



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

LIFE AMONG THE BELIEVERS



Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

June 22, 2025 | Second Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Words of Welcome and Announcements

ORGAN VOLUNTARY I: *'Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele', BWV 654'*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

Leader: How sweet and good it is for believers to join together.

People: It is a privilege and honor given to us by God.

Leader: Let us make the most of God's gift of holy community.

People: Let us praise God with all our hearts and with every breath of our being.

CHORAL INTROIT

***HYMN #26** *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

INVOCATION (unison)

Sherrill McLoda

Holy God, in this place and time which You have given us, let us truly appreciate the community of the church which You have created. Help us draw strength and support from one another. Help us reach out to any who are in need among us this day. In fellowship, let us enjoy the pleasure of each other's company, and help us listen as well as speak, that we might hear anyone crying out for help. For we are a church, commissioned by Your Holy Son to be a living, breathing extension of the Holy Spirit, living only for You now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN #393** *"Nearer, My God, to Thee"*

CHORAL ANTHEM: *"Sweet By and By"*

Caring for Us

Caring for Others

Praising God

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Sherrill McLoda

Psalm 131 #500

Acts 2:43-47 #886

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Foundations of Faith"

OFFERING

Offertory: "*Ave Maria*", William Edmondstone Duncan (1866-1920)

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #379 "*Take My Life and Let It Be*"

*BENEDICTION

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

*Pastoral Benediction

ORGAN VOLUNTARY II: "*Concluding Voluntary*"

Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

(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
Director of Music	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Sherrill McLoda
Ushers	Susan Cherry, Fred Helyes, Earl Wiegand, Geoff Gatz

Church News

GriefShare* | Thursdays, Aug. 14-Nov. 6

Our GriefShare* {sic} program will begin on Thursday, August 14th and end on Thursday, November 6th from 2-4 PM. The program will be held in the Sanctuary and the Fireside Room, and will incorporate video information and discussion.

GriefShare is a Christ centered group program designed to help those who are suffering grief due to the loss of a loved one. All are welcome regardless of how recent or how far in the past your loss occurred. There is a \$20 fee for course materials which can be waived in cases of extreme need.

*GriefShare is the registered trademark of Church Initiative.

Rummage Sale Leftover Items

Hello Church Members! After the worship service check out the leftover items from our Rummage Sale yesterday, and fill up a bag or two! Donations accepted-give what you wish.

Also, we need some folks willing to help box up our leftover items. At 2:00 pm, a person from the Salvation Army is coming to take everything that didn't sell. Thank you! Sue Conkle

Walking on Wednesdays

St. Peter's will have a table this summer for Walking on Wednesdays. Anyone wishing to man the table for July 9 and August 13, please contact Christine Burman. Only 4 people are needed. Thank you!

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
- . 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 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!

Evensong for the Martyrdom of the Apostle Saint Peter

Sunday, 29th June 2025 | 12:30 PM

St. Peter's United Church of Christ

You are warmly invited to an Evensong celebrating the Martyrdom of the Apostle Saint Peter, to be held at 12:30 pm Sunday, the 29th of June, 2025, at St. Peter's United Church of Christ.

The service will be sung by the Voice Choir accompanied by the pipe organ, offering sacred music that honors the life, witness, and enduring legacy of the Apostle Saint Peter. A collection will be taken in support of the Organ Fund, helping to preserve and maintain this our historic and treasured instrument for future generations. All are welcome to join us for this solemn and inspiring act of worship. May this service promise a time of prayer and reflection of the musical beauty of English and German traditions.

Potluck Preceding the Evensong

There will be a Potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall between the church service and Evensong on Sunday June 29th. Please bring a dish to share. We hope everyone is able to attend!

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St. Peter's is now offering a prayer shawl and prayer lap blanket mission for anyone who needs one. The shawls and lap blankets are located in bins in the Fireside Room. They are not just for the congregation, but also the community, as part of our mission statement to serve others. Please sign the record sheet so we can know who has received a shawl or blanket so we can avoid any duplications.

The third bin is for donations of yarn for anyone who would like to create a shawl or blanket to participate in this mission. Even those who do not knit or crochet can help by donating yarn. Leave your completed donation, whether just yarn or a shawl or blanket in this bin for packaging and blessing. Thank you, Christine Burman

Prayer Request Cards

Cards have been placed into the bulletin for this Sunday, but moving forward we will have them by the bulletins. If you have a prayer request, please pick one up, fill it out, and the ushers will pick them up before the sharing of concerns. Thank you.

Jen Wasilk, Director of Music

Jen, our worship team leader, has just been appointed as our Director of Music during the Church Council meeting this past Monday. Thank you Jen for all you do!

YOGA with Mary-K

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM

Cost is \$10 per class.

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

- Tues., June 24 Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
Wed., June 25 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
Thurs., June 26 Communion Visitations 2-4 PM
YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM
Sun., June 29 Worship Service 10 AM

How To Reach Us

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