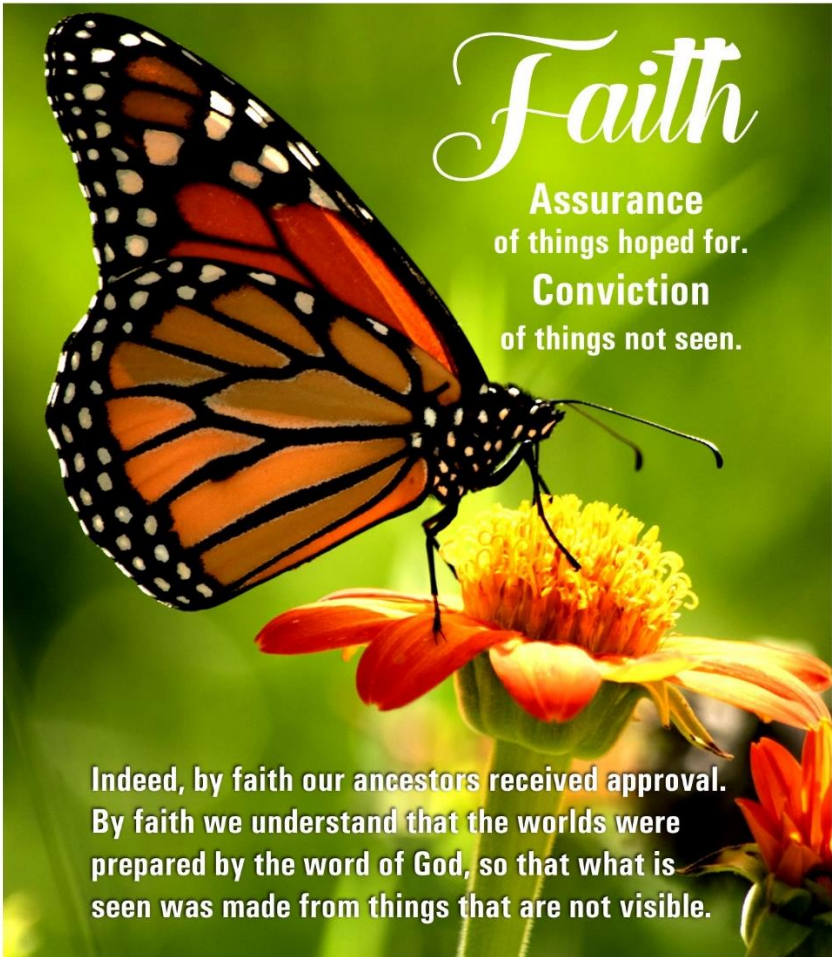




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



August 10, 2025 | Ninth 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: *"Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier"*, BWV 634

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

Leader: Come and worship in faith the One who has faith in us.

**People: The Lord trusts us as He cares for us.
He has given us dominion over all the earth.**

Leader: He has shown His abiding faith in us by sending
His Son to redeem us.

**People: Praise God of heaven and earth, who loves
and trusts His people forever.**

*HYMN #284 "They'll Know We Are Christians..."

INVOCATION (unison) Vicki Zeller

**Great God of all the cosmos, we stand in awe before You,
surrounded by Your glory in this sanctuary. You have loved
and trusted us throughout our days. But we freely admit
that there have been times when we have betrayed that
trust and followed our own inclinations instead of following
You. We have strayed from Your paths, and walked in
valleys of shadow out of our own sinfulness and curiosity.
We thank You for taking us back when we have realized
our errors. We praise You for the forgiveness that is always
there for the asking. In this time of worship hear our praise
and know our love, which has no measure. In the Triune
Name we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN #529 *"O, How I Love Jesus"*, vs. 1, 2, 3

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Vicki Zeller

Genesis 15:1-6 #10

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12 #977

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Faith in Reverse"

OFFERING

Offertory: *"Jesus, meine Zuversicht"*, BWV 728

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #43 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

*BENEDICTION

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: *"Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Her"*, BWV 711

(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	Vicki Zeller
Ushers	Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz, Sue Cherry, Penny Knepper

Church News



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!

Ponderings about St. Peter's

How faithful are you in your church attendance? Do you have friends or family who offer excuses for not going to church? The following appeared in one of our Keys several decades ago. Please read it and see what you think.

Why Go To Church?

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for thirty years now," he wrote, "and, in that time, I have heard something like three thousand sermons, but, for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them: so I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher.

"I've been married for thirty years now. In that time my wife has cooked some thirty-two thousand meals, but, for the life of me, I can't recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals; but I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something! The faithful see the invisible, believe the incredible, and receive the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

Hotdog Picnic Potluck | August 17th

Join us after worship on Sunday, August 17th in the Fellowship Hall for our Hotdog Picnic Potluck. There's a signup sheet in the kitchen to sign up for a variety of 'picnic' food items and/or share your favorite picnic side dish. Bring a friend!

Wheelchairs

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



Bible Study in the Fireside Room! Please note that both the morning and afternoon days and times for our Bible Study will be posted on the last page of the bulletin under "What's Happening?". We hope you can join us as we start our journey in Genesis.

Walkin on Wednesday

Get ready to stroll, shop, and shine at Walkin' on Main Street, Amherst's popular summer series! Join us August 13 from 4 PM to 7:30 PM for evenings packed with community fun. Explore a vibrant array of vendors set up along Park Avenue, offering unique finds and local treasures. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy our beautiful downtown, support local businesses, and connect with neighbors. (Rain date: Sept. 10)

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His Son to redeem us.*

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.

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.



If anyone would like a Communion visit, please call the office.



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., Aug. 12 Bible Study 2-3:00 PM, Fireside Room
Wed., Aug. 13 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
 Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
 Walkin on Wednesday, 4:30-7 PM
Thurs., Aug. 14 Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 AM, Fireside Room
 GriefShare, 2-4 PM, Fireside Room
 YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM
Sun., Aug. 17 Worship Service 10 AM

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

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