garden Team

Thank you to all who recently donated red geraniums and those who helped plant them. They are in front of the parsonage and are greatly appreciated. *Sincerely, Sue Conkle*

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)

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Please note I will be out of the office next week on Wednesday and Thursday, June 5th and 6th for vacation. If you need anything, please leave me a message, or a note on my desk, and I'll be happy to return your call on Friday.
Thank you, Kaye

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., June 3 Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
- Tues., June 4 Circle Six Meeting, 6 PM
Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
- Wed., June 5 Kaye vacation day, office closed
YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., June 6 Kaye vacation day, office closed
YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM
Compassionate Care Meeting, Fireside, 10:30 AM
- Sun., June 9 Worship Service, 10 AM, Rev. Kathryn Ketchum

How To Reach Us

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