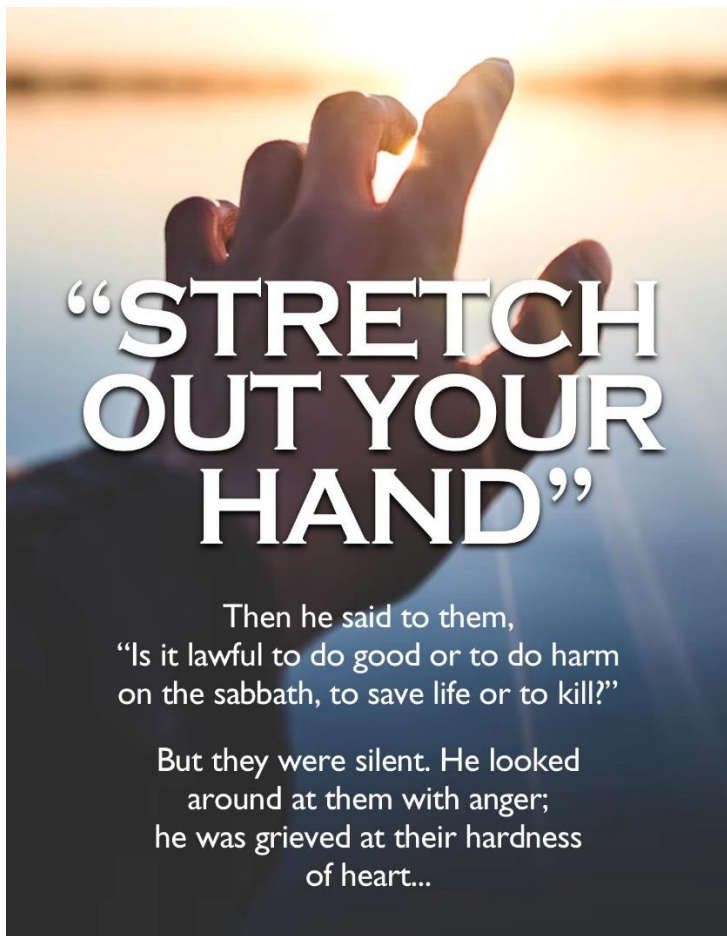




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# “STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND”

Then he said to them,  
“Is it lawful to do good or to do harm  
on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?”

But they were silent. He looked  
around at them with anger;  
he was grieved at their hardness  
of heart...

June 9, 2024

Third Sunday after Pentecost

# 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.)* Neil Wasilk

Leader: Why are you here?

**People: We're here to hear! We're listening for the  
voice of the living Word.**

Leader: What do you think that voice will say?

**People: The Word of God challenges, comforts, encourages  
and inspires. We expect to be called to joyful  
discipleship. Join us! Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #8 *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

\***MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)* Neil Wasilk

Creator God, who has loved us from the beginning, it's a bit scary to be known as you know us... You know our ways and our thoughts, our habits and our rituals. So, you know when we are genuinely loving, and when we aren't. Remind us of the security that comes with being faithful to your call in our lives. Because sometimes, we think we have a better plan, and turn away from your call. That's when things slide off the rails, and we wonder why. Real security comes when we follow your call, and follow your way. Thanks for loving us, even when we've wandered. And help us to be faithful. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Choral Response: *Gloria Patri #623*

***(Please be seated)***

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #259 *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

**PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Choral Response: *"Spiritual Amen"*

**A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: GENESIS 3:8-15 #2

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MARK 3:2-35 #814

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: #375 *"Jesus Calls Us"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*(Please remain seated "quietly" during the postlude.)*



*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 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	Neil Wasilk
Ushers	Linda Gatz, Geoff Gatz, Susan Cherry

# Church News

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## **Summer Hospitality Host/Hostess**

There is a signup 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**

*“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 on June 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you Kathy!

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## **Ponderings about St. Peter’s**

*When you are worried about your pet(s) have you ever thought to have them blessed? Can any pet no matter how big or small be blessed?*

From an October 2011 newspaper article, I discovered that Rev. Mark Pemberton, of St. Peter’s UCC, did a “Blessing of Pets”. Recorded were the blessings of 6-month-old “Chloe”, owner Sally Readinger; lizards “Spike & Kalye” belonging to Jacob Vargas; some roaches; and some crabs.

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## **Templed Hills Camp and Retreat Center**

You can still book your 2024 Summer and Fall Retreats or Events at Templed Hills! They have a wonderful camp in Bellville, Ohio. They welcome your reservations and rentals. Templed Hills offers more than just pre-scheduled summer camps. Grandparents, Grandkids’ camp in June & July and Family Camp is in July. Please contact Jill Frey, [jill@heartlanducc.org](mailto:jill@heartlanducc.org), if you have questions. Or, check out their website at: <https://heartlanducc.org/templed-hills/>.



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

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### **A Note from Spiritual Life**

John 13:34 *“I give you a new commandment,  
that you love one another. Just as I have loved you,  
you also should love one another.”*

Last month I had a beautiful Communion visit with Sherry Spratt at Kingston in Vermilion. It was a great day for Sherry! We prayed together through the Sunday Worship bulletin, read scripture, and she received Communion. We were blessed with God’s loving presence and grace. We reminisced about our special times together at church. Before leaving she wanted me to say “Hi!” to her church family & friends. She is grateful for all the love, prayers, visits, cards and care packages sent her way. She sends her love & hugs to all of you!

*Blessings and Peace,*  
Pam Miskov on behalf of the Spiritual Life Team

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### **Usher Sign Up**

Just a reminder that the sign up sheet for Ushers is on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you are able, please sign up for a Sunday or two! Thank you.

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 10	Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
Tues., June 11	Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
Wed., June 12	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
Thurs., June 13	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM
Sun., June 16	Worship Service, 10 AM, Rev. Kathryn Ketchum Father's Day

## How To Reach Us

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