



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DO YOU NOT YET SEE?

**JESUS SAID TO HER, "DID I NOT TELL
YOU THAT IF YOU BELIEVED YOU
WOULD SEE THE GLORY OF GOD?"**

March 22, 2026 | Fifth 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: *"Romance On 'Love Unknown"*, Karl Osterland,
organist: Daniel Jacky

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

Leader: We have come here today seeking refuge from the vast uncertainty of life.

People: We have come seeking shelter in the routine and sameness of worship.

Leader: For we know that here within our worship everything will be just as it always is.

**People: We will praise God here as we have always done.
And God will hear us just as He always has heard us.**

CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN #188 *"At the Cross"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*) Betty Pekare

Almighty and Majestic God of all Creation, we cling to the cross for safety in a turbulent world. The stresses of life try on a daily basis to tear us away from our faith and cause us to doubt that You are with us. We are accosted on all sides by suggestions of other places where we can turn for comfort. Help us, O Lord, to remain steadfast and faithful to You and to Your Holy Word, which should be our guide through the roughness of life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

HYMN #177 *"What Wondrous Love Is This?"*

Caring for Us

Caring for Others

Praising God

CHORAL ANTHEM: *"Dona Nobis Pacem" (Give Us Peace)*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Betty Pekare

Psalm 130 #500

John 11:20-45 #873

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: *"What of Lazarus?"*

OFFERING

Offertory: *"The Gift To Be Simple"*, arr. Douglas E. Wagner,
organist: Daniel Jacky

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: *"Psalm XX"*, Gordan Young, organist: Pam Schuster
(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

Pianist

Zoom Director

Zoom Assistant

Worship Producer

Director of Music

Scripture Reader

Ushers

Pastor Mike Boehm

Cindy Boehm

Mary K. Kirsch

Tom Hollstein

Brian Schieferstein

Jennifer Wasilk

Betty Pekare

Luena Beale, Walter Beale,

Don Ramsey, Marcia Ramsey

Church News



Annual Good Friday Breakfast at Penny Knepper's

Everyone is invited! Good Friday, April 3rd
from 9-11 AM. Great food and fellowship!
6421 South Dewey Rd, Amherst

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.

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

At the November 3, 1924 meeting of the St. Peter's Church Council, Rev. Soell, our pastor at the time, was granted permission to purchase a device to emboss our church seal on important papers. The history of sealing significant documents dates back to earliest times. There have been seals found from Mesopotamia that are over 7500 years old. Seals are used to show authenticity and to prevent tampering with documents. Wax seals, silk ribbon seals and embossed seals are the most common ones in American history. They were commonly used by governments, royalty and the church. Important individuals also had their own or a family seal. The color of the wax also held significance. For example, red represented power and importance.



St. Peter's Seal



St. Peter's Embossers

We have two surviving church embossers in our archives. If you would like to have your own impression, please let me know.

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!

So far in March we collected **684 total food items**, *the largest amount ever!* The breakout: **141** for the food pantry (94 tuna cans) plus **543** for the children's weekend program. Thank you and kudos to all of you that contributed, and to Walter & Luena for delivering the food to the Good Shepherd Baptist Church.

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.

Coffee Chats Please join us Wednesdays from 9-11 AM at Panera Bread (Oak Point Road) for fun and fellowship. Bring a friend! We look forward to growing our breakfast group.

Hello friends of St. Peter's Preschool!



It is that time of year again to put our Preschool Yard signs in your yards! It helps us get the word out about the 2026 enrollment which is currently in progress!

Thank you,
Mary-K Kirsch
Preschool Liaison

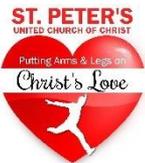
YOGA with Mary-K

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. 24 Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary
Bible Study 1:45 PM, Fireside Room
Handbell Rehearsal, 1:45 PM, Sanctuary
Preschool Hop-a-thon (Tues. & Wed.)
- Wed., Mar. 25 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., Mar. 26 GriefShare, Fireside Room, 2-4 PM
YOGA with Mary-K, 5:30-6:45 PM
- Sun., Mar. 29 Worship Service 10 AM, 5th Sunday Lent

How To Reach Us

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