



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

A Deep Dive
— into the —
LORD'S
PRAYER



October 20, 2024

Twenty-Second 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 F major", Bach*

*CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Stand as you are able.)* Neil Wasilk

Leader: Today, enter together this time of worship
for God is present with us.

People: We are grateful for God's Love and Presence!

Leader: God is still-speaking. Listen.

**People: God clear our minds of all distractions and
help us be fully present to You.**

Leader: And God is eager to hear us, our songs, our prayers,
our love, our gratitude, our needs, our commitment to
follow the ways of Jesus.

People: God, Thank you, thank you, thank you!

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #427 *"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"*

***MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)* Neil Wasilk
God, teach us to pray being open, honest, vulnerable, trusting in
your love and grace. We live in challenging times. A time of fear
and anxiety, a time of division and hatred, a time of fear and
violence, a time of disrespect and bullying, a time we are not
sure who to believe, who to trust.

Help us to be like Jesus... loving, forgiving, respectful, inclusive.
Forgive us when we are a part of the darkness instead of the light.
Forgive us when we are overcome by our fears. Help us to be
followers of the light, not the darkness. Grant us courage to love
like Jesus. Amen

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #433 “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: **God is Still-speaking** Rev. Cunningham

Creation Story #1

Genesis 1:26-27 (New Revised Version - Updated Edition)

Genesis 1:26-27 (The Message Bible)

Genesis 1:26-27 (The inclusive Bible)

Creation Story #2

Genesis 2:4b-22 (New Revised Version - Updated Edition)

Genesis 2:4b-22 (The Message Bible)

Genesis 2:4b-22 (The Inclusive Bible)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: (King James Version) Rev. Cunningham

Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: “Deep Dive into the Lord’s Prayer”

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: #435 *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *"Air", Handel*
(Please remain seated "quietly" during the postlude.)

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Everyone is Welcome!

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. Jim Cunningham
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

Fred Helyes, Lynda Helyes,
Judy McCurdy, Karen Geduldig

Church News

Ponderings about St. Peter's

Do you remember studying poetry in school? Was the poem written in iambic pentameter? Or did you ever write any Haiku? In our past we have had some members who wrote poetry. One of these was Elsie Holle (1907-1985). She married Elmer Holle in 1937. Some of you may remember her. In our archives is a folder containing her writing and I thought I would share one with you. She wrote it in 1961 after several dreary, rainy days.

“To A Cardinal”

Dear cardinal, I see you sitting on a limb,
And oh how beautiful you sing.
Do you not mind the falling rain,
And do you think the sun will shine again?
If you can sing on cloudy days,
We mortals then should mend our ways,
We too should sing, and be so gay,
And just be thankful for another day.

Coffee Chats 

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

Circle Six Pumpkin Roll Time!

It's that time of year again when Circle Six will be baking their delicious pumpkin rolls. Order forms can be picked up by the bulletins before entering the sanctuary, or in the church office. Please please please take care when filling out your order form so there are no questions and be sure you know in advance how many you'll need. Completed order forms can be put in the offering plate or in the church office. The number of pumpkin rolls available for purchase will be limited and orders **MUST** be received prior to baking and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. We will be **baking on Sat., Nov. 2nd and Fri., Nov. 8th**. They will be wrapped for the freezer and ready for **pick-up on Sun., Nov. 3rd or 10th**.

Circle Six's next meeting will be held on **Tue., Nov. 5th at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall**. Our program for this meeting will begin at 6:30 pm and will focus on Seniors and Mental Health presented by Bob Piovarchy, a Licensed Therapist with Far West Center in Westlake. Members of the congregation are invited to attend. Circle Six members will provide finger snacks to share. *Blessings, Sally Readinger, President*

Consecration Sunday, October 27th

Remember to turn in your 2025 pledge cards, plus your time and talent card by mail or in the offering plate. They will be consecrated on Oct. 27th. Thank you.

YOGA with Mary-K

Wednesdays 8:30-9:45 AM | Thursdays 6:00-7:15 PM

Please join us! Our classes will meet in the lower level of St. Peter's Church. Please arrive by 8:25 AM for the morning class, and by 5:55 PM for the evening class. Enter the door by the Chapel.

Mary-K is a RN/BSN, with over 12 years of yoga teaching experience, and 30 years of personal practice. Cost is \$10 per class.

Roast Beef Dinner, Oct. 26, 4-6:30 pm, Carry-Out

A \$15 ticket includes roast beef, potato, vegetable, salad, bread & butter, and dessert. Tickets will be available for purchase after each Sunday Service or at the church office Mon.-Fri., 8:30 AM-2:30 PM. Thank you for supporting St. Peter's UCC!

Get ready to pack a Christmas Shoebox.

Geoff & I have purchased the shoeboxes for you. All you need to do is pick one up and choose whether you would like to make one up for a boy or girl, decide what age, shop, add your donation and return your special box to the church by **November 22nd**. If you have any questions, please contact me. Spread the JOY of Christmas! **Linda Gatz – 984-3552**



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



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

- Mon., Oct. 21 Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
Tues., Oct. 22 Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
Wed., Oct. 23 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
Thurs., Oct. 24 YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM
Handbell Rehearsal, 7 PM
Sun., Oct. 27 Worship Service, 10 AM, Rev. Jim Cunningham
Choir Rehearsal, 9 AM, downstairs choir room
Plus, the Choir will be singing on this Sunday!

How To Reach Us

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

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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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