



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!”

April 2, 2026 | Maundy Thursday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Words of Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE: *"O Bread of Life from Heaven"*,
Daniel Jacky, organist: Daniel Jacky

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

Leader: We gather; We come; We are here at the table of Christ, not because we are worthy, but in our sin we seek refuge and forgiveness.

People: Like Judas Iscariot, we come to the table knowing that in our hearts we have betrayed our Savior in thought, word and deed.

Leader: Yet we know we will be welcome at this table, for Christ has called us here to sup before His tribulation.

People: As we partake of the Body and the Blood, we will beg our Lord for forgiveness. For we are sinners, one and all.

HANDBELL CHOIR ANTHEM: *"What Wondrous Love Is This"*
Arr. by Lloyd Larson

*HYMN #186 *"The Old Rugged Cross"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*) Sue Conkle

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, on this night of betrayal and desertion, we are brought to the realization that we are the betrayal and we are the deserters. For we have often denied Christ by our words and actions, setting a dual standard in our lives. We freely acknowledge Him in the privacy of our thoughts, but fail to speak up for Him in public. We have betrayed Him in our hearts by failing to live by the standards he set for us during the three years that

He taught us before His death and ultimate resurrection. Forgive us this day for those times, and help us live by His standards alone. In His name we pray. Amen.

HYMN #183 *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

Speaking to God:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Sue Conkle

Psalm 22:1-8 #434

John 13:1-17 #876

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: *"Clean Feet"*

OFFERING

Offertory: *"Shadow Of Death"*, Daniel Jacky, organist: Daniel Jacky

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

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

Tonight we will gather in small groups around the Table of Christ. The ushers will escort small groups to the table as indicated. This table is open to all who profess Christ as their Lord and Savior, regardless of membership in this church or denomination.

*HYMN #181 *"Were You There?"* vs. 1-3

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THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

The word “Tenebrae” is derived from the Latin word for “shadows”. Tenebrae is usually done following a Good Friday service, and is normally a service of scripture and the extinguishing of candles, hence the “shadows”. Our service tonight is a widely modified form of Tenebrae in which all vestiges and trappings of worship are removed from the Sanctuary. Thus, we are reminded of the somber reality of Christ’s death on the cross and His decent into hell to await the resurrection.

There will be no Benediction. When the pastor announces the end of the service, please leave the sanctuary in relative silence.

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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

Sue Conkle

Gary Thompson, Sharon Thompson

Karen Geduldig

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

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 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.



Please join us Easter Sunday at 10:00 AM
as we celebrate our Risen Lord!

*“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have
loved you, so you must love one another.”* — John 13:34

The office will be closed the Monday after Easter.

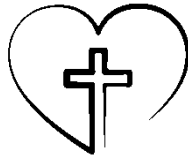
Coffee Chats Please join us Wednesdays from 9-11 AM at
Panera Bread (Oak Point Road) for fun and fellowship. Bring a
friend! We look forward to growing our breakfast group.

YOGA with Mary-K

Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace

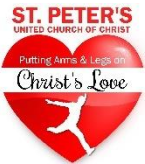
Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

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



Washing the feet of another is an ancient custom. It made a great deal of sense in a dry climate where sandals were common footwear. Dirty and dusty pathways and streets were a harsh daily reality, and a basin of water for the feet of visitors was an act of hospitality. A truly caring host would bend and wash the feet of guests. In finer homes, a servant would do it. So why did Jesus ask his disciples to provide this hospitality for one another? We're not sure that the hospitality is as important as the act of humility – *lowering one's self to the role of servant to the other.*

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

- Fri., April 3 There will not be a service Good Friday
Good Friday Breakfast, Penny Knepper's, 9-11AM
- Sun., April 5 Easter Worship Service 10 AM

How To Reach Us

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