



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

# “WHO, WHAT WHERE”



The sailors took Jonah and threw him overboard. Immediately the sea was quieted down. Then God assigned a huge fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah prayed to his God from the belly of the fish.

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**September 8, 2024**  
Sixteenth 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: *"Prelude in G Major", Bach*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: *\*(Stand as you are able.) Sally Readinger*

Leader: Come, give thanks to God for all God's gifts and blessings.

**People: We give God thanks and praise for 13.8 billion years of blessings.**

Leader: God is not dead. God is still-speaking. Listen.

**People: We are present to listen and to say "Yes" to God who calls us daily.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #292 *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

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

God, thank you for life and breath. In a world of many loud voices seeking our attention, God grant us the discipline to pause, to be quiet, and to listen for your voice. We know, want, and need to hear a voice of love and support. To be honest, we are tired, overwhelmed, anxious, exhausted. So please don't ask us to change, to be more, to do more. We like this space, our little community of faith, our traditions, familiar hymns and prayers. We thank you for calling and still-speaking. Amen.

Choral Response: *Gloria Patri #623*

***(Please be seated)***

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #375 *"Jesus Calls Us"*

## **A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD** -Rev. Jim

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON God is Still-speaking:**

Words from our ancestors as recorded in the Bible, from the Hebrew text: the Book of Jonah... "selected verses."

Words from the people of our day: Rev. Philip Gulley & Rev. James Mulholland as written in their book: "If Grace is True."

CHOIR ANTHEM: "*Seek Ye First*"

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "WHO? WHAT? WHERE?"

### **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.

Choral Response: #614 "*Hear Our Prayer O Lord*"

## **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

PASTOR: THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

\*HYMN SENDING FORTH: #349 *"Trust and Obey"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *"Sansare"*, 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 Minister

Organist

Zoom Director

Worship Producer

Handbell Choir Director

Choir Director

Scripture Reader

Ushers

Rev. Jim Cunningham

Allen Cadwallader

Mary K. Kirsch

Brian Schieferstein

Shelley Harmyich

Jennifer Wasilk

Sally Readinger

Linda Gatz, Geoff Gatz

Betty Pekare

# Church News

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

*Are you a person that makes lists? Do you have a "Bucket List"? How about list of jobs around your home – a "To Do List"? What about a list of things you'd like to do "Someday"? In early 1992 in our "Key" the article that follows appeared. I thought it might be of interest to you.*

### **"SOMEDAY"**

Most people live on an "Eight Day" week – not on a seven-day week.

They have Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, AND SOMEDAY!

It often seems that some of the most important things in life are reserved for SOMEDAY.

SOMEDAY we will tell our friends how helpful they have been.

SOMEDAY we will write the letter to our parents or children.

SOMEDAY we will consider what gift of time and abilities we ought to make to God's work.

SOMEDAY we will think about our need to give proportionately – a Godly percentage of what the Lord has entrusted to us.

The grand tragedy of life is that

SOMEDAY is never part of any week.

SOMEDAY never comes!

AND BECAUSE

SOMEDAY never comes – many things in life never get done.

The work of God must never be a someday PROJECT!

Now is the time to make your commitment to the work of Christ. What gift of time and money will you make to see that Christ's work is done on SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY during all of "the year"!



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

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## LEV KOBIAKOV 2024

### ST. ED'S VARSITY SOCCER SCHEDULE

Sept. 9 / 7pm Bay Away at Bay Village High School

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

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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. There is a **GREAT NEED** for the following items for 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. Pam Miskov will make sure donations are delivered. Thanks to Pam and everyone for all you do in helping others!

# 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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## A Call for Ushers

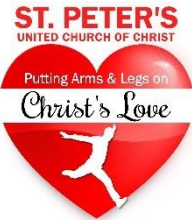
Please check your schedule at home and then the Usher's calendar at St. Peter's. We need 4 ushers for Sept. 22 and 2 ushers for Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. *Thank you for your help.* -Fred Helyes

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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. 9      Communion Visits, 1-4 PM  
Lev's Soccer, Bay Village High School, 7 PM
- Tues., Sept. 10    Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
- Wed., Sept. 11    YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM  
Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., Sept. 12   YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM  
Handbell Choir practice, 7 PM
- Sun., Sept. 15    Worship Service, 10 AM, Carol Struck  
Voice Choir rehearsal, 9 AM

*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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