



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

DO NOT COMPLAIN  
AMONG YOURSELVES.

*Jesus is the  
Son of God.*

THEY WERE SAYING, "IS NOT THIS JESUS,  
THE SON OF JOSEPH, WHOSE FATHER AND  
MOTHER WE KNOW? HOW CAN HE NOW SAY,  
'I HAVE COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN'?"  
JESUS ANSWERED THEM, "DO NOT  
COMPLAIN AMONG YOURSELVES."

August 11, 2024

Twelfth 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.)* Sally Readinger

Leader: Wait for God, who deals gently with us.  
Watch for God's appearance among us.

**People: Out of the depths we cry out to God.  
Will God hear the voice of our supplications?**

Leader: In all times and places, we can rely on God.  
We can know steadfast love, here and now.

**People: We keep our morning watch together.  
We will support one another as we seek to know God.**

Leader: Find hope in God's power to redeem us.  
Give thanks for the new day God promises to us.

**People: Life's battles cannot destroy us.  
The losses we suffer are not the last word.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #58 *"This Is My Father's World"*

\***MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)* Sally Readinger

We come to you, Holy God, with our many needs. Some of us are people in authority with weighty decisions to make. Some of us are fighting battles we cannot win. Some have faced unexpected losses that tear at the very fabric of life. There are broken relationships among us, feelings we do not want to admit, realities we do not want to face. There are also joys we have not really celebrated, reasons to give thanks to which we have never

given voice. We come, O God, to be lifted out of our ruts and routines, seeking instead to find fullness of life with you. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #381 *“Open My Eyes, That I May See”*

**A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD** Sally Readinger

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 KINGS 19:4-8 #284

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 6:35, 41-51 #868

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: “A GEODE FAITH”

**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: #498 *"Peace Like A River"*

## 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

Organist

Zoom Director

Worship Producer

Handbell Choir Director

Choir Director

Scripture Reader

Ushers

Rev. Amanda Nagy

Allen Cadwallader

Mary K. Kirsch

Brian Schieferstein

Shelley Harmych

Jennifer Wasilk

Sally Readinger

Judy McCurdy, Susan Cherry,

Fred Helyes, Christine Burman

# 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**

*Below is an item from a St. Peter's June Newsletter which has no year on it; however, you might enjoy the following that was contained in it? I wonder how many of you remember all these brands.*

### **SERMON IN SOAP**

DUZ you DREFT with the TIDE? VEL now is the time to CHEER up. If you want real JOY, the TREND is to BREEZE to Church on Sunday. Too many people WOODBURY their heads in a pillow or work to make their cars SPARKLE, forgetting that the Lord's Day is for LESTOIL. When the Lord is put first, a DOVE will never go S.O.S. Maybe we ought to DIAL you to remind you of the IVORY palaces yonder. Worship is your LIFEBOUY, so WISK yourself out of bed next Sunday. Dress SPIC & SPAN and DASH like a COMET to Sunday School and Church. As you sing praises to God and hear His word, you'll feel like MR. CLEAN all over.

**Thanks to BUBBLES Stone**

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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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## Circle Six Meeting - Potluck Picnic!

Circle Six will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, September 3 at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall. We'll be having a Potluck Picnic so members should bring a dish to share, their own beverage and place setting. Members are encouraged to bring a guest. *God Bless, Sally Readinger, President*

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## A Call for Ushers

Please check your schedule at home and then the Usher's calendar at St. Peter's. We need a couple of signups for the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of this month and then the month of September. *Thank you for your help. -Fred Helyes*

## Out of Office

I will be taking a vacation day tomorrow. Please leave me a message if you need anything, and I'll return your call Tuesday morning. *Thank you, Kaye Oswald*

# August Guest Ministers

Welcome back our Guest Lay Minister, Carol Struck. She will be returning next week, August 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> to lead worship.

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**Check out the Fellowship Hall renovation!**  
**Click on the link below:**

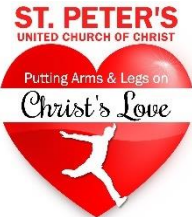
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Please fill out the Participation cards and drop into the offering plate. *Cards should be filled out weekly.* Thank you!

“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., Aug. 12	Communion Visits, 1-4 PM Office Closed
Tues., Aug. 13	Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
Wed., Aug. 14	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
Thurs., Aug. 15	YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM
Sun., Aug. 18	Worship Service, 10 AM, Carol Struck

*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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