



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SAUL'S CONVERSION

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

May 4, 2025 | Third Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Stand as you are able.)

GATHERING MUSIC

Words of Welcome and Announcements

ORGAN PRELUDE: *"Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier"*, BWV 730

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

Leader: We have gathered together to answer the call.

**People: It may not be a call to our liking, but it is God's call,
and we must not avoid it.**

Leader: We must trust God if we are to go forward
upon the paths that He sets for us.

**People: We will put our trust in Jesus Christ.
We will keep our faith grounded in Him. Amen.**

*HYMN #226 *"The Day of Resurrection"*

INVOCATION (*Unison*) Diane Barnum

Come among us, Almighty God, and give us the assurance through Your Holy Spirit that You would not send us into any situation without first giving us the spiritual tools to cope with anything we may encounter. Give us the courage to step forward into uncertainty with the confidence of ones who know that that Jesus is walking beside us, guiding us and giving us the courage to take the next step. Take away the fear of reaching out, and fill us with new enthusiasm for the work that You have set before us. In the Triune name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #323 *"Let us Break Bread Together"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

Choral Response

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Diane Barnum

Psalm 23 #435

Acts 9: 1-20 #893

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "You've Got to Be Kidding!"

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

OFFERING

Offertory: *"All my hope on God is founded"*, Herbet Howells
1893-1982

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #349 *"Trust and Obey"*

*BENEDICTION

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

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: *"Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier"*, BWV 731

(*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

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| 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 | Diane Barnum |
| Ushers | Lewis Zeller, Vicki Zeller |

Church News

Please use the ivory SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION booklet found in the Hymnal Rack and place it back in that spot in front of the Bible. Thank you.

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 pm and friends, family and the congregation are invited to attend. Members will provide finger food snacks to share after the program.

Rummage Sale Meeting Today!

There will be a short Rummage Sale Meeting today after worship in the fellowship hall for those interested in helping make this the best sale ever! -Sue Conkle



Help Feed our Children

Items needed for Children's Weekend Backpack Program

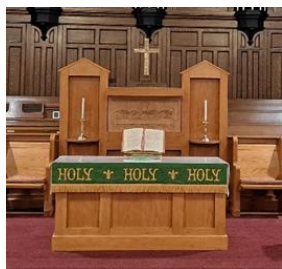
- . Single Serving PB & Jelly
- . Mac & Cheese (Microwavable)
- . Oatmeal Packages
- . Peanut Butter Crackers
- . Individual Cereals
- . Small Bag Pretzels
- . Canned Soup (Pop top lids)
- . Granola Bars
- . Small Bag Chips
- . Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids)
- . Fruit Cups & Jello Cups

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!

Ponderings About St. Peter's



Have you ever wondered about the story behind our Altar Cross? In 1949 it was presented to St. Peters by the Mays Family to honor Thelma M. Mays (1913-1947). Thelma and her family

were lifelong members of our church. She graduated from Oberlin College in 1935. She taught French and English for 11 years at Barberton High School, Amherst High School, and at the time of her death, Elyria High School. She died of a cerebral hemorrhage and is buried at Crownhill Cemetery. When you look at the cross take a moment to think of the Mays family.

YOGA with Mary-K

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM

Cost is \$10 per class.



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*

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Choral Spectrum invites you to join us for our final concert of the '24-'25 Season, "On My Way: Songs of the Journey." A wide array of spiritual, religious, and secular pieces, all the music in this concert speaks of life's great journey. The concert will be held on **Sunday, May 4 at 3pm at St. Peter Parish in Lorain.** The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken. *Choral Spectrum is an auditioned choir under the direction of Anthony Trifiletti.*

New Member Sunday Date Change - May 25th

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

Office Closed Monday, May 5th

I will be taking a vacation day this Monday, May 5th. If you need me, please leave a message and I'll return your call first thing Tuesday morning. *Thank you! Kaye*

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** -----

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| Mon., May 5 | Kaye vacation day - office closed |
| Tues., May 6 | Bible Study 7 PM |
| Wed., May 7 | YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM |
| Thurs., May 8 | Communion Visitations 2-4 PM YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal, 7 PM |
| Sun., May 11 | Worship Service 10 AM |

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

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