



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



May 24, 2026 | Pentecost | Memorial Day

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Words of Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE: *"It Is Well With My Soul"*, arr. Edward Broughton,
organist: Daniel Jacky

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

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us this day.

**People: It has descended upon our hearts like a dove
come from heaven.**

Leader: It has warmed our souls like a flame burning brightly.

**People: We experience anew the rushing of the wind as
on that first Pentecost. Surely God's Spirit resides
within us now and forever.**

CHORAL INTROIT

*Hymn #259 *"Breath on Me, Breath of God"*

INVOCATION (*unison*) Joan Whitman

**Holy Spirit be with us this day as we recall that day when
the disciples first received You as Jesus had prophesied.
We remember the tongues of flame and the speaking in
tongues. We recall the excitement of the crowd as so many
people accepted Jesus as their savior. We remember too
how the Spirit moved the hearts of the men and women of
our country, prompting them to step forward to serve
their country in times of its greatest need. So many of
them went off to war and never returned home. Fill us
today with new appreciation of the phrase "freedom of
religion", and remind us of the cost of that freedom. In the
name of the Spirit who gives us freedom we pray. Amen.**

HYMN #572 *"America the Beautiful"*

CHORAL ANTHEM: #213 *"Because He Lives"*

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

Walter Beale - U.S. Army, **Sonya Beale** - U.S. Air Force,
Ed Brandon - Korea War Veteran,
William Carpenter - U.S. Air Force, **Art Diaz** - U.S. Army,
Tom Hollstein - U.S. Army, **Fred Helyes** - U.S. Navy,
Jo Janas - U.S. Air Force, **Larry Johnson** - U.S. Air Force,
Dick McCurdy - U.S. Marine Corps,
Dave Rice - U.S. Air Force, **Gerald Rush** - U.S. Army,
Mariah Terron - Air National Guard, **Gary Thompson** - U.S. Navy

A Special Presentation

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Joan Whitman

Joshua 1:10-15 #169

Acts 2:1-8, 12-14 #885

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "I Should Have Asked"

OFFERING

Offertory: *"The Planted Word"* (excerpt), Daniel Jacky,
organist: Daniel Jacky

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Please remain in your pew as you share the peace of Christ.

*HYMN #569 "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: "Largo", from New World Symphony, by Antonin Dvorak

(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

Pianist

Zoom Director

Zoom Assistant

Worship Producer

Director of Music

Scripture Reader

Ushers

Pastor Mike Boehm

Cindy Boehm

Mary K. Kirsch

Tom Hollstein, Tanner Wasilk

Brian Schieferstein

Jennifer Wasilk

Joan Whitman

Fred Helyes, Lynda Helyes,

Xavier Wasilk



Monday, May 25th the office will be closed

in observance of Memorial Day, as we remember
and honor the U.S. military personnel who have
died while serving in the United States armed forces. Thank you
for your ultimate sacrifice.

Church News

Strengthen the Church Offering

This offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, and youth ministry in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

Summer Coffee Hour Program



June-August the coffee hour will be provided by the summer host and hostess program. The sign-up sheet is located near the coffee.

Proceeds will go for church improvement / garden fund.



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

Prayer Shawl and Lap Blanket Ministry

Prayer shawls and lap blankets have been available for almost a year! These are for the public as well as our own congregation. You can lift someone up with prayers, love, and messages of healing! There is always a need for donations of yarn to create these prayer items. -Christine D Burman

Ponderings about St. Peter's Our Library – Part 3



LAURA KOHNE

One of the women our church library was dedicated to was Laura Lee Kohne. Laura was born on June 3, 1966, in Missouri and moved to Amherst with her parents, Donald and Janis and older sister, Kimberly, when she was around 7. She was a member of St. Peter's and was active in the Hi Teens Youth Fellowship here. In 1981 this group was recognized as 1st Place winners in the Youth Challenge. Through Easter Candy Sales and Slave Days they raised \$350 which was seven times larger than their original pledge. Laura was active in the Sandstone Summer Theatre and the high school jazz and concert choirs. She graduated from ML Steele in 1984 and attended Heidelberg College, majoring in religion and psychology. She died in a car accident on March 9, 1986, in Tiffin, Ohio. In 1987 a Laura L Kohne Memorial Scholarship Fund at Heidelberg College was established to assist deserving students in need with priority given to Amherst students and members of St. Peter's UCC.

Good Shepherd Baptist Food Bank

We will be stopping the food collection for the Children's Weekend Food Program through the summer, but will resume in the fall.

We will continue to collect the following items for the Food Pantry for families in need:

- 1. Pasta 2. Spaghetti Sauce 3. Canned Tuna 4. Canned Fruit**

Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes. Becky will deliver donations in Pam's absence. Thanks everyone!

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

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| Mon., May 25 | Memorial Day, Office Closed |
| Tues., May 26 | Handbell Rehearsal, 1:45 PM, Sanctuary |
| Wed., May 27 | YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM YOGA with Mary-K, 5:30-6:45 PM |
| Sun., May 31 | Worship Service, 10 AM |

How To Reach Us

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