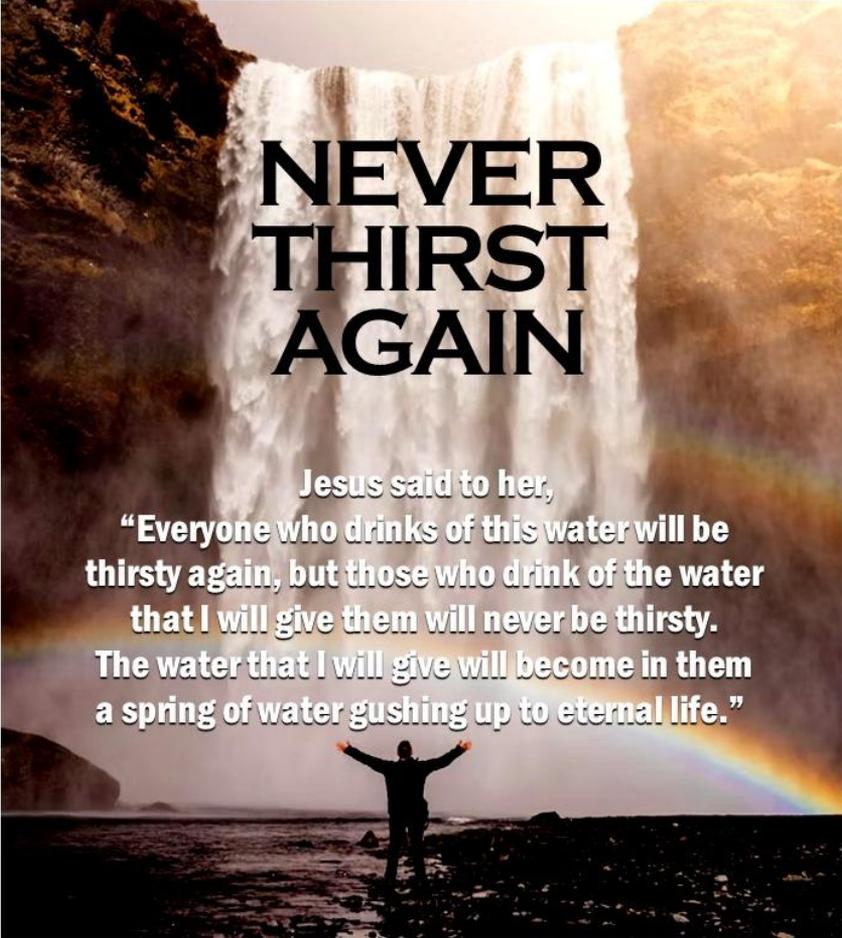


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NEVER THIRST AGAIN

Jesus said to her,
“Everyone who drinks of this water will be
thirsty again, but those who drink of the water
that I will give them will never be thirsty.
The water that I will give will become in them
a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”

March 8, 2026 | Third Sunday in Lent

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: Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well that
He was the living water.

People: We are thirsty, and have come to find that water.

Leader: Our thirsty souls cry out for succor. We crave water
from the well which will never run dry.

**People: Praise God for the fountain that never falters.
Praise the Son, the Living Water. Praise the
Holy Spirit, the reservoir within.**

CHORAL INTROIT

***HYMN #342** *"Just As I Am"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*) Linda Gatz

**Heavenly Father, we freely confess today that we have
often turned to other sources to slake our thirst. We have
turned to the glitz and glitter of the world for comfort,
instead of turning to Jesus Christ. We have forgotten that
the Living Water comes from You and is found in Your Holy
Word. In this hour of worship, cleanse our hearts of sin
and fill us to overflowing with that holy flood which only
You can provide. In the Triune name we pray. Amen.**

HYMN #4 *"How Great Thou Art"*

CHORAL ANTHEM: *"Surely Goodness and Mercy"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Linda Gatz

Exodus 17:1-7 #56

John 4:5-14 # 864

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: *"Throw Down Your Buckets"*

OFFERING

Offertory

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #543 *"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"*

