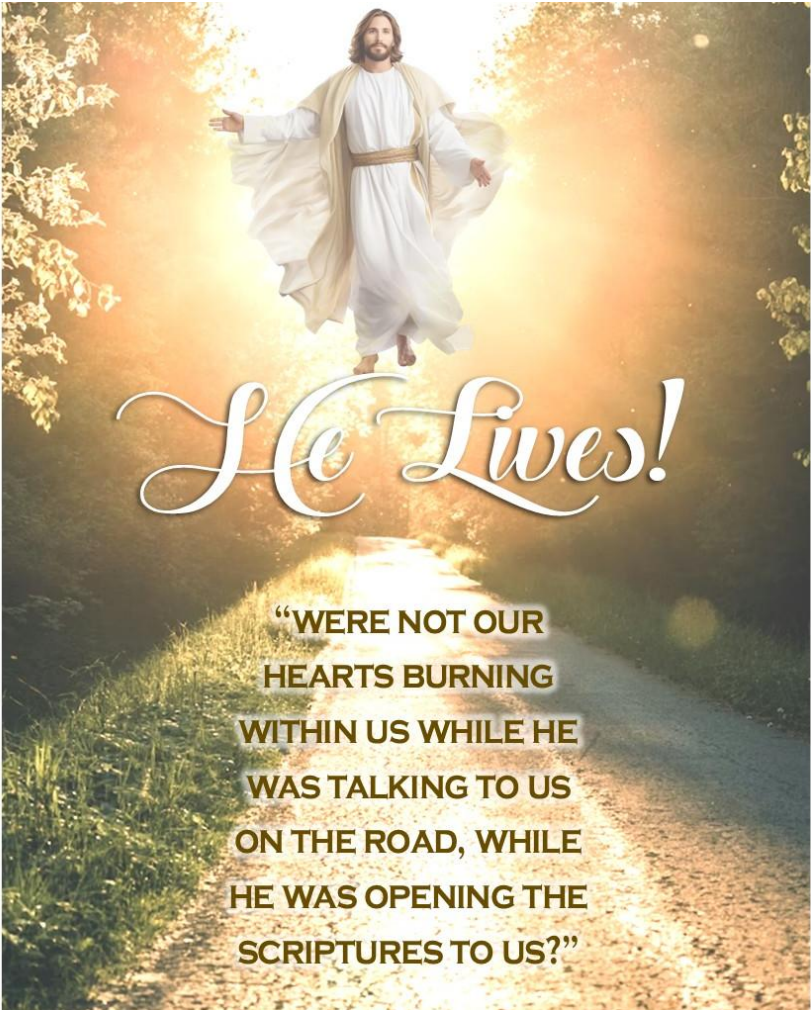




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



April 19, 2026 | Third Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Words of Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE: *"Trusting Jesus"*, arr. Mary McDonald,
organist: Daniel Jacky

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

Leader: We have gathered together to become a part
of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**People: We wish to become one with Him in thought,
word, and deed.**

Leader: We have come to be renewed in the Holy Spirit.

People: Here I am, Lord. Here I am.

CHORAL INTROIT

Hymn #1 *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

INVOCATION (*unison*) Karen Geduldig

**Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in His time on earth,
before His death and resurrection, Jesus Christ became both
fully human and fully divine, proving that it is possible to
live a just and righteous life while still in the flesh. In this
time of worship, help us become One with You, Jesus Christ
and the Holy Spirit, that we may truly do Your bidding here
on earth. We pray this in the name of the Father, Son and
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

HYMN #88 *"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Karen Geduldig

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 #491

Luke 24:13-15, 30-35 #860

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Reconnected"

OFFERING

Offertory: "*Arioso*", J. S. Bach, organist: Pam Schuster

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #226 "*The Day of Resurrection*"

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: "*Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*", Tattersall's
'Psalmody', 1794 / arr. Daniel Jacky, 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

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	Karen Geduldig
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Lynda Helyes, Gary Thompson

Church News

If anyone has a 2016 & 2017 Annual Report, please give it to Linda Gatz. Thank you!

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

Ponderings about St. Peter's

A hymn commonly sung in churches across our nation at Easter is *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*. The words invite us to come and see the power of God and then go forth and carry the word to others. This hymn was written by Charles Wesley to be sung in the Methodist church he founded in a deserted iron foundry in London, England. It was written for the first service held in this church in 1740. The hymn originally had 11 verses of four lines and was later changed to 6 verses. In the early 19th C, the "Alleluia" was added to the end of each verse; no one knows why.



Charles Wesley and his church, "The Foundry"

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 also a 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!

As of Monday, we collected 387 food items: 247 food pantry, 140 backpack!

Spirit and Compassion First Quarter Report

For the first quarter of 2026 (January-March) there were 32 visitations made to our homebound and nursing home members by this newly formed team. Thank you to this incredible team!

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.



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

Boy Scouts Troop 427 will be distributing their spring flowers in our back parking lot on Saturday, April 25th.

Circle Six News

In honor of America's 250th Celebration, Circle Six is proud to present "**An Evening with Abigail Adams**", portrayed by Anne McVoy, Women in History. The program will be held in the Sanctuary on **Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00pm**. This program is open to the congregation and to the public. A reception will be held in Fellowship Hall afterwards.

Sincerely, Sally Readinger, President

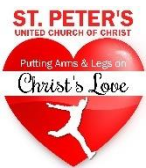
YOGA with Mary-K

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

Mon., April 20	Council Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 1 PM
Tues., April 21	Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary Bible Study, 1:45 PM, Fireside Room No Handbell Rehearsal
Wed., April 22	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
Thurs., April 23	GriefShare, Fireside Room, 2-4 PM YOGA with Mary-K, 5:30-6:45 PM
Sat., April 25	Scouts distributing flowers in morning-back lot
Sun., April 26	Worship Service, 10 AM

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