



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

**When the Holy Spirit  
controls our lives, he will produce  
this kind of fruit in us:**



LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE,  
**KINDNESS,**  
GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS,  
GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL

July 7, 2024  
Seventh 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.)* Susan Cherry

Leader: We are one as we come, joyful to be here.

**People: In the praise on our lips, there's a sense God is near.**

Leader: We are one as we sing. As we seek, we are found.

**People: And we come needful of God's grace as we meet  
together in This place.**

Leader: We are one as we share, brokenness and fear sometimes.

**People: Yet in the touch of a hand, there's a sense  
that God is here.**

Leader: We are one as we care, as we heal we are healed.

People: We share warmth in God's embrace as we pray  
together in This place.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #435** *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

**\*MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)* Susan Cherry

Dear Lord, as we pray this morning, we thank you for being with us giving us time to learn more about the importance of kindness and the ways we can serve you, help others and be a good and kind person to those we have challenges with at times. May we open our hearts and follow your example to the right way to be kind and giving. In your name we pray. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #323 *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

**A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD** Susan Cherry

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: PSALM 118:4-8 #492

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: GALATIANS 5:22, 25-26 #948

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: “WHAT IS KINDNESS?”

**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: #425 *"In the Garden"*

## 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 Lay Minister	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	Susan Cherry
Ushers	Lynn Hollstein, Christine Burman Geoff Gatz

# 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**

*I had a friend who often said that he missed Sunday morning church services because he was in the good company of "brother pillow" and "sister sheets." What excuses have you used for not attending church? The following is a list of some of the reasons for attending church on "Rainy Sundays" that was published in our church newsletter a little over 100 years ago.*

- \*I expect my minister to be there. I should be surprised if he were to stay at home for the weather.
- \*By staying away, I may lose the prayers which may bring God's blessing, and the sermon that would have done me great good.
- \*My presence is more needful on Sundays when here are fewer than on those days when the church is crowded.
- \*On any important business, rainy weather does not keep me at home, and church attendance is, in God's sight, very important.
- \*Among the crowd of pleasure seekers, I see that no weather keeps the delicate female from the ball, the party or the concert.
- \*I know not how many more Sundays God may give me, and it would be a poor preparation for my first Sunday in heaven to have slighted my last Sunday on earth.

# Coffee Chats

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

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## 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. Thank you Pam and everyone for all you do helping others!

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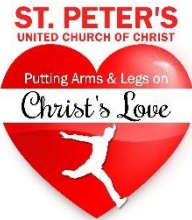
## Pulpit Supply for next Sunday

We are pleased to welcome back the Rev. Jim Cunningham next Sunday, July 14th to lead us in worship. As a reminder, Jim is retired from full-time ministry having served for 23 years as a Board Certified Health Care Chaplain and 15 years as a Parish Pastor in the United Church of Christ. He was Director of Pastoral Care at Fairview Hospital in Cleveland for 10 years. Jim has a B.A. degree from Heidelberg University, Tiffin OH, an M.Div. degree from Lancaster theological Seminary, Lancaster, PA and completed a one year health care residency program at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, IL. In retirement, Jim is guest preaching, and hosts 2 monthly on-line chat rooms for retired clergy. Jim and his spouse, Charlie, live in Westlake, Ohio with two cats.



Pictures from last Sunday for the hanging of the *new* American Flag *donated by the Amherst American Legion* flying proudly on our flagpole in front of the church. Thanks to Fred Helyes and Walter Beale!

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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., July 8	Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
Tues., July 9	Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
Wed., July 10	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
Thurs., July 11	YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM
Sun., July 14	Worship Service, 10 AM, Rev. Jim Cunningham

*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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