***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
Pianist	Cindy Boehm
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Zoom Assistant	Tom Hollstein
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Director of Music	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Linda Gatz
Ushers	Geoff Gatz, Sue Cherry, Gary Thompson, Sharon Thompson

Church News

Film Study Group

Pastor Mike would like to start a once-a-month film study group. Film Studies take a film that is in the public domain such as *The Village* and pulls them apart for the theology that they contain. Although I cannot advertise specific films before I show them, in the past I have used films such as *Leap of Faith*, *Friendly Persuasion*, *Knowing*, and many more. Last week it was decided that these studies would be held on Wednesday (once a month) from 11:30am to 2:00pm. We will begin by having a potluck lunch while watching the movie, followed by discussion. If interested, please meet Pastor Mike in the Fireside room after service.

St. Joseph Church presents “The Answer”

“The Answer”, it is a powerful contemporary musical production told through the eyes of the apostle Peter, and focuses on Jesus last 3 years of ministry and includes his death and resurrection. We welcome you to join us at one of the performances on **March 20 & 21, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, 200 St. Joseph Dr. in Amherst, OH 44001.** It is free, but there will be a free will offering taken up.

Ponderings about St. Peter’s

I thought you might enjoy some church humor from a 2004 Key.

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick, and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. “Here’s a copy of the service,” he said impatiently. “But you’ll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances.” During the service, the minister paused and said, “Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up.” At that moment, the substitute organist played “The Star-Spangled Banner.” And that is how the substitute became the regular organist.

Join the Broadcast Team!

We record the worship service and send it out on Zoom and Facebook. The work is challenging, but it’s fun and rewarding and always interesting. Currently there are only 3 of us. We’d like to have some help, especially as back-up for those times when one of us can’t make it. If you’ve ever wondered what goes on behind the camera, this is your chance to find out. You Can Do This! Basic familiarity with computers is all that’s needed. We will teach you the rest. For more details contact Mary-K Kirsch, Brian Schieferstein, or Tom Hollstein.



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!

Circle Six Bake Sale

Circle Six will be holding its annual bake sale on Palm Sunday, March 29. Be sure to mark your calendars. All items will be packaged to go and it will be a free will offering. Thank you, Sally Readinger

Easter Lilies Order Forms

Order forms are placed at each entrance to the sanctuary. Please return the completed form along with your payment (check payable to St. Peter's UCC) to the church office or drop them in the offering plate. Deadline is Sunday, March 29th. Thank you.

Our Prayer Shawl & Lap Blanket ministry is booming!

This mission is for not just our congregation, but for the community, too. If you would like to donate a shawl or lap blanket for someone in need, please do not hesitate to do so. Knitted or crocheted, any size will be loved and appreciated. Donations of 4 ply acrylic yarn of any color are also appreciated. Contact Christine if you have any questions about making a created donation. Thank you so much. -Christine D Burman

One Great Hour of Sharing, Sunday, March 15th

It began on Easter Sunday in 1949, and established as an ecumenical, nationwide radio appeal to raise \$1 million in one hour to provide urgent relief and reconstruction for victims of World War II, helping to rebuild a world devastated by conflict. Today, it remains one of the *longest-running* and most highly participated-in special offerings, focusing on disaster response, food security, and community development. (*"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* 2 Corinthians 9:7). This principle emphasizes that giving should be a free, intentional, and a joyful act stemming from personal conviction rather than obligation or pressure. Thank you.

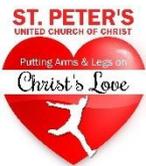
YOGA with Mary-K

Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

Thursday Evenings | 5:30-6:45 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!



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., Mar. 10 Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary
Bible Study 1:45 PM, Fireside Room
- Wed., Mar. 11 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., Mar. 12 No Preschool Thurs.-Fri., conferences
Spirit & Compassion Meeting, FS, 10:30 AM
GriefShare, Fireside Room, 2-4 PM
YOGA with Mary-K, 5:30-6:45 PM
- Sun., Mar. 15 Worship Service 10 AM, 4th Sunday Lent

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