



**ST. PETER'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

# Count it Joy

**"If you are reviled  
for the name of Christ,  
you are blessed, because  
the spirit of glory,  
which is the Spirit of  
God, is resting on you."**

**1 Peter 4:14**

May 17, 2026 | Seventh 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: *"Lord, I Want To Be A Christian"*, Spiritual / arr.  
Brian Glyncannon, organist: Pam Schuster

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

Leader: We have gathered together for prayer, praise,  
and mutual support.

**People: Although we are no longer persecuted, the  
world is still hostile and indifferent toward us.**

Leader: We seek God's strength and courage to carry out  
the ministry that He calls us to do.

**People: God grant us strength so that we may spread  
the good news to all we encounter.**

CHORAL INTROIT

\*Hymn #234 *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

INVOCATION (*unison*) Neil Wasilk

**Holy Father, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all  
humanity, hear us as we pray. You have charged us with  
spreading the good news about salvation in Jesus Christ.  
But the world is cold and indifferent to our words. Our  
own children and grandchildren turn away from our  
message, and we are often ridiculed by "modern"  
thinkers who call us dinosaurs, representing a "God who  
no longer exists." We have grown old and tired in the  
attempt to do what you have called us to do in this hour  
of worship. Renew our zeal and drive and help us find**

**new courage and strength for your mission here on earth. In the Triune name we pray. Amen.**

HYMN #60 *"Morning Has Broken"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

Neil Wasilk

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 #460

1 Peter 4:12-16, 5:6-11 #986

\* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "No Bed of Roses"

**OFFERING**

Offertory: *"Verset In C"*, Léon Boëllmann, organist:  
Daniel Jacky

\* + Doxology #625

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

\*BENEDICTION

\*Choral Benediction

\*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: *"Praise The Lord Who Reigns Above"*, Dan Forrest /  
arr. 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, Tanner Wasilk
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Director of Music	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Neil Wasilk
Ushers	Gary Thompson, Susan Cherry Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz

# Church News

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## 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

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Worship Committee meeting is scheduled for today, immediately after worship service. Thank you, Jen Wasilk

# Ponderings about St. Peter's

## Church Library – Part 2



On October 8, 1989, the St. Peter's Memorial Library was ready, and a Service of Remembrance and Dedication was held in the Sanctuary with a reception after the service in the Media Center located across the hall from the new library on the main floor of the Education Building. The library was a memorial to the life and ministry of four women of our church: Laura Kohne,

Janet Kubuske, Jean Kubuske, and Elinore Ruth-Linden and was made possible in large part by major gifts given in their memories. The two Bible passages used in the service were: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1) and "And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and with man." (Luke 2:52). The two hymns used were "We Would Be Building" and "For All the Saints". Next week we will look at who the four women mentioned above were.

**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

*'...as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'*

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 and Pam & Becky will deliver donations. Thanks everyone for all you do!



## Summer Coffee Hour Program

For the months of June, July, August the coffee hour is provided by the summer host and hostess program. This will be the third year of this program. The sign-up sheet is located near the coffee for those who are willing to participate. All proceeds will go for the church improvement which includes the garden fund.

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## 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.

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## Thank you American Legion Post 118

We have just received a 4 x 6 American Flag donated to St. Peter's church from the American Legion. -Christine D Burman

*"I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument"* -1 Timothy 2:8

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**St. Elizabeth Meal**  
**May 20 at 4:30 PM**  
2726 Caroline Ave., Lorain

We need volunteers to serve starting at 4:30 PM, or to bake cookies or cupcakes. If you want to help or have questions, please contact Betty Pekare. Thank you!

# 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.

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Please fill out the Participation cards and drop into the offering plate. *Cards should be filled out weekly.* Thank you!

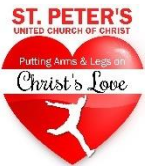
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## Preschool Graduation day Friday, May 22, 10 AM

Please join us in the Sanctuary for the celebration of our preschool graduates. Everyone is welcome!



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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

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- Mon., May 18 Council Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 1 PM
- Tues., May 19 Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary  
Bible Study, 1:45 PM, Fireside Room  
Handbell Rehearsal, 1:45 PM, Sanctuary
- Wed., May 20 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM  
Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM  
St. Elizabeth Meal, 4:30 PM, 2726 Caroline, Lorain
- Thurs., May 21 Last GriefShare this session, Fireside Room, 2-4 PM  
YOGA with Mary-K, 5:30-6:45 PM
- Fri., May 22 Preschool Graduation, Sanctuary, 10 AM  
***You are welcome to join us for this celebration!***
- Sun., May 24 Worship Service, Memorial Service, 10 AM

## How To Reach Us

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