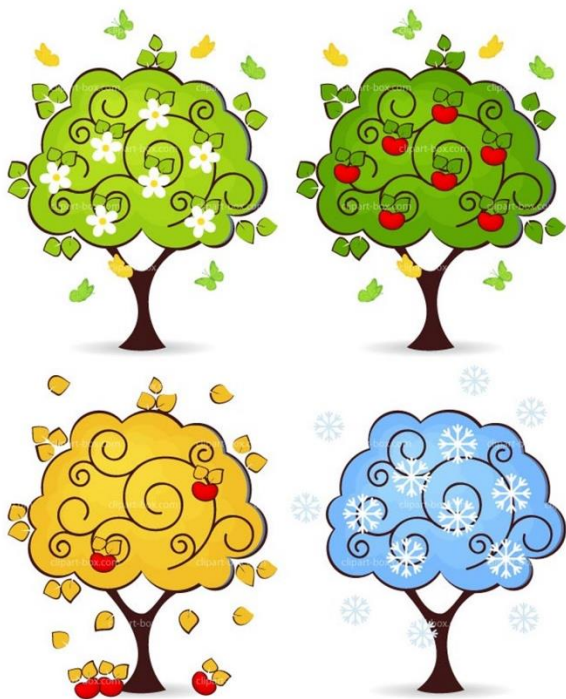




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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE LIVE  
IN GOD'S WAY?



HE BRINGS GIFTS INTO OUR LIVES, LIKE  
ABUNDANCE OF FRUIT IN DUE SEASON.

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August 18, 2024

Thirteenth 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: Beautiful are the works of God.

**People: Beautiful is the mind of our Lord.**

Leader: Beautiful is the heart of God.

**People: Beautiful also are the hopes of God's people.**

Leader: God made the Heaven and Earth.

**People: To God be the glory for the things He has done,  
because of his love for us.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE:** #362 *"I Love Thee"*

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

Be with us this morning Lord as we share your words taught through our Bible's faith, trust and love. You are good to us all the time and will be with us through good times, sadness, and times of pain and sorrow—as well as times of happiness and joy. In your name we pray and praise you for our heaven and earth made by you for us. It is good to give praise and to declare your steadfast love this morning for each of us. AMEN.

***(Please be seated)***

**HYMN OF MEDITATION:** #297 *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: PSALM 25:8-10 #436

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: GALATIANS 5:22-23 #948

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "HOW MUCH DOES GOD LOVE US?"

## **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: #560 *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

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	Neil Wasilk
Ushers	Linda Gatz, Geoff Gatz
	Judy McCurdy, Christine Burman

# Church News

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## **Summer Hospitality Update**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the host/hostess program this summer. The donations were used to enhance the outside grounds of St. Peter's. On the last Sunday, August 25th, we will be having a brunch after the service. Volunteers will be bringing more than just donuts, so bring your appetites.  
- *Christine Burman, Council President*

## Ponderings about St. Peter's

*I have often wondered what the largest crowd ever to attend an event at St. Peter's was; have you? In searching through our records, I believe I have discovered a top contender!*

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, January 27, 28, and 29, 1926 a pageant entitled "The Light of the World" was presented in St. Peter's. It had a cast of 102 plus a choir of 50 and **more than 1,300 people attended.** "To say that the pageant was beautiful – impressive – inspiring – is putting it too mildly. True enough, the lighting and general effects were beautiful; the messages of the speakers and songsters (not forgetting the scene of the guiding star) were most impressive; and the ideals of Thought, Deed and Need were truly inspiring; **but all in all to see it was to worship.** Only those who saw the pageant, will ever know just how much those who failed to see it missed – for it is one of those cases which words cannot adequately express."

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

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## Continuing to help our Ukrainian Family

Thank you, St Peter's, for your love and generous support of our Ukrainian family over these past two years. Nataliia and her children have become beloved members of our church family, and we would like to continue to offer our support to them. Going forward, if you are so moved to help Nataliia and family financially, you can earmark your check or envelope to go to them as a pass-through donation by simply noting "For Nataliia & children" on your check memo or envelope.

## 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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## St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter

2726 Caroline Ave., Lorain

Wednesday, **Aug. 21**, we will need volunteer(s) to serve starting at **4:30 PM**. Please note we are servicing ice cream through the summer to give our bakers a break. If you want to help or have questions, please call Betty Pekare at **440-245-1231**.

*"... for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me" -Matthew 25:35*

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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 one more signup for next week, August 25<sup>th</sup> and then every Sunday in September.

*Thank you for your help. -Fred Helyes*

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## A Message from Becky Woods, Financial Secretary

Dear Members, I have emailed the mid-year giving statements on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. If anyone wants a printed statement, please email me at [makayrrt@gmail.com](mailto:makayrrt@gmail.com) or the church office at [admin.ofc@stpetersamherst.org](mailto:admin.ofc@stpetersamherst.org) and we'll send a printed copy.

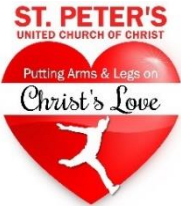
*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.*

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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. 19	Communion Visits, 1-4 PM Church Council meeting, 7 PM, Zoom
Tues., Aug. 20	Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
Wed., Aug. 21	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM St. Elizabeth Meal, 4:30 PM
Thurs., Aug. 22	YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM
Sun., Aug. 25	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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