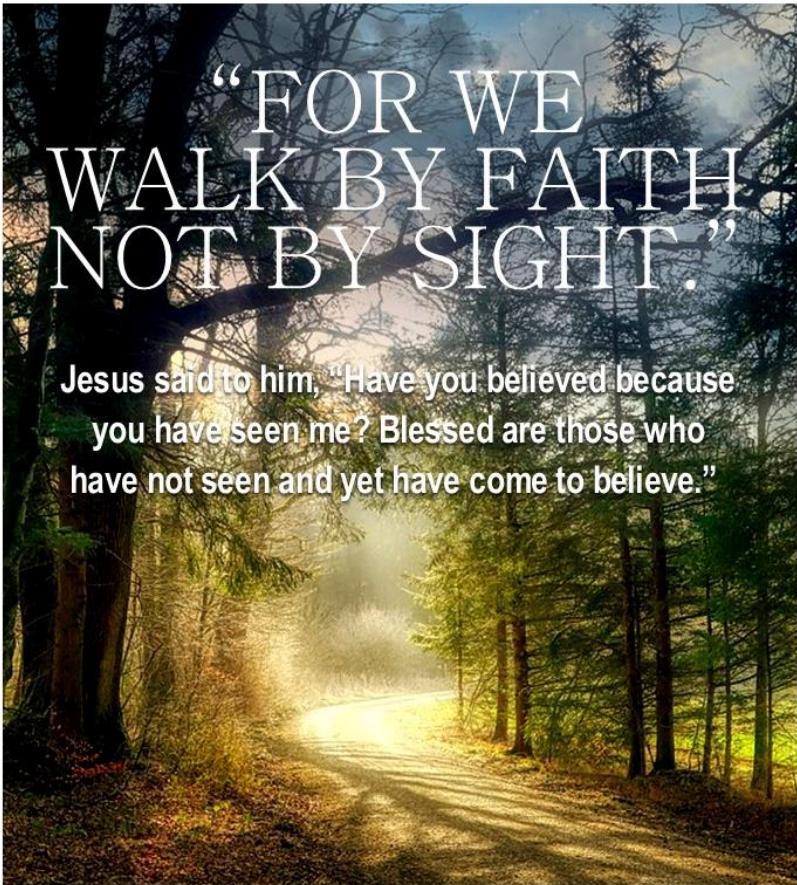




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



April 27, 2025 | Second Sunday of Easter

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: *"Erstanden ist der heilige Christ"*, BWV 628

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

Leader: We have gathered together today because we believe.

**People: We do not need proof of Jesus Christ.
We believe because we believe.**

Leader: Give praise to the Lord who loves us and cares for us.

People: Shout to the heavens; We believe!

**HYMN #410 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

INVOCATION (*Unison*)

Karen Geduldig

Almighty God, who paints the night sky with stars that fill the vastness of the heavens; who paints the earth with lush greens and majestic blues and whites and who shares the wonder of creation with us, hear us as we pray. You have given us gifts beyond all imagination. Daily we see on every hand the proof of Your love. We hear Your voice in the rumbling of the thunder, and we perceive Your call in the babbling of the brook and the sweet sound of the birds in the forests. What other proofs of Your existence do we need? We bask in Your love, made manifest to us in the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again that we too might rise to glories even greater than those that surround us. Praise be Your name, Almighty God. Amen.

**HYMN #364 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

Choral Response

Choral Anthem: *"Ivory Palaces" (My Lord has Garments)*

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Karen Geduldig

Psalm 150 #508

John 20: 19-29 #883

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "The Second-Rate Man"

OFFERING

Offertory: *"Petit offertoire"*, CFF 38

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #220 *"He Lives"*

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction #47 *"God Will Take Care of You"*

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: *"Postlude in F"*, Anonymous

(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

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	Karen Geduldig
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Sue Cherry

Church News

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.

New Member Sunday – May 18, 2025

We will be welcoming new members during our service on May 18th. Anyone seeking to join our church, please contact the church office for a membership application. Thank you!

Rummage Sale! Saturday, June 21

There will be a short Rummage Sale Meeting on Sunday, May 4th in the fellowship hall for those interested in helping make this the best sale ever! Sue Conkle

Donated items can be brought into the Fellowship Hall starting Sunday, May 25 thru Sunday, June 15. No clothing, shoes, Christmas trees, car seats, or large furniture.



Help Feed our Children

Items needed for Children's Weekend Backpack Program

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| . 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!



Sandstone Coffee House, Amherst
Wednesday from 9-11:00 a.m.

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*

Ponderings About St. Peter's

Music is an important part of our Sunday Worship Service. One of the hymns that is often sung at this time of year is "The Old Rugged Cross", but do you know who wrote it or how it came to be?



George Bennard (1873-1958) is the author and composer of this much loved 1912 hymn. He was born in Youngstown, Ohio and when he was young his family moved to Albion, Michigan and then later to Lucas, Iowa. As a youth he wanted to become a Christian evangelist, however, when his father died unexpectedly, he went to work to support his mother and sisters. He eventually married and became active in the Salvation Army. Later he was ordained by the Methodist Episcopal Church. He authored many hymns, but

this one is his best known. He was going through a difficult time in his life and spent a lot of time studying and praying. (His problem was never revealed). He was reading what Paul wrote in Philippians 3:10 about "entering into the fellowship of Christ's sufferings" when he was inspired to sit down at his kitchen table and write the lyrics for this hymn. It was set to a melody he had composed at Christmastime.

"I saw the Christ of the cross as if I were seeing John 3:16 leave the printed page, take form, and act out the meaning of redemption. The more I contemplated these truths, the more convinced I became that the cross was far more than just a religious symbol but rather the very heart of the gospel."

YOGA with Mary-K

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM

Cost is \$10 per class.

Blue Sunday, April 27

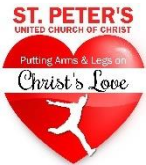
Today is the National Day of Prayer for abused and neglected children and to highlight the need for foster parents in Lorain County. We believe the need to protect and support vulnerable children transcends all beliefs. We invite people of all faiths to unite in prayer for the safety, healing and protection of ALL

children. Join us for the Blue Sunday Prayer Service on Sunday, April 27, at 3 PM held on the grounds of Catholic Charities/ Blessing House, 41295 North Ridge Rd., Elyria. With gratitude, Sister Mary Berigan/Blessing House, Judith Padua, Lorain County Children Services, Ericka Lasion, Catholic Charities.

"It's hypocrisy to call yourself a Christian and chase away a refugee or someone seeking help, someone who is hungry or thirsty, toss out someone who is in need. If I say I am a Christian, but do these things, I'm a hypocrite." -Pope Francis

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



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

Mon., April 28	Spiritual Life visitations throughout the week
Tues., April 29	Bible Study 7 PM
Wed., April 30	YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
Thurs., May 1	YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal, 7 PM
Sun., May 4	Worship Service 10 AM

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

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