



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



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# THANK YOU GOD FOR MOTHERS!

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When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

**May 11, 2025 | Fourth 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: *"How Great Thou Art"*

HANDBELL ANTHEM: *"Softly and Tenderly"*, Will L. Thompson,  
Arr. by Dan R. Edwards

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

Leader: We gather together this day to praise God and to  
honor those givers of life among us.

**People: Mother or step-mother, sister, aunt or friend,  
we honor those women who have nurtured us  
and guided us in our lives.**

Leader: They have been our spiritual guides and the  
guardians of our faith.

**People: Praise God for their presence in our lives.**

**\*HYMN #234** *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*

**INVOCATION** *(Unison)*

Neil Wasilk

**Almighty God, creator of all life, enter into our hearts this  
special Sunday as we honor those who have nurtured us and  
touched our lives throughout the years. For we have been  
changed in a positive manner by their presence in times of  
trouble and dismay. They have guided us through some of  
our toughest times, always loving, always caring. On this  
special day, let us reach out to them with more than just  
flowers or special meals. Let us tell them with words of love  
just what they have meant to us. In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.**

\*HYMN #286 *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

Choral Response

CHORAL ANTHEM: *"She Will Be Called Blessed"*

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Neil Wasilk

Ruth 3:1-5 #211

John 19:26-27 #882

\* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Son, Behold Thy Mother"

## OFFERING

Offertory: *"Be Thou My Vision"*

\* + Doxology #625

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

\*HYMN #373 *"Where He Leads Me"*

## \*BENEDICTION

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

\*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: *"Postlude in E flat"*

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

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*Caring for Us*

*Caring for Others*

*Praising God*



**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	Neil Wasilk
Ushers	Sue Cherry, Don Ramsey, Geoff Gatz, Fred Helyes

# Church News

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## **Rummage Sale! Saturday, June 21**

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.

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## **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*



# 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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## **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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## **Recognition of Veterans | May 25, 2025**

Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> during the worship service we will be  
honoring all Veterans. Please write on the back of your blue  
attendance card if you are a Veteran. Thank you!

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## **New Member Sunday Date Change - May 25th**

We will be welcoming new members during our service on  
May 25. Anyone seeking to join our church, please contact  
the church office for a membership application. Thank you!



## **Altar Guild Flower Signup!**

Just a reminder you can sign up for ANY Sunday to have flowers on the Altar. Just contact the church office by phone 440-988-4965 or email [admin.ofc@stpetersamherst.org](mailto:admin.ofc@stpetersamherst.org) or stop by Mon.-Thurs. from 8:30 AM—2:30 PM, and Kaye will add you to the calendar. Please let her know at least 2 weeks in advance or earlier to secure a specific date. There are two ways you can choose flowers:

### **Fresh Flowers**

You may pick up the Altar vases after the service the Sunday prior to your date. Take the vases to the Florist. At this time you can let them know of any preferences and pay for the flowers, and make a time to pick them up from the Florist. Please bring them to church Sunday morning before the church service or contact Altar Guild to schedule a different time. After the service, please go to the Altar Guild station to pick up your flowers. If you're not picking up your flowers following the church service, you can pick them up Monday at the church from 8:30-2:30 PM.

### **Silk Flowers**

Altar Guild has some nice silk flower arrangements, which can be used. Please make donation payable to St. Peter's UCC and note Altar Guild on Memo.

There will also be a nice article in the back of the bulletin honoring your loved one(s).

When you thought I wasn't looking,  
I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator,  
and I wanted to paint another one.  
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat,  
and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.  
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me,  
and I knew that little things are special things.  
When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer,  
and I believed there is a God I could always talk to.  
When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me goodnight,  
and I felt loved.  
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes,  
and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.  
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared  
and I wanted to be everything that I could be.  
When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked...  
and wanted to say thanks for all the things  
I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.  
Anonymous

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** -----

- Tues., May 13    Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
- Wed., May 14    YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM  
                      Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
- Thurs., May 15    Communion Visitations 2-4 PM  
                      YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM  
                      Handbell Rehearsal, 7 PM
- Sun., May 18     Worship Service 10 AM

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

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

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For more detailed information, contact the church office.

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