



**ST. PETER'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

HE IS  
*Risen!*

CELEBRATE  
THE SAVIOR

April 20, 2025 | Easter Sunday

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\*(Stand as you are able.) + (if needed, use green insert in hymnal rack)*

## GATHERING MUSIC

Words of Welcome and Announcements

ORGAN PRELUDE: *"Rhosymedre"*, Ralph Vaughn Williams  
1872-1958

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

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Death is swallowed up in victory.

**People: O death, where is thy victory? Death,  
where is thy sting?**

**All: Let us sing praise to the One who gives us  
the victory. Let us worship and adore  
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

*\*HYMN #217 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"*

**INVOCATION** (*Unison*)

Neil Wasilk

**Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, just as the gates of death were burst and the stone rolled away, let our hearts burst with joy and roll away our inhibitions, that we might yell from the mountaintop the good news. He is risen! The message should bubble up from the deepest wells of our souls. Yet we are often embarrassed to tell our friends and relatives of this wondrous news. We gladly talk of politics, but refrain from talking about religion. We sin in the omission of our most sacred charge. Give us courage and strength to proclaim the simple but vital message. He is risen!**

\*HYMN #216 *"Low in the Grave He Lay"*

Choral Anthem: *"He Is Lord"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

Choral Response

## **HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

Neil Wasilk

Psalm 23 #435

Luke 24: 1-12 #860

\* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Just a Little Bit of Doubt"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *(use booklet in hymnal rack)*

## **OFFERING**

Offertory: *"Reharmonization"*, Edward Cuthbert Bairstow  
1874-1946

\* + Doxology #625

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

\*HYMN #376 *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

\*BENEDICTION

\*Choral Response #47 *"God Will Take Care of You"*

\*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: "Trumpet Voluntary", Thomas Sanders Dupuis  
1733 - 1796

*(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!**

## **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	Neil Wasilk
Ushers	Fred Helyes

# Church News

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## **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.

## **Rummage Sale! Sat., June 21, 9-3 PM**

Items can be brought to Fellowship Hall starting Sun., May 25.



# Help Feed our Children

## Items needed 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 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!

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## **Ponderings About St. Peter's**

Hallelujah! He is Risen! Happy Easter to all of you. We are with  
you in spirit. The following is from the April 1969 Key.

On March 31 while enroute from the Elyria Memorial Hospital I listened via my car radio to the funeral service for former President Eisenhower. As I heard the ministers speak the words Jesus had said, some things Paul had written, and words an unknown psalmist had first sung, a strange thought came over me. The commentator had named some of the over 2,000 people who had received invitations to the service. Heads of government and representatives of nations were gathered – and whose words were being offered for their comfort? The words of a humble carpenter turned preacher, who had never gone to college and who had lived his life in a small section of the earth's surface, a condemned man in his early thirties... Words from a tentmaker-rabbi who had been jailed often, beaten and persecuted... Words of a shepherd or man of faith. Not the words of a king, government head, or high priestly figure of the church – but words from some Jews who had dared to lay their lives on the line!

Time has certainly vindicated the faith of Jesus Christ! He was not a "power figure" in the way in which men then (and now) knew the phrase. Calvary should have ended his movement, but it didn't. Indeed, often in the first 300 years of the life of the Church, there were ample reasons to doubt if the Church would survive persecutions and bitter opposition – but it did! And now, the powerful of the earth bow before His cross and sing Hallelujahs before his empty tomb.

Ah, there is the clue to it all! The tomb was empty! The stone was rolled back, not to let the Christ out but to let the world in to see that it was empty. That an event of tremendous importance had taken place there can be no doubt. When the Gospel writers wrote about the event, they differed on some of the details. (Hardly two people report the same event in the same way – and it is not surprising that the Gospels written years after the event would vary in details. But the central event of the resurrection stood at the very heart of their faith! With it there, they went out and conquered a world as they affirmed what they had seen and heard and touched.

We are heirs of that faith; indeed, this faith is our own. I am not concerned about how God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. That's His business, not mine! I am concerned, however, to know Christ alive within my own life and in the relationships that prevail within the Church and within our associations with other people. I am confident that the Christ I know through God's Holy Spirit in the here and now will also be with me in the "then" that is to come! All praise to His name! Hallelujah!

- Robert A. Happel

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# **YOGA with Mary-K**

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM

Cost is \$10 per class.

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Sandstone Coffee House, Amherst

**Wednesday from 9-11:00 a.m. All are welcome!**

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# **Name Tags**

Please wear your names tags to help Pastor Mike get to know you. If you need a name tag, please let Kaye in the office know. She'll be happy to make you one!

## Do you have a favorite hymn?

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

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The Office will be closed on Monday, April 21.

If you need assistance, please leave a message and I'll return your call Tuesday morning. Thank you!

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.

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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., April 21    Office closed  
                         Spiritual Life visitations throughout the week
- Tues., April 22    Bible Study 7 PM
- Wed., April 23    YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM  
                         Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
- Thurs., April 24    YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM  
                         Handbell Rehearsal, 7 PM
- Sun., April 27     Worship Service 10 AM

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

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