



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

—JOHN 7:35

I AM THE BREAD  
*of life.*

WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER  
BE HUNGRY, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME  
WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY.



August 4, 2024

Eleventh 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.)* Vicki Zeller

Leader: Draw near to God, who has heard your complaining  
Come in the name of Jesus, who understands your need.

**People: We have received manna in the wilderness.  
We have been offered the bread of life.**

Leader: Open yourself to God’s steadfast love.  
Be honest before the Holy One who knows all you do.

**People: We are judged according to our deeds.  
Our secret sins are known to our God.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit has come to restore your joy.  
God’s presence is real to those who accept God’s gift.

**People: Whoever comes to Jesus will not be hungry.  
Whoever trusts in Christ will never be thirsty.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #393 *“Nearer, My God, to Thee”*

\***MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)* Vicki Zeller

We hear you calling us, loving God, to a life of humility,  
gentleness, and patience. Keep your call before us in this hour  
that we may recognize and celebrate our oneness in Jesus Christ.  
May your Spirit unite us in the bond of peace. Draw us to a  
common faith, in spite of our differences. Lead us into new  
depths of trust beyond our knowing, and along new pathways  
of service outdistancing our fears. Amen.

***(Please be seated)***

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #274 *"Break Thou the Bread of Life"*

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: EXODUS 16:2-4, 9-15 #55

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 6:22-35 #867

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "SEARCHING"

**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 TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION**

The Holy One be with you.

**And also with you.**

Open your hearts to the One who is Love

**We open our hearts to you, O God**

Let us give thanks to God, our life-breath

**To the One who sustains us, we rejoice in your presence!**

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# A TIME OF GOING OUT

## THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(We offer one another the peace of Christ for the week ahead.)*

\*HYMN SENDING FORTH: #66 *"To God Be the Glory"*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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

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Note: Call to Worship, Lavon Balyer; Invocation, adapted Lavon Balyer; Offering Invitation, adapted  
Worship Ways; Offertory Prayer, Worship Ways; Communion liturgy, adapted enfleshed.com.



*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. Amanda Nagy
Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Choir Director	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Vicki Zeller
Ushers	Judy McCurdy, Shelley Harmych Dave Rice, Betty Pekare

# 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**

*Since the article in our August Key is about our pews, I thought you might be interested in reading the item that appeared in The Pilot in August of 1924.*

### **THE EMPTY PEW - A Tragedy in Four Acts**

#### **Act I – An Empty Pew.**

Minister depressed. Friends wondering. Motoring?  
Weekend gaiety? Why? Unbelievers rejoicing.

#### **Act II – An Empty Heart.**

Much engrossed. Terribly tempted by the secular.  
No time for God, or prayer, or thoughts on higher things.  
Ill-prepared for temptation – often giving way.

#### **Act III – An Empty Life.**

Influence for God, nil. Influence for church, nil. Influence over children, helping them to choose the best, nil. No accumulated faith or power over others for good.

#### **Act IV – An Empty Heaven.**

No treasurers laid up there by faithfulness below.  
No special adaptation or to fitness for life at God's right hand.  
No understanding of the deep things.  
God alone knows the real tragedy of the Empty Pew.



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.



## 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 here next Sunday, August 11th and Carol Struck will join us on August 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

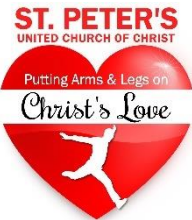
Please fill out the Participation cards and drop into the offering plate. *Cards should be filled out weekly.* Thank you!

“When leaving church, please make sure to push the door closed. There have been times it’s left unlocked.” *Thank you!*



# SUNDAYS AREN'T THE SAME WITHOUT **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. 5	Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
Tues., Aug. 6	Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
Wed., Aug. 7	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
Thurs., Aug. 8	YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM
Sun., Aug. 11	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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