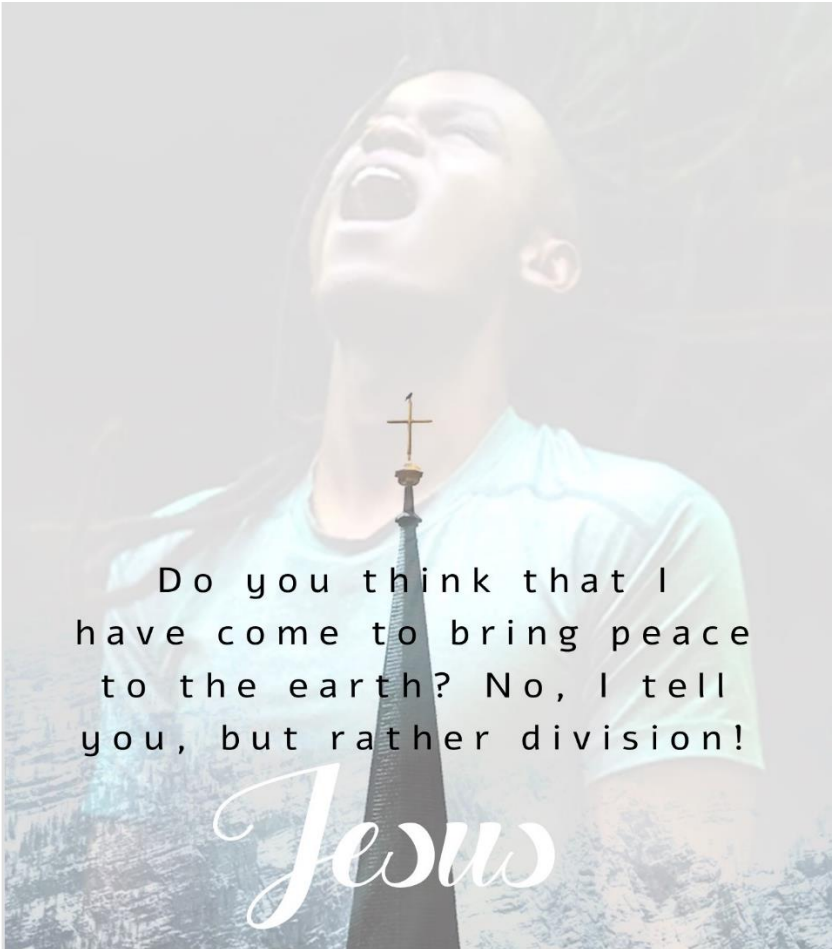




**ST. PETER'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



August 17, 2025 | Tenth 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: *"Prelude in E Flat"*

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

Leader: Enter into the presence of the One who comes  
from the stem of Jesse.

**People:** Gather within the limitless realm of  
Almighty God, the Wonderful Counselor.

Leader: For within the realm of God we find comfort  
and security. He is our refuge and resort.

**People:** Let us praise the name of God with all  
our heart and soul. Amen.

**\*HYMN # 202** *"Amazing Grace"*

INVOCATION (unison)

Rev. David Rogers

**Heavenly Father, You can look into our hearts and see the confusion that is often there when we read Your Holy Word. For the things that You have given to one generation are often changed or rescinded in another time and place. We know that the Bible is Your inerrant word, in its whole, yet subject to interpretation in its parts. Help us understand the things we read. Help us overcome the filters and prejudices imposed by previous teachings, so that we may discover anew the message that You have given us, which is fresh and true in every generation. In Your Holy Name we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #435** *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Rev. David Rogers

Isaiah 9:6-7 #555

Luke 12:49-53 #848

\* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: *"Contradiction!"*

## OFFERING

Offertory: *"Offertory in C major"*

\* + Doxology #625

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

\*HYMN #493 *"It Is Well With My Soul"*

\*BENEDICTION

\*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: *"Postlude in F minor"*

*(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	Rev. David Rogers
Ushers	Betty Pekare, Fred Helyes, Lewis Zeller, Vicki Zeller

# Church News

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## ***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



This morning one of our hymns is "What a Friend we have in Jesus". Here is the story behind that hymn:

Joseph Scriven was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1819 to parents in the upper middle-class. He graduated from Trinity College and became a teacher. On the night before his wedding, his bride-to-be accidentally drowned in the River Bann. Grief stricken he decided to change his lifestyle and immigrated to Canada. He lived a simple life in Canada giving away his clothing and possessions to those in need. He became known as the "Good Samaritan of Port Hope". Sources are unclear as to whether he lost his second fiancée to pneumonia or to a supposed friend. When his mother became ill, he wrote the words to this hymn and mailed them to her. She is probably the one who later had them published. When Joseph became ill, a friend who stopped to see him saw the paper with the words on his bedside table and asked who had written the beautiful poem. His response was: "The Lord and I did it together." Joseph Scriven drowned Rice Lake, Ontario in 1886.

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## Community Congregational UCC Blood Drive

Sunday, Sept. 21, 10 AM – 1 PM

There's a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall on the table closer to the woman's restroom. Sept. donors will receive a FREE hemoglobin A1C test! Please eat before you donate. All donors will be entered into a giveaway for a chance to win a \$10,000 gift card redeemable via email. Thank you!

## **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

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## **Say Cheese! St. Peter's Directory Coming Soon**

Hello everyone! It's been awhile since we have had a directory. So, in the near future, we will! Photographs will be taken during the month of September in Fellowship Hall after service. Also, there will be a short form to fill out with your information . . . phone number(s), email address, home address. This gives us a chance to make sure we have everything up to date. This is for ALL folks coming to St. Peter's. Our last directory was completed in 2019.

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## **Hotdog Picnic Potluck**

Join us after worship today in the Fellowship Hall for our Hotdog Picnic Potluck. Enjoy the food, fun, and fellowship!

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## **Membership Outreach**

As mentioned last Sunday, on August 31<sup>st</sup> there will be a postcard in the bulletin for you. Just add the address of a friend or member that you have missed seeing in church. Bring your address book, or address with you on August 31<sup>st</sup>. We'll have you fill in their address on the postcard *and* throw them in the offering plate. We will mail them out. Thank you!

**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.

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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.*

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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** -----

- Mon., Aug. 18     Council Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 1 PM  
Tues., Aug. 19     Bible Study 2-3:00 PM, Fireside Room  
Wed., Aug. 20     YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM  
                         Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM  
Thurs., Aug. 21     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. 24     Worship Service 10 AM  
                         Voice Choir Rehearsal begins!

## ----- **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.*