

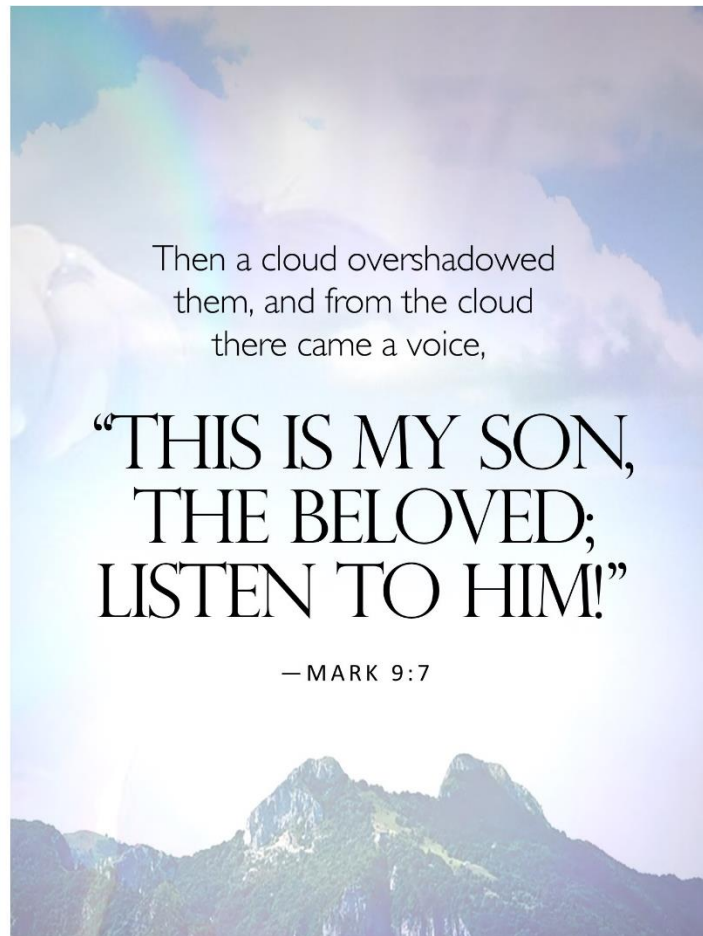


ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Then a cloud overshadowed
them, and from the cloud
there came a voice,

“THIS IS MY SON,
THE BELOVED;
LISTEN TO HIM!”

— MARK 9:7



March 2, 2025 | Transfiguration Sunday

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: *"Chorale Prelude on Eventide"*, Charles H. H. Parry
1848-1918

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Vicki Zeller

Leader: We come together, a community of faith
We have gathered to talk and listen to our God

People: May our faces shine in anticipation
Our God has invited us to this moment of meeting

Leader: We share in a new covenant of promise and hope
Our spirits have been set free for worship and praise.

People: We come with boldness to encounter our Creator
We assemble here, eager to be changed by God

Leader: Our fears melt into awe and wonder before God
Our failures become opportunities for learning

People: Let us praise God's holy name in chorus
Let us share in the glory of life. What a gift!

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #284 *"They'll Know We Are Christians
by Our Love"*

***MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)* Vicki Zeller

Holy are you, O God of all time and space. Before the vastness of your creation, the earth is as nothing. Yet you have lavished your energies upon it, shaping interdependent systems within systems. The mysterious gift of life is ours to handle with care. You have revealed yourself to us. You have created us for justice and equity. You have drawn us to the mountaintop to commune

with you. O God, we are here, waiting for your further revelation.
Come to enlighten and empower. Amen.

*Choral Response: *"Gloria Patri"* #623

(Please be seated.)

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #249 *"Spirit of God Descent Upon My Heart"*

PRAYERS & CONCERNS PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER #426 *(Sung by the congregation)*

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD Vicki Zeller

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: EXODUS 34: 29-35 #71

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: LUKE 9:28-36, 37-43a #843

HANDBELL CHOIR: *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*, William Runyan,
arr. by Cynthia Dobrinski

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "COMMUNITY"

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *"Duetto No.2 in F major"*, BWV 803,
Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

*Doxology #625 unison prayer of dedication

PASTOR: OFFERTORY PRAYER

A TIME TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

Caring for Us

Caring for Others

Praising God

*HYMN SENDING FORTH #247 *"Spirit of the Living God"* (sing twice)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Improvisation

(Please remain seated "quietly" during the postlude.)

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Note: Call to worship and Invocation by Lavon Bayler, Offertory invitation and prayer by Worship Ways,
communion liturgy adapted from Enfleshed



**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!**

WORSHIP TEAM

Guest Minister	Rev. Amanda Nagy
Organist	Daesean Lawson
Zoom Director	Mary-K Kirsch
Zoom Assistant	Tom Hollstein
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Scripture Reader	Vicki Zeller
Ushers	Lewis Zeller, Vicki Zeller, Luena Beale, Walter Beale

Christ Has No Body But Yours

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Church News

Do you have a favorite hymn?

Please write it down on the back of your *blue* Participation card and place in the offering plate. *Thank you, Jen Wasilk*

Daylight Savings Time, 2 AM on Sunday, March 9
Remember to set your clocks forward 1 hour!

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**

Ponderings About St. Peter's

Do you remember your confirmation classes and when you became a member of St. Peter's? In 1987 the confirmation class was tasked with interviewing members of the church. The tapes of these interviews have been converted to a jump drive for me by Brian Schieferstein. I want to share some of these interviews with you for the next few weeks in our "Ponderings". It is only fitting that we begin with Elizabeth Goll's interview with Russel Schieferstein in 1987.

Russel joined the church in 1932 and remembered doing a lot of memorizing for his confirmation classes. He told Elizabeth that his family had been part of the church for close to 100 years. There were 13 members in his confirmation class, and they were to do a presentation before the congregation on “Confirmation Sunday”. Russel was number 13, however, on the big day he failed to show up. He had the chicken pox and Rev. Smith had to go to his home to confirm him.

Circle Six Meeting

Circle Six's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4 at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. At 7:00 PM Matt Nahorn will be doing a presentation in Fellowship Hall on the “Lost Houses of Lorain County”. The congregation is invited to attend and please also invite your family and friends to join you. Matt has done several presentations on various local landmarks and places of interest. I'm sure this one will not disappoint. Refreshments will be served following the presentation and Circle Six members are to bring finger snacks to share.

Blessings, Sally Readinger, President

Ash Wednesday Service, March 5 at 7 PM

The Pastor Mike Boehm will be leading the worship service. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent.

Lent's three pillars are prayer, fasting and almsgiving—meaning that we're called to do more than just abstain from a particular food or activity. It involves not only what we're willing to give up, but what we're willing to take on. When we think about what to give up for Lent, we ought to also think about what sort of commitment to prayer, and the ability to be charitable, that we can hold ourselves to.

YOGA with Mary-K

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

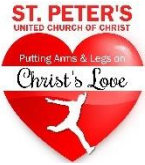
Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM

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**



This Week's Events

- Mon., Mar. 3 Spiritual Life visitations throughout the week
- Tues., Mar. 4 Circle Six, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall, and program at 7:00 PM with Matt Nahorn
Bible Study 7 PM
- Wed., Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday, Pastor Mike Boehm, 7 PM with Imposition of Ashes**
YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
- Thurs., Mar. 6 Compassionate Care, Fireside, 10:30 AM
YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM
Handbell Rehearsal, 7 PM
- Sun., Mar. 9 Worship Service 10 AM

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