



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Sept. 14, 2025 | Fourteenth 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

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

Leader: We are here together by the grace of God.

**People: We have not earned a place in worship;
we have not paid for our seat this morning.**

Leader: We are here solely because God loves us.

**People: We are undeserving of that love, yet He loves
us still. Let us give thanks and praise.**

CHORAL INTROIT: *"The Trees of the Field"*

***HYMN #267** *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* vrs. 1, 2, 3

INVOCATION (unison) Terry Deliman

In our hearts we have always loved You, Holy Father. Yet we have too often allowed our bodies and our minds to lead us away unto paths of sin. We have been lured away by the flash and glitz of the world. We have pursued such things as artificial intelligence for the wrong reasons. We have ignored Your Word, and often even questioned Your continued existence. We are fools and sinners. Yet by Your grace we are saved. In Your great love for us You sent Your Son to redeem us, even as we turned our backs on You. Forgive us Lord, and hear our praise and thanks that cannot begin to express our debt to You. In the Triune Name we pray. Amen.

HYMN #320 *"Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine"*

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

We are receiving today by Baptism, Noah Swift Nemet

Choral Anthem: *"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Terry Deliman

Psalm 14 #430

1 Timothy 1:12-17 #963

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: *"Unbelievable Grace"*

OFFERING

Offertory

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #342 *"Just As I Am"* vrs 1, 2, 5

***BENEDICTION**

*Choral Benediction #602 *"God Be With You"*

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE

(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	Terry Deliman
Ushers	

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

Do you remember Art Linkletter's interviews of kids? In your own experience have you ever been surprised about what kids say? Here are some notes received by pastors from children in their congregation.

Dear Pastor, I know God loves everybody, but He never met my sister.
Yours sincerely, Arnold. -Age 8

Dear Pastor, Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, Pete. -Age 9

Dear Pastor, My father should be a minister. Every day he gives us a sermon about something. Robert Anderson. -Age 11

Dear Pastor, I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there. Stephen. -Age 8

Dear Pastor, I think a lot more people would come to church if you moved it to Disneyland. Loreen. -Age 9

Dear Pastor, My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold. Yours truly, Annette. -Age 9

Dear Pastor, How does God know the good people from the bad people? Do you tell Him or does He read about it in the newspapers? Sincerely, Marie. -Age 9

Membership Outreach - Bring an address!

Today there's 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 31st. We'll have you fill in their address on the postcard *and* toss them in the offering plate. We will mail them out for you. Thank you!

St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter

2726 Caroline Ave., Lorain

On Wednesday, Sept. 17th at 4:30 PM, we need volunteers to serve. We won't need baked goods as we'll be serving ice cream. This gives our bakers a well-deserved break! If you want to help or have questions, please contact Betty Pekare.



Say Cheese! St. Peter's Directory Coming Soon

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.



Altar Guild Flower Signup

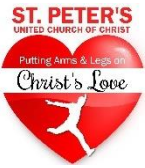
Remember you can sign up for ANY Sunday to have flowers on the altar. There are signs hanging by the entrance doors on both sides of the Sanctuary explaining the process. *Call Kaye to get added to the calendar!*

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** -----

- Mon., Sept. 15 Council Meeting, 1 PM, Fellowship Hall
Tues., Sept. 16 Bible Study 2-3:00 PM, Fireside Room
Wed., Sept. 17 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
 Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
 St. Elizabeth meal, 4:30 PM
Thurs., Sept. 18 Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 AM, Fireside Room
 Voice Choir Rehearsal, 1 PM, Sanctuary
 GriefShare, 2-4 PM, Fireside Room
 YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM
 Handbell Rehearsal, 7PM, Sanctuary
Sun., Sept. 21 Worship Service 10 AM

----- **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.