



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

**ASK**  
*and you will*  
**RECEIVE**

Sept. 21, 2025 | Fifteenth 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: I am a sinner, Lord. Will You have me in worship?

**People: I have not followed Your way. Am I still welcome?**

Leader: The Lord welcomes all who come to Him. You will find shelter here.

**People: Praise be to the God of creation. Praise be to the One who loves us forever.**

CHORAL INTROIT

**\*HYMN #373** *"Where He Leads Me"*

INVOCATION: PSALM 23 (unison) Sherrill McLoda

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

3 he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

HYMN #380 *"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

## **HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

Sherrill McLoda

Psalm 8 #427 Unison

Matthew 7:7-11 #788

\* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "I DID IT"

## **OFFERING**

Offertory

\* + Doxology #625

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

\*HYMN #342 *"Trust and Obey"*

\*BENEDICTION

\*Choral Benediction

\*Pastoral Benediction

## POSTLUDE

*(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	Sherrill McLoda
Ushers	Fred Helyes

# Church News

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## *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**

*Caring for Us*

*Caring for Others*

*Praising God*

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!

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## **Ponderings about St. Peter's**



St. Peter's has a beautiful needlepoint on one of our kneelers. This is used for weddings and can be found in a small area for meditation and prayer at the bottom of the stairs

from the narthex to Fellowship Hall. In looking for someone to replicate this work, I have discovered who originally shared their time and talent to create it for the church. Many of you may remember Ruth Alice Zilch Kane. She lived in Amherst for over 80 years before moving to South Carolina to be near her daughter. Ruth was an active member of St. Peter's for almost 60 years. She was a member of our choir and often sang soprano solos; Circle Six; Altar Guild; and Prayer Group. Ruth graduated from Amherst High School in 1931 and attended Ohio Wesleyan and Oberlin College majoring in French and Music. She met and married Myron Earle Kane in 1935 and they were married for over 60 years. She graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College in 1961 with a degree in Elementary Education and was a 5th grade teacher for Amherst Schools for 17 years. Ruth died in 2010 and is buried at Brownhelm Cemetery.

## 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.

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### Spread the Word! Join Us for a Special Organ Recital - You're Invited!

Come and experience the beautiful sounds of our historic pipe organ. Enjoy an afternoon of inspiring music performed by our talented organist. Everyone is welcome—bring your friends and family!

**Date:** Sunday, October 5th

**Time:** 3:00 P.M.

**Location:** St. Peter's U.C.C., Amherst, Ohio

Reception afterwards

Let's spread the word and fill the Sanctuary with music lovers!

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*Do you need prayers?*

Call Joan Whitman, our contact for the  
Prayer Team by calling the church office.

Please call or email Joan or the office if you would like to be added or removed from **THE KEY** prayer list. Also, if you want to keep your prayer *confidential*, we can add your name for our Prayer Team.

Compassionate Care Meeting  
Thursday, Oct. 2 at 10:30 AM in the Fireside Room.  
We hope to see everyone there! Joan Whitman, Team Lead

**YOGA with Mary-K**  
**Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace**  
Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM  
Thursday Evenings | 5:45-7 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** -----

- Tues., Sept. 23 Bible Study, 2-3:00 PM, Fireside Room  
Wed., Sept. 24 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM  
Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM  
Thurs., Sept. 25 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, 5:45-7 PM  
Handbell Rehearsal, 7PM, Sanctuary  
Sun., Sept. 28 Worship Service 10 AM

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

**Office Hours:** Monday–Thursday 8:30-2:30 PM

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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.*