



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

# GOD OF COMFORT

“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and  
God our Father, who loved us and through  
grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope,  
comfort your hearts and strengthen them  
in every good work and word”.

— 2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17



September 29, 2024

Nineteenth 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: *"March", Walther*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: *\*(Stand as you are able.)*    Judy McCurdy

Leader:    In faith and with hope, let us offer our prayer.

**People:    For peace throughout our world and for our  
salvation, we pray to you, Lord.**

Leader:    We pray for the church and for all who minister in it.

**People:    We also pray for those in need, for those hungry,  
for those sick dear Lord.**

Leader:    We especially pray for those alone, giving up hope.

**People:    We pray that you be with them, protecting and  
guiding them to not fear.**

**ALL:        For you are with us every day, and will see all of us  
through life, and when we see you Lord and your  
son Jesus Christ in Heaven. AMEN.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #300 *"I'll Tell the World That I'm a Christian"*

\***MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)* Judy McCurdy

May our Lord and Jesus Christ, his son, give us everlasting comfort and hope for the world to become a better place. Give us the comfort we need and the strength to do only the good things that need to be done by us your followers. We want to only do and say that which is good and helpful, for all those who believe. Help us also show those who are not sure, that God is the way. AMEN.

*(Please be seated)*

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #380 *"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

**A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD** Judy McCurdy

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: PSALM 130:4-5, 7 #500

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:16-17 #962

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "THE FUTURE AND HOPE"

**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: #344 *"He's Got the Whole World  
in His Hands"*

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *"Andante", Handel*

*(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
Zoom Assistant	Tom Hollstein
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Choir Director	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Judy McCurdy
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Lynda Helyes, Judy McCurdy

**Natasha and the kids:** Please continue to keep them in  
your prayers and remember ongoing financial needs as the  
school year progresses. Thank you!

# Church News

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## **Ponderings about St. Peter's**

*Do you have any hidden talents? Are you willing to share these gifts? Rev. Robert A. Happel was a very active leader of St. Peter's from 1966-81. Many of you remember him, but did you know he wrote poetry and lyrics for hymns. Below is something he wrote that went with the tune: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind."*

### **A LIVING FREEDOM NEVER DIES**

A living freedom never dies  
Though ground into the dust  
For from the ashes to the skies  
The God-implanted seed replies  
Undauntingly, "I must!"

Forgive, O Lord, our driving lust  
For wealth, control and power  
To own man's soul, to shape his trust,  
To make and order what is just,  
To say, "This is my hour!"

Teach us, O Lord, the true worship  
Of thought, of word, of deed,  
That builds in each relationship  
Love's own authentic fellowship  
To meet each other's need.

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To check out the preschool wish list on Amazon, you can turn the camera on for your smart phone and focus on the QR code for it to bring up the wish list in Amazon.

It's also available at:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3JJACUT4CQHYG?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3JJACUT4CQHYG?ref=wl_share)

**LEV KOBIAKOV 2024**  
**ST. ED'S VARSITY SOCCER SCHEDULE**

Oct 2 / 8 pm	St Ignatius	Home
Oct 5 / 7 pm	North Royalton	Away
Oct. 12 / 6 pm	Olmsted Falls - Senior Night	Home

More details at: <https://www.stedwardeagles.com/sports/soccer/varsity/>

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**Circle Six Meeting**

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 1 at 6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Members are to bring their own boxed dinner and beverage. As we do every October, we'll be making blankets that are given to members of the congregation (and their family members) that are hospitalized or undergoing treatment. If you know of anyone who should be given a blanket and hasn't already received one, please contact Pam Miskov or Jan Orseno.

Blessings, Sally Readinger, President

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**Handbell Choir Practice**

Handbell ringers, please join us on Thursdays at the church at 7:00 PM. We hope to see everyone! *Thank you, Shelley Harmych*

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There is a **GREAT NEED** for the following items in the Food Pantry:

- 1. Peanut Butter**
- 2. Spaghetti Sauce**
- 3. Canned Tuna or Chicken**

Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. *Thanks to Pam for counting and delivering the donations every month to Good Shepherd Baptist Church! And, thanks to all of you who continually donate to feed others in our community!*

# CROP HUNGER WALK – JOIN US!

Sunday, Oct. 6 | 2 PM - Meet at 5 point in Amherst

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## Neighbors in Need

UCC’s annual offering, is on October 6

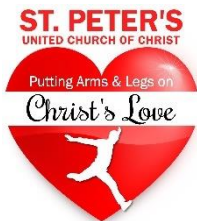
In 2024, the Neighbors in Need theme is “Mental Health Justice For All!” In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health. A just world for all is where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life’s mental health journey.

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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., Sept. 30	Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
Tues., Oct. 1	Circle Six Meeting, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
Wed., Oct. 2	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
Thurs., Oct. 3	Compassionate Care, 10:30 AM, Fireside YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal, 7 PM
Sun., Oct. 6	Worship Service, 10 AM, Rev. Alana Kelley

## How To Reach Us

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**Office Hours:** Mon.–Fri. 8:30-12:30 PM and 1-2:30 PM

**Address:** 582 Church St. Amherst OH 44001

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

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Kaye Oswald, Church Office Administrator  
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