



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



ON THIS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY,
WE COME TOGETHER TO WORSHIP GOD
WITH JUSTICE AND TRUTH.

October 6, 2024

Twentieth 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 E minor",* Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Stand as you are able.)* Don Ramsey

Leader: On this World Communion Sunday, we come together to worship God with justice and truth.

People: Let's speak truth to one another, Rendering true judgements that make for peace in the world.

Leader: Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

People: Teach us to do good, seek justice, rescue the oppressed, and speak-up for the helpless, wherever they are in the world.

Leader: Hear God's demand and promise: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come. And, my deliverance will be revealed.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #59 *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

***MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)* Don Ramsey

Divine Nurturer, we are thankful that we can come to you any time. You have made it possible for us be together, just as we are, United with all the people of the world. We rejoice in knowing that you walk with us whether the road is rough or smooth. You are steadfast. You help us to nurture our relationships with you, with ourselves and each other. You provide a balm to us and all of creation when none can be found. Open our hearts to your grace and love, that we find guidance and strength for the

journey, for ourselves and for one another. Be with us now as we sing our praise to you.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #249 *"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"*

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD Don Ramsey

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: PSALM 24 #436

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: HEBREWS 1:1-4; 2:5-12 #970

HANDBELL CHOIR: *"Joyful Rhythm"*, -Kevin McChesney

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "FINDING THE MOTHER TREE"

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, forever 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: #376 *"I Have Decided to Follow 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

Organist

Zoom Director

Zoom Assistant

Worship Producer

Handbell Choir Director

Rev. Alana Kelley

Allen Cadwallader

Mary K. Kirsch

Tom Hollstein

Brian Schieferstein

Shelley Harmych

Choir Director
Scripture Reader
Ushers

Jennifer Wasilk
Don Ramsey
Linda Gatz, Geoff Gatz
Betty Pekare, Fred Helyes

Church News



Rev. Alana Kelley
Guest Minister | Oct. 13, 27

Rev. Alana Kelley has been a High School Art Teacher in Massachusetts, a chef and owner of Foxgrape Cafe and Catering in Oberlin, Ohio, and Pastor of several churches. She served as Youth Director, then Associate Minister for Youth and Families at Avon Lake UCC. She pastored Magyar UCC and Lake Avenue UCC, both in Elyria, assisting those two churches and St. Paul UCC in their consolidation in 2015. Before retiring in Dec. 2022, she served for seven years as pastor of St. Clair UCC in St. Clair, Michigan. She resides in Oberlin with her family.

Neighbors in Need

Today is our offering for Neighbors in Need, with this year's theme being "*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. Thank you for your donation!

CROP HUNGER WALK - JOIN US!

Meet up at 2 PM at 5 point in Amherst. Walk with others to *experience* what people in other countries do to get water.

Ponderings about St. Peter's

When you sit quietly in our sanctuary and reflect on things before we begin our worship service do you ever gaze at the altar? Have you wondered about the open book in the center? I always thought it was a Bible turned to a specific verse for the day. I was wrong. Before you read further do you know what it is?

The book is called a "Missal" – a book that contains prayers, important chants and responses, and religious instructions. This type of book dates back to the early church around the 5th century. Our copy was published in 1947.

Our book sits on a "Missal Stand" that was presented to the church in January 1953 by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Mathes, Mrs. Nellie Denn; and Mrs. Erma Ehlert in memory of Mrs. Alice M. Mathes.

Preschool's Dine to Donate!

Please stop by Texas Roadhouse in Elyria on Sunday, 10/13. Anyone that dines there that day and lets them know that they're there for the St. Peter's UCC Preschool, a portion of those sales will be donated to the preschool. Thanks for helping! Heidi Chambers

It's Shoebox Time!

Get ready to pack a Christmas Shoebox and show a child love. Remember this may be the only gift a child receives. Please



consider this way of showing God's love. 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**

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 by calling the church office. Thank you for supporting St. Peter's UCC!

Also, sports blankets are for sale at \$50 each and can be purchased after church or in the church office M-F, 8:30-2:30. Proceeds go to church improvements fund. Please see Christine Burman.

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Oct. 12 / 6pm Olmsted Falls-Senior Night Home

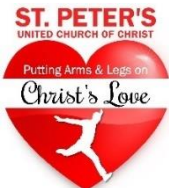
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To check out the preschool wish list on Amazon, you can turn the camera on for your smart phone and focus on the QR code for it to bring up the wish list in Amazon.

It's also available at:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/l/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)

YouTube channel: St Peters UCC Amherst



This Week's Events

- Mon., Oct. 7 Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
- Tues., Oct. 8 Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
- Wed., Oct. 9 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., Oct. 10 Compassionate Care Meeting, 10:30 AM, FS
YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM
- Fri., Oct. 11 No Preschool
- Sun., Oct. 13 Worship Service, 10 AM, Rev. Alana Kelley
Preschool's Dine to Donate at Texas Roadhouse,
245 Market Dr, Elyria

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.

Christine Burman, Church Council President
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Kaye Oswald, Church Office Administrator
admin.ofc@stpetersamherst.org 440-988-4965

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