



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

"Unless I wash you,
you have no share
with me."

SERVANT

"For I have set you an example, that you also
should do as I have done to you."

April 17, 2025 | Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.) + (if needed, use green insert in Bible holder)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Words of Welcome and Announcements

ORGAN PRELUDE: *"Herzlich tut mich verlangen", BWV 727*

HANDBELL CHOIR ANTHEM: *"Go to Dark Gethsemane", Richard Redhead, 1820-1901, Arr. by David Angerman*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive) Pastor Mike Boehm

Leader: Gather together in the darkness; huddle together for security.

People: For this is the night of betrayal and desertion.

Leader: This is the night when we must confront our complicity in the death of our Savior.

People: We are sinners; yet say the word and we will be saved.

*HYMN #186 *"The Old Rugged Cross"*

INVOCATION (*Unison*) Sue Conkle

Lord, we are not worthy to have You in our midst. We are wretched sinners who have caused the death of Your Son, Our Savior. On this night we must share in the burden of that knowledge; that Jesus died for us. And, yet it is too great a burden for us to bear alone. Have mercy upon us and forgive us of our great sin. Cleanse us and help us to go forward from this evil night into the light of the resurrection yet to come. Enfold us in Your arms once more and comfort us as little children who are afraid. In the Triune name of God we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #185 *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

CHORAL ANTHEM: *"Tis Midnight and On Olive's Brow"*

Speaking to God

Pastoral Prayer

+ Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

Choral Response

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Sue Conkle

Psalm 22:1-5 #434

Luke 22:19-23 #857

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "The Elijah Cup"

OFFERING

Offertory: *"Voluntary on sacred melody"*, by F. Couperin

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Tonight we will gather in small groups around the Table of Christ. The ushers will escort small groups to the table as indicated. This table is open to all who profess Christ as their Lord and Savior, regardless of membership in this church or denomination.

*HYMN #181 "Were You There?" Vs. 1-3

THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

The word "Tenebrae" is derived from the Latin word for "shadows". Tenebrae is usually done following a Good Friday service, and is normally a service of scripture and the extinguishing of candles, hence the

“shadows”. Our service tonight is a widely modified form of Tenebrae in which all vestiges and trappings of worship are removed from the Sanctuary. Thus, we are reminded of the somber reality of Christ’s death on the cross and His decent into hell to await the resurrection.

There will be no Benediction. When the pastor announces the end of the service, please leave the sanctuary in relative silence.

The Hymnal For Worship and Celebration ©1986 Word Music. Used by/with permission
CCLI No. 2411660 / 20182679. Used by/with permission One License # A-724594.



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

Minister	Pastor Mike Boehm
Organist	Daesean Lawson
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Zoom Assistant	Tom Hollstein
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Choir Director	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Sue Conkle
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Joan Whitman, Luena Beale, Walter Beale

Church News



Help Feed our Children

Items needed for Children's Weekend Backpack Program

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| . Single Serving PB & Jelly | . Mac & Cheese (Microwavable) | . Oatmeal Packages |
| . Peanut Butter Crackers | . Individual Cereals | . Small Bag Pretzels |
| . Canned Soup (Pop top lids) | . Granola Bars | . Small Bag Chips |
| . Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids) | . Fruit Cups & Jello Cups | |

There's also a great need for the following items for the Food Pantry:

1. Peanut Butter 2. Spaghetti Sauce 3. Canned Tuna/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!

YOGA with Mary-K

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM

Cost is \$10 per class.



Annual Good Friday Breakfast at Penny Knepper's

Everyone is invited! Good Friday, April 18th
from 9-11 AM. Great food and fellowship!
6421 South Dewey Rd, Amherst

Circle Six Meeting, May 6 at 6 PM

Circle Six will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, May 6 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Our program will be on the 100th Anniversary of the Lorain Tornado, presented by George Siss on behalf of the Amherst Historical Society. The program will begin at 7:00 and friends, family and the congregation are invited to attend. Members will provide finger food snacks to share after the program.

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.

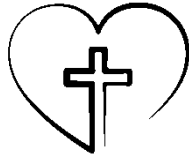


At St. Peter's we work together in love to build strong foundations for our lives in Christ. This firm foundation allows us to put "Arms and Legs on Christ's love in the world." We believe that God is calling you to be embraced by God's radical love and to be a part of this foundation of faith.

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



LOVE
one another
As I have
loved
YOU

Washing the feet of another is an ancient custom. It made a great deal of sense in a dry climate where sandals were common footwear. Dirty and dusty pathways and streets were a harsh daily reality, and a basin of water for the feet of visitors was an act of hospitality. A truly caring host would bend and wash the feet of guests. In finer homes, a servant would do it. So why did Jesus ask his disciples to provide this hospitality for one another? I'm not sure that the hospitality is as important as the act of humility – *lowering one's self to the role of servant to the other.*



----- **This Week's Events** -----

Fri., April 18 Good Friday
Sat., April 19 Holy Saturday
Sun., April 20 Easter Worship Service 10 AM

----- **How To Reach Us** -----

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 8:30-2:30 PM

Address: 582 Church St. Amherst OH 44001

Website: www.stpetersamherst.org

Phone: 440-988-4965

Mike Boehm, Pastor

Office Hours: Tuesday 9-1 PM & Thursday 1-5 PM
pastor@stpetersamherst.org 440-988-4965 | 216-316-3482

Judy McCurdy, Church Council President
president@stpetersamherst.org 440-988-4965

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

Please visit our website, **www.stpetersamherst.org**
to make your donation electronically via Breeze or Paypal.
Also, we now have the ability to accept donations by TEXT!
For more detailed information, contact the church office.

ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Please remember St. Peter's UCC in your estate planning.