



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



The Lord is My Shepherd

April 26, 2026 | Fourth 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: *"All Heaven Rejoices"*, Christina Becket, organist:
Daniel Jacky

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

Leader: Jesus said "Come unto me all who are heavily laden and I will give you rest.

People: We come today seeking refuge from the pains and labors of life.

Leader: Lay down your burdens and cares at the feet of our Lord and Savior.

People: We will give our lives to Jesus. Thanks be to the shepherd who loves His flocks.

CHORAL INTROIT

Hymn #227 *"Thine is the Glory"*

INVOCATION (*unison*) Cookie McLoda

Almighty God our Heavenly Father, enter into our hearts and hear us as we seek Your forgiveness. For we have complained on a daily basis about the petty troubles of our lives. We lament loudly the minor aches and pains caused by daily life, forgetting that Your Son Jesus Christ did not complain or seek relief from the humiliation of His trials before Herod and Pilate. He did not resist as He was nailed to the cross, and His last words were not about revenge, but about forgiveness. Help us be more like Jesus, focusing upon the eternal kingdom that is to

**come and less on the material world of today. We pray
this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

HYMN #233 *"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"*

CHORAL ANTHEM: *"Laudamus Te"* (Praise Him)

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Cookie McLoda

Psalm 23 #435

1 Peter 2:19-25 #984

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Suffering"

OFFERING

Offertory: *"Vater Unser Im Himmelreich"*, Jan Pieterszoon
Sweelinck, organist: Daniel Jacky

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #92 *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: "Voluntary in 'Engelberg", Douglas E. Wagner,
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	Cookie McLoda
Ushers	Gary Thompson, Sharon Thompson

Church News

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.

- Blessings, Sally Readinger, President

Next Sunday, May 3, Spring Potluck. Join us!

After worship we will head down to the Fellowship Hall and enjoy a Potluck meal together. Bring your favorite dish to share!

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

In doing research about our past, I often find some tidbits that I find interesting but do not warrant more than a mention. Here are a few:

- At a special Congregational Meeting held in August 1891 it was decided that a weathervane would be purchased for the new church building. The cost was not to exceed \$20.
- In May of 1919 Sam Bowman was hired to ring the church bell and keep the grass around the church cut for \$5.00 a month. By June he was let go for neglecting his duties.
- In February 1920 the young folks of the church asked permission to build a tennis court in the church yard. It was approved provided the owners of the church sheds had no objection.

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.

Children's Weekend Food Program

Thanks for helping feed our children!

Single Serving PB & Jelly
Canned Soup (Pop top lids)
Mac & Cheese (Microwavable)
Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids)

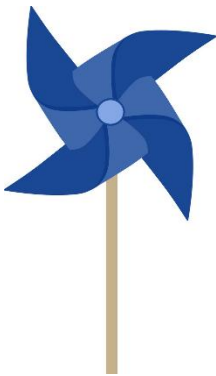
Peanut Butter Crackers
Individual Cereals
Granola Bars
Oatmeal Packages

Small Bag Chips
Small Bag Pretzels
Fruit Cups | Jello Cups
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!



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Today at 3 PM, join Blessing House, Ever Lifted Ministries of Education and Lorain County Children Services for a Blue Sunday Prayer Service *honoring children* who have experienced abuse and neglect. The event is held at Blessing House, 6115 Olivet Avenue in Elyria. **Together WE CAN protect children!**

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

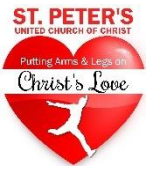
YOGA with Mary-K

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., April 28 Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary
Bible Study, 1:45 PM, Fireside Room
Handbell Rehearsal, 1:45 PM, Sanctuary
- Wed., April 29 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., April 30 GriefShare, Fireside Room, 2-4 PM
YOGA with Mary-K, 5:30-6:45 PM
- Sun., May 3 Worship Service, 10 AM
Spring Potluck, Fellowship Hall, after worship

How To Reach Us

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