



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

YOU AND THE LAW

"Do not think that I have come
to abolish the law or the prophets;
I have come not to abolish
BUT TO FULFILL THEM"

June 29, 2025 | Third 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: *'Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 730'*
JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

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

Leader: We gather together today looking forward to the celebration of our nation's birth.

People: We remember those who died to give us liberty. We honor those who framed the laws that we live by.

Leader: We pray that we will always live up to the spirit of the law that they envisioned.

People: We praise you, Our Father, for the inspiration that You gave our forbearers so many years ago. Thank You for their spirit. Amen.

***HYMN #573 "God of Our Fathers"**

INVOCATION (unison) Penny Knepper

Almighty and Most Merciful God, be with us and hear us as we pray today. As we stand in the shadow of our forefathers and mothers, let us not forget that they were men and women like ourselves, fallible and sinful. Let us remember that our nation was born with the unforgivable stain of slavery at its heart, and that much of what we give our forefathers credit for was built on the backs of people who were here not of their own choice. Let us acknowledge the failings of the past so that we may not repeat them in the future. Keep our feet upon the right paths that lead to You. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #563 *"Count Your Blessings"*

VOCAL ANTHEM I: *'To God the Sonne'*, Henry Lawes (1595-1662)

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Penny Knepper

Romans 2:17-23 #915

Matthew 5:17-19 #786

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "You and the Law"

Vocal Anthem II: *'The God of love my Sheperd is'*

Henry Lawes (1595-1662)

OFFERING

Offertory: *'A Solis Ortus: Plein Jeu'*, Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #572 *"America the Beautiful"*

*BENEDICTION

*Pastoral Benediction

ORGAN VOLUNTARY II: *'God Bless America'*, Irving Berlin (1888-1989)

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



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	Penny Knepper
Soloist	Erika Lantz
Ushers	Susan Cherry, Fred Helyes, Lewis Zeller, Vicki Zeller

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.

Ponderings about St. Peter's

This week we will celebrate our country's 249th birthday. Many of you know the story of our National Anthem: "The Star-Spangled Banner". During the War of 1812, weeks after the British had attacked Washington, D.C. and burned our Capitol Building, Treasury, and the White House, they attacked a major port, Baltimore, Maryland. It was there after 25 hours of bombing Fort McHenry that Francis Scott Key wrote the words to our anthem on the back of an envelope. The words were set to a popular English tune and became an immediate hit. It wasn't until 1931 that Congress officially made it our national anthem. The song has four verses. I wonder why we only sing the first! Below is the last verse and as you read the words note their significance. This is also where our country's motto is found. Have a happy and safe July 4th! - Linda

O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just
And this be our motto: 'In God is our trust.'
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

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!

Prayer Request Cards

Lavender, Prayer Request cards have been placed by the bulletins. If you have a prayer request, please pick one up on your way in, fill it out, and the ushers will pick them up before the sharing of concerns. Thank you.

Rummage Sale Success!

Grand total raised: \$1,830.15

Special thanks to:

Co-Chair Pam Beiswenger, Becky Woods, Eleanor Tráster, and Kaye Koler. And, thanks to everyone who helped either by attending, donating items, sharing our flyers, and helping pack up everything last Sunday. -Blessings, Sue Conkle

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

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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 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!

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., July 1	Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
Wed., July 2	YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
Thurs., July 3	Communion Visitations 2-4 PM YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM
Sun., July 6	Worship Service 10 AM

How To Reach Us

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