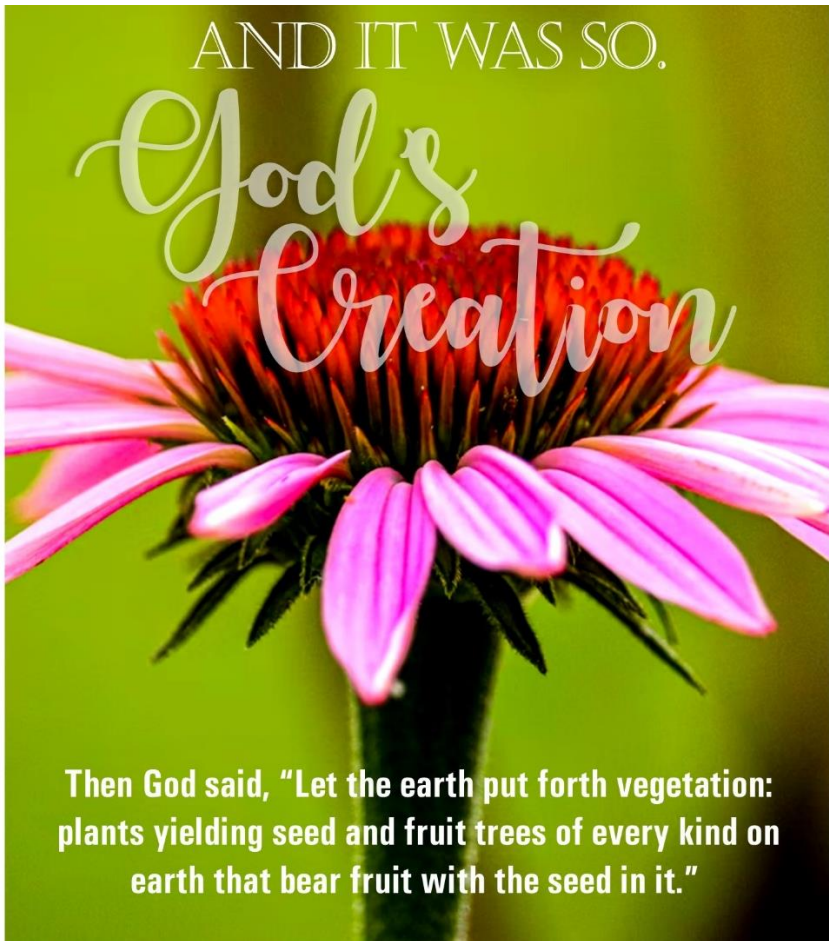




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



July 27, 2025 | Seventh 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

PRELUDE: *"We Shall Behold Him"*

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

Leader: What a wonderful day this is! What a wonderful morning to give praise to God above.

People: He is all around us. We see His work no matter where we turn.

Leader: We never tire of the sunrise and sunset.
Each new day brings wonders at every hand.

People: Praise the God of all creation. Let heaven resound with praise and adulation for the One who made us all.

**HYMN #560 "For the Beauty of the Earth"*

INVOCATION (unison)

Sally Readinger

Joyfully we praise thee, God of all the cosmos. All the colors of the rainbow surround us in their glory. The birds of Your creation serenade us, and the wind in the trees plays a fantasia of sound in our ears. Each sunrise paints the new day, and life unfolds around us. Forgive us when we take Your handiwork for granted and forget to give You thanks for all we see, feel and hear. In the name of the God of all Creation we pray. Amen.

**HYMN #578 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Sally Readinger

Genesis 1:9-13 #1

Psalm 23 #435 (Recite together)

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "WOW!"

OFFERING

Offertory: *"Piece in C dur"*

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #88 *"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

*BENEDICTION

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: *"Trumpet Tune in F dur"*

(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	Sally Readinger
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Earl Wiegand, Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz

Church News

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

This is open to everyone in our community. If you know someone who has had a loss please share with them.

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.



Today we will celebrate God's gift of creation!

Please take your flowers home with you after worship. 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!

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.

Do you have a favorite hymn?

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Ponderings about St. Peter's

In searching through old copies of "the Key" I discovered this item that was printed in the January 2007 edition. Here's hoping that you enjoy it.

The Pearly Gates

A man dies. Of course, St. Peter meets him at the Pearly Gates.

St. Peter says, "Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in."

"Okay," the man says, "I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart." "That's wonderful," says St. Peter, "that's worth three points!"

"Three points?" he says. "Well, I attended church all my life and supported its ministry with my tithe and service." "Terrific!" says St. Peter. "That's certainly worth a point."

"One point!?!?" "I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans." "Fantastic, that's good for two more points," he says.

"Two points!?!?" Exasperated, the man cries, "At this rate it'll just be by the grace of God that I ever get into heaven."

"Bingo, 100 points! Come on in!"

St. Peter's UCC T-Shirts!

We are taking orders for t-shirts. Please see or call Pastor Mike as he has a sign up sheet. The shirt is a Jerzees Dri-Power 50/50 cotton/poly. Sizes and pricing below. We need to order 24 at the minimum to get the following pricing:



SM-XL \$13.49, XXL \$16.49, XXXL \$17.49, XXXXL \$18.49, XXXXXL \$19.49

In case of an emergency, wheelchairs are available. One on the sanctuary level, located behind the door that leads to steps outside, near the pastor office. The second is in the cubby off the kitchen, near the lady's restroom. - Christine D Burman

YOGA with Mary-K

Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM

Cost is \$10 per class.

Spiritual Life Team is here for you!

The Spiritual Life team makes weekly Communion visits to stay connected with our church family members. If anyone would like a visit, please call the church office (440) 988-4965.

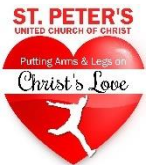
Colossians 3:17 - *“Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”*

Love, Blessings, and Peace from

Spiritual Life: Pam Miskov, Judy McCurdy, Don & Marcia Ramsey

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 29 Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
Wed., July 30 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
 Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
Thurs., July 31 YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM
Sun., Aug. 3 Worship Service 10 AM, Communion Sunday
If anyone would like a Communion visit, please call the office.

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

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to make your donation electronically via Breeze or Paypal.

Also, we now have the ability to accept donations by TEXT!

For more detailed information, contact the church office.

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