



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

...LISTENING TO JESUS
REEPS

great rewards!



Feb. 9, 2025 | Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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**

Terry Deliman

One: The Spirit of God has called us to this place and time.

All: We gather to hear God's liberating word of love.

One: Today, past and future meet in the holiness of now.

All: May the Spirit of God at work in Jesus, also work in us.

One: May the vision of flourishing for all be imprinted
on our hearts.

***HYMN OF PRAISE: #278 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"**

***MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)* Terry Deliman

God of Loving-kindness,

We receive a blessing from you whenever we enter this sanctuary. We feel your closeness and we see you in the faces of all the people who are together here. A feeling of peace fills our hearts and minds as we prepare ourselves to worship you, because we know that you love us exactly as we are. The presence of your Holy Spirit fills us with hope and reminds us that as your children, we will walk with you, and bring hope to a hurting world by sharing your love outside of this place. May we feel your closeness, as we worship you this morning. Amen.

Choral Response: *"Gloria Patri"* #623

(Please be seated.)

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #382 *“Be Thou my Vision”*

PRAYERS & CONCERNS PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER: #426 *(sung by the congregation)*

Choral Response: *“Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”*

TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD Terry Deliman

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8 #553

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 5:1-11 #836

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“The Family of God”*

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: “When God Calls Us” (2)

A TIME OF GIVING

PASTOR: OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Doxology #625 unison prayer of dedication

OFFERTORY PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mighty God,

Our gifts seem meager when we consider all that we receive from you. Take them, bless them, use them to create a world where compassionate, rather than violent words, where love for all the people not just those who look like us, is the prescription we not only desire but insist upon in our lives. You are holy, God. Teach us to reflect your holiness in all that we say and do. Amen.

A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

Choral Response #602 “*God Be With You*” vs. 1 (sung by Choir)

*HYMN SENDING FORTH #601 “*Lord Dismiss us with Thy Blessing*”

BENEDICTION

Leader: God is always with us. Even when times get difficult and the way is not clear.

People: God is truly by our sides.

Leader: We go to serve God with joy.

People: We go in peace. Amen.

Leader: May God bless you and keep you well. God’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you. God asks us to accept the joys and costs of discipleship. Therefore, go out into the world carrying with you the peace of Christ, the Love of the Creator and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE (*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!

Everyone is invited to join us after the worship service for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Today is our potluck!

WORSHIP TEAM

Guest Minister	Rev. Alana Kelley
Organist	
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Zoom Assistant	Tom Hollstein
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Scripture Reader	Terry Deliman
Ushers	Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz Gary Thompson, Lewis Zeller

Church News

Help Feed our Children!



Needed items for 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

There's 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!

Ponderings About St. Peter's

Over the years St. Peter's has had pastors with many talents other than preaching the Word. One of these men was Rev. Robert A. Happel; and I know some of you remember him. He loved to sing and to write poetry and by putting these together he became a hymnwriter, and not just for St. Peter's, but a published hymnwriter. Two of his many hymns are "Come, O Lord of All Creation" and "Let All People Sing Their Praises" (sung to the tune of "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"). What talents are you hiding that could serve the Lord? -Linda Gatz



Friday, February 14th



Join us today after worship!

Stop down to the Fellowship Hall for a delicious lunch and fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

YOGA with Mary-K

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

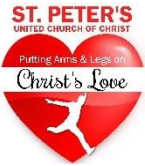
Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM

Cost is \$10 per class.

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

Help us continue to move forward in faith by submitting your pledge card, if you have not already done so. Thank you.

For safety reasons the front steps to the sanctuary will be closed for the months of January and February. The elevator and west Walker lobby doors will be open. Thank you.



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**

What's Happening

This Week's Events

- Mon., Feb. 10 Spiritual Life visitations throughout the week
- Tues., Feb. 11 Bible Study 7 PM
- Wed., Feb. 12 Preschool Valentine's Party
YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
- Thurs., Feb. 13 Preschool Valentine's Party
YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM
No Handbell Choir Practice
- Sun., Feb. 16 Worship Service 10 AM
Worship Committee Meeting, 11-11:30 AM

How To Reach Us

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