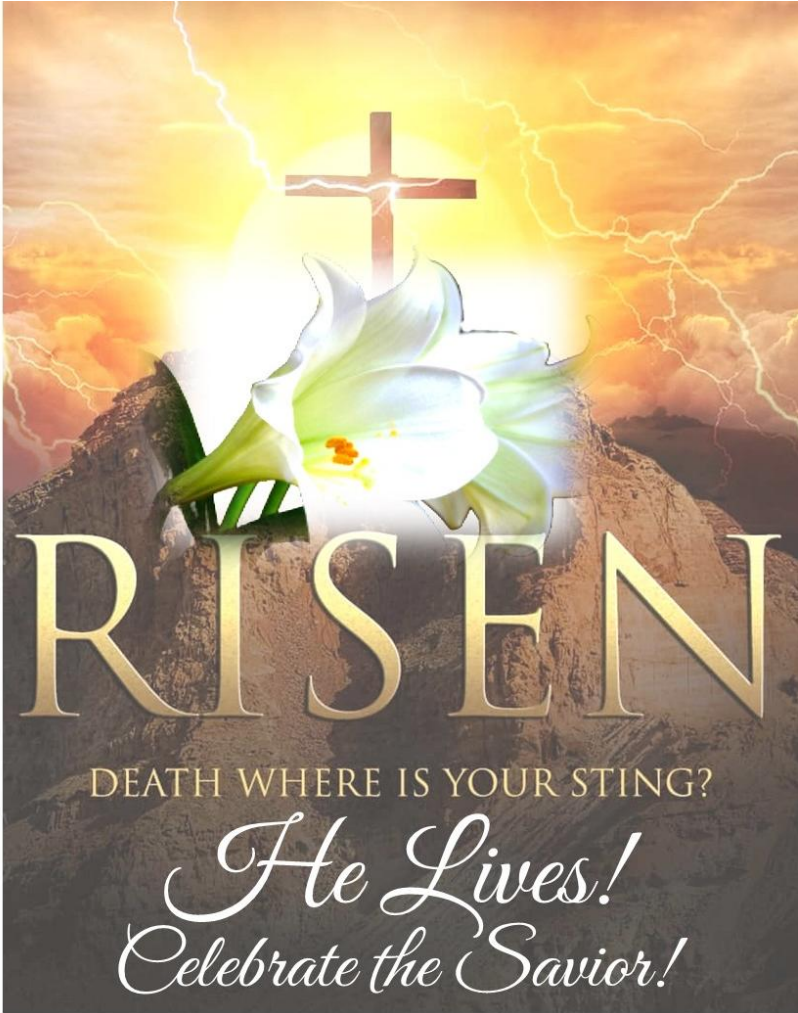




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



April 5, 2026 | Easter Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.) + (if needed, use green insert in hymnal rack)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Words of Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE: *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*, arr. Frederick Swann, organist: Daniel Jacky

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

Leader: The stone has been rolled away!

People: The tomb is empty!

Leader: This can mean only one thing.

People: CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

CHORAL INTROIT

Hymn #217 *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"*

INVOCATION (*unison*) Don Ramsey

The glory of the Lord fills my heart, and the Spirit of the Lord lives within me. For He has shown us His mercy and forgiven us our sins through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. We are as dust beneath His feet, yet, He has raised up his lowly people to great heights. Praise the Lord! Praise Him in the sanctuaries and the halls. Sing His praise in the streets and the fields; on the mountain and in the valley. For in the rising of the Son is our rising, and in His life is our life. Christ is risen and we are saved. Alleluia! We are His.

HYMN #216 *"Christ Arose"*

CHORAL ANTHEM: *"Hymn of Promise"* by Natalie Sleeth

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music: “*The Lord’s Prayer*”, Pastor Mike & Cindy

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Don Ramsey

Psalm 118:14- 24 #492

John 20:1-18 #882

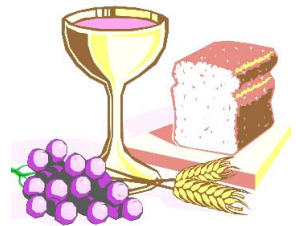
* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: “*The Only Thing That Matters*”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (use booklet in hymnal rack)

OFFERING

Offertory: “*Christ Returneth*”, James
McGranahan, organist: Daniel Jacky



* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #220 “*He Lives!*”

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: “*Festival Voluntary*”, Flor Peters, organist: Daniel Jacky
(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

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| 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 | Don Ramsey |
| Ushers | Gary Thompson, Fred Helyes,
Lewis Zeller, Vicki Zeller |

Church News

Easter Lilies

Please take home your Easter Lily after worship. Thank you, and also to those of you who donated your lilies to the Spirit and Compassion team and/or made monetary donations. These will be delivered to our homebound members. If you can't pick up yours today, please make arrangements with Kaye Oswald to pick up during office hours. Thank you.



The office will be closed April 6, the Monday after Easter. If you need assistance, please leave a message and I'll return your call Tuesday morning. Thank you!

Ponderings about St. Peter's

Our church has been doing annual reports for decades. By now you have received the one for 2025. Some years these reports have been very detailed and other years very short. The one for 1944 had only 8 pages. The emphasis of this report, besides the financial figures, was on the needs for the future. They listed three things that St. Peter's needed to regularly set aside funds for:

1. An addition to the building for more Sunday School rooms and organizational meetings. (Eventually the 1950 part of our building would be added and would encompass more spaces.)
2. A new heating plant. (We were still heating with coal.)
3. A new roof for our church and the repainting of the exterior brickwork.

When they did an analysis of the contributions for 1944, they found that the weekly amount given by members ranged from a high of \$1.54 by 2 people to Nothing by 48 people. As of December 31, 1944, the church's balance on hand was \$2,391.66. It would be some time before the money for the listed needs would be raised. (\$1.00 in 1944 would equal \$18.42 today.) I wonder how we compare in our needs and giving?

Children's Weekend Food Program

Thanks for helping feed our children!

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 to the Good Shepherd Food Pantry. Thanks everyone!

Request for Favorite Hymns

We are working on the summer and fall list of hymns and songs for the congregation to sing during the services. If you have favorite hymns for summer and fall, please send them to Jennifer Wasilk. Thank you.

“A NEW COMMAND I GIVE YOU:
LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU,
SO YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER.”

— John 13:34

from the American Dictionary of the English Language
COMMANDMENT, noun

1. A command; a mandate; an order or injunction given by authority; charge; precept.

Prayer Shawl and Lap Blanket Ministry

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

The Preschool will be back from Spring Break
Tuesday, April 7th.

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.

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.

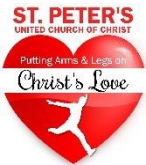
Hello friends of St. Peter's Preschool!



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

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

Mon., April 6	Office Closed
Tues., April 7	Preschool resumes No Voice Choir Rehearsal Bible Study, 1:45 PM, Fireside Room Handbell Rehearsal, 1:45 PM, Sanctuary
Wed., April 8	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
Thurs., April 9	GriefShare, Fireside Room, 2-4 PM YOGA with Mary-K, 5:30-6:45 PM
Sun., April 12	Worship Service, 10 AM

How To Reach Us

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Please visit our website, **www.stpetersamherst.org**
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.