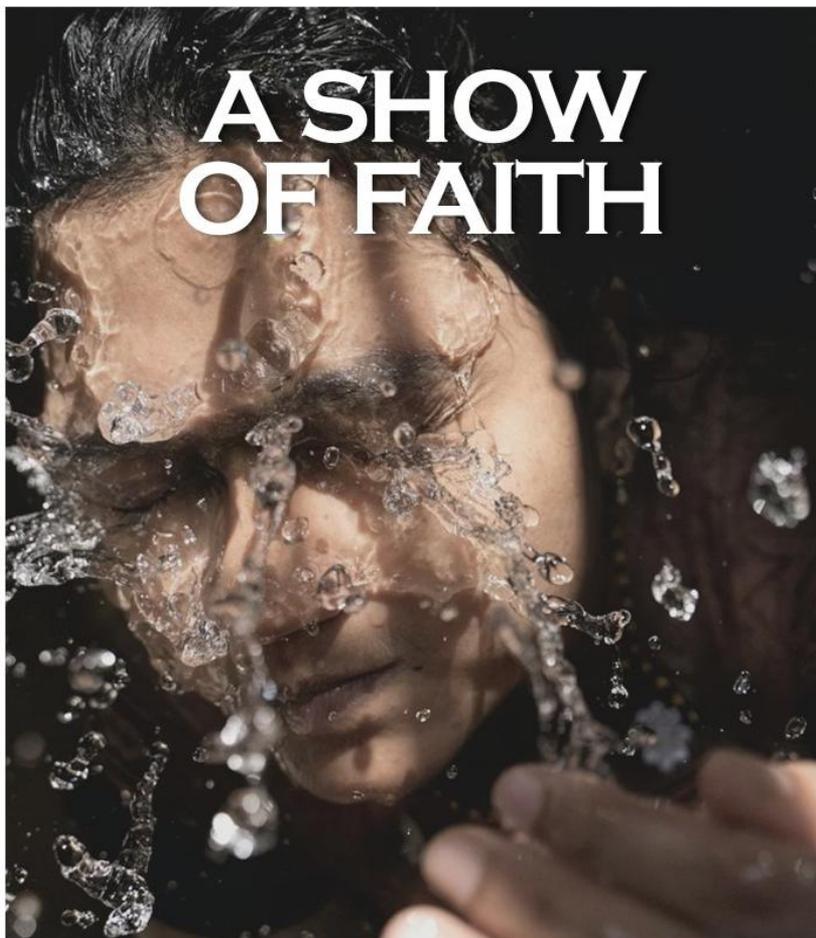




**ST. PETER'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



March 15, 2026 | Fourth 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: Lord, I am blind and cannot see;  
I come to You for sight.

**People: Lord, I am lame and cannot walk;  
I come to You for healing.**

Leader: Our ills are not of the body, but of the soul.

**People: Heal us within, Lord, for we are weak of Spirit.  
Give us strength to do Your will.**

CHORAL INTROIT

**\*HYMN #185** *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*) Susan Cherry

**Holy God, we confess that we have often prayed for Your help and then sat idly by, waiting for You to act. Yet You have shown us through Your Holy Word that some action is required on our part as part of the covenant that exists between us. For faith is not one sided, and as we have faith in You so, too, do You have faith in us, and as part of that faith You expect us to take a hand in all that we ask of You. Help us be more aware of what we ask, and help us act as You would have us act in all times of need and in times of plenty. In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.**

HYMN #463 *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Susan Cherry

Psalm 23 #435

John 9:1-12 #871

\* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: *"A Show of Faith"*

## OFFERING

Offertory

\* + Doxology #625

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

\*HYMN #542 *"When We All Get to Heaven"*

## \*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	Susan Cherry
Ushers	Geoff Gatz, Gary Thompson, Lewis Zeller, Vicki Zeller



**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.

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**Our prayer shawl and 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

# Today is One Great Hour of Sharing

*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 for your support of One Great Hour of Sharing.***

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## St. Elizabeth Meal, Feb. 18 at 4:30 PM

2726 Caroline Ave., Lorain We need volunteers to serve starting at 4:30 PM, or to bake cookies or cupcakes. If you want to help or have questions, please contact Betty Pekare. Thank you!

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## 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 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

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## 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.

# Ponderings about St. Peter's



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Seating is important. It needs to be functional and sometimes it needs to be transportable. In 1952 the church needed additional

seating that could be set up in Fellowship Hall and in Sunday School rooms when needed. At the December 8 Council Meeting our leaders chose to purchase 3 dozen hardwood folding chairs from the Adirondack Chair Company located on Broadway in New York City. The total cost was \$90.00 - \$30 per dozen. If you would like to check these chairs out in person, they are located in the church garage.

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## Children's Weekend Food Program

*Thanks for helping feed our children!*

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Single Serving PB & Jelly   | Peanut Butter Crackers | Small Bag Chips         |
| Canned Soup (Pop top lids)  | Individual Cereals     | Small Bag Pretzels      |
| Mac & Cheese (Microwavable) | Granola Bars           | Fruit Cups   Jello Cups |
| Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids) | Oatmeal Packages       | Fruit Gummies           |

*There's a great need of the following items for the Food Pantry:*

- 1. Pasta 2. Spaghetti Sauce 3. Canned Tuna 4. Canned Fruit**

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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## **"Madrigal Madness" concert is today!**

Choral Spectrum invites you to join us as we continue our 60th Anniversary Season with *"Madrigal Madness: A Concert of Waggish Whimsy."* This concert will feature an afternoon of Renaissance Madrigals and Madrigal-Style Songs.

**Sunday, March 15 at 3pm at St. Peter Parish in Lorain.** It is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken.

# 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.

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## YOGA with Mary-K

Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace

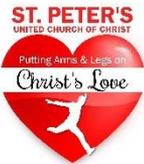
Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

Thursday Evenings | 5:30-6:45 PM Cost is \$10 per class.

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Please fill out the Participation cards and drop into the offering plate. *Cards should be filled out weekly.* Thank you!

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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

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- Mon., Mar. 16 Council Meeting, 1 PM, Fellowship Hall  
Tues., Mar. 17 Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary  
Bible Study 1:45 PM, Fireside Room  
Handbell Rehearsal, 1:45 PM, Sanctuary  
Wed., Mar. 18 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM  
Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM  
St. Elizabeth Shelter meal, 4:30 PM  
Thurs., Mar. 19 GriefShare, Fireside Room, 2-4 PM  
YOGA with Mary-K, 5:30-6:45 PM  
Fri., Mar. 20 "The Answer", St. Joseph, Amherst, 7:30 PM  
Sat., Mar. 21 "The Answer", St. Joseph, Amherst, 7:30 PM  
Sun., Mar. 22 Worship Service, 10 AM, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent

## How To Reach Us

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For more detailed information, contact the church office.

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