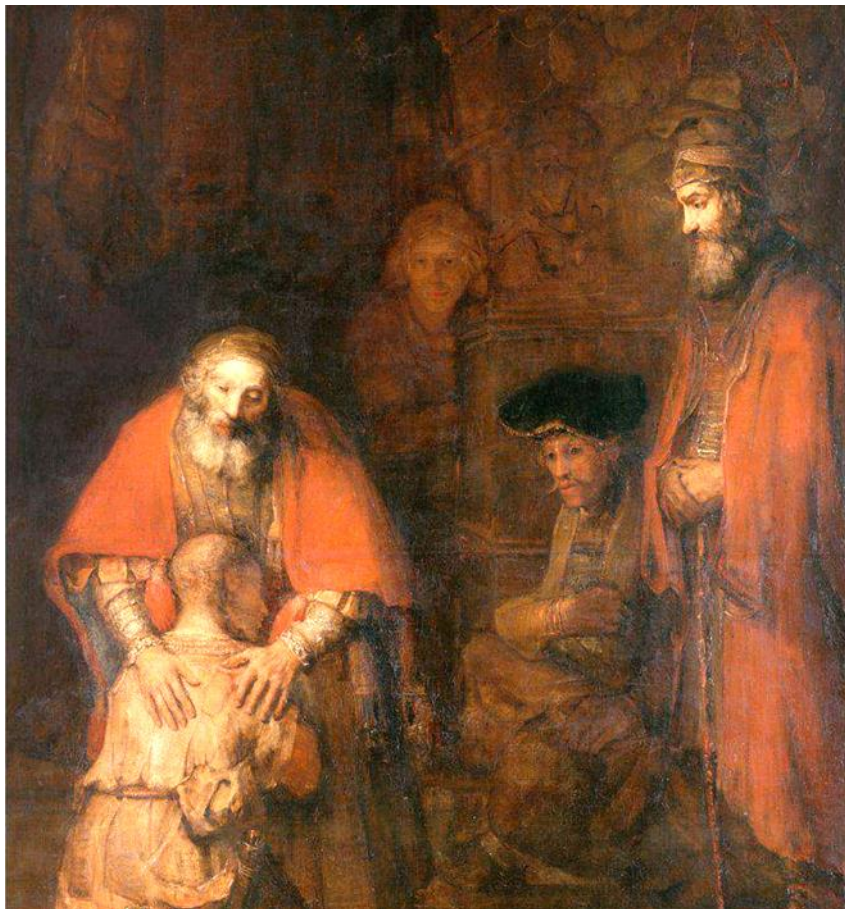




**ST. PETER'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



July 28, 2024  
Tenth 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.)* Joan Whitman  
(Based on Micah 6:6-8)

Leader: As children of God, let us worship God,  
the Source of Life and love.

**People: What shall we bring as we come before God?  
Are we to come before God with generous offerings  
of our money and time?  
Perhaps our music and dancing?  
Will God be pleased if we bow on our knees and  
confess our sins.**

Leader: Listen. God has made it abundantly clear  
what faithfulness to God is and  
what God expects of us...  
simply do justice,  
love kindness,  
and walk humbly with God.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE:** #211 *"O the Deep, Deep, Love of Jesus"*

**\*MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)* Joan Whitman

God, thank you for reminding us that faithfulness is more than  
worship, offerings, songs of praise, or building churches.  
It is about relationship and community, doing justice, loving  
kindness, and humbly walking with you daily. We thank you for  
loving us, for forgiving us, for the witness of Jesus, your walking

with us, for all your blessings and gifts... life, breath, family, community. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #326 *"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"*

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 15:11-32

*(From the Message Bible with added comments by Rev. Jim Cunningham)*

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "Who Are You in this Story?"

## **PASTORAL PRAYER      LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **A TIME OF GIVING**

PASTOR: 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)*

PASTOR: 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: #381 *“Open My Eyes, That I May See”*

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 Minister	Rev. Jim Cunningham
Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Choir Director	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Joan Whitman
Ushers	Linda Gatz, Geoff Gatz, Fred Helyes, Lynda Helyes

# 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!

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## Ponderings about St. Peter's

*Are you a happy person? Do you live in a happy home? The item below appeared in St. Peter's monthly newsletter in August 1929.*

Six things are requisite to create a happy home. **Integrity** must be the architect, and **tidiness** the upholsterer. It must be warmed by **affection**, and lightened up with **cheerfulness**, and **industry** must be the ventilator, renewing the atmosphere and bringing in fresh salubrity (health/well-being) day by day; while overall, as a protecting canopy and glory, nothing will suffice except **the blessing of God**.

Our sacrifice for the Lord is destroyed according to the measure of our dissatisfaction or discontent. "Godliness with contentment is great gain." When the moment comes that we are content with such things as we have, that is the time when our sacrifice becomes sweet and a source of happiness.

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Coffee Chats 

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

# 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.



## Thank you!

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 for all you do in helping others!

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## **Bible Study, 7 PM, Tuesdays on Zoom**

The weekly Bible Study will be continuing. Please join us any Tuesday for an interesting discussion on the Bible. Everyone is welcome to participate in the comfort of your home! All the sign in credentials will remain the same.

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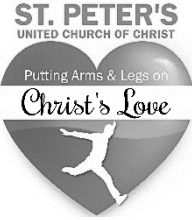
## **August Guest Ministers**

The Rev. Amanda Nagy will be returning to lead worship on August 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and Carol Struck will be returning on August 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

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**

# What's Happening

## This Week's Events

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Mon., July 29	Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
Tues., July 30	Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
Wed., July 31	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
Thurs., Aug. 1	YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM
Sun., Aug. 4	Worship Service, 10 AM, Rev. Amanda Nagy

*We are currently searching for a new pastor. If you need help, please contact either Christine or Kaye at the phone numbers below.*

## 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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