



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Some see
empty space.
Others see
opportunity.

“For I have not come to call the righteous
but sinners.” -Matthew 9:13

June 7, 2026 | Second Sunday after Pentecost

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"*, Philip P. Bliss /
Robert J. Hughes, organist: Pam Schuster

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

Leader: Come together, all ye who are sinners seeking
redemption.

**People: For all have sinned and fallen short of the
glory of God.**

Leader: And yet we are saved by the blood of Jesus Christ.

**People: Sing praise to God, who shows mercy and grace to
all who ask Him. Praise to Christ, who was willing
to die so that we may live.**

HANDBELL ANTHEM: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty",
arr. Bill Ingram

*Hymn #43 *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

INVOCATION (*unison*) Sally Readinger

**Come among us Lord, and remind us that the Body of Christ
has many parts, each serving in their own way toward the
main goal. We must each work together both within the
church and in the wider church beyond, never seeking to
rise above each other, while trying to excel in our own area
for the glory of God. While we live in a complex and
widening culture that is forever fragmenting into insulated
parts, we are all bound together by the body and blood of
Jesus Christ, in whose name we now pray. Amen.**

HYMN #323 *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

Commissioning of Spirit and Compassion Team Members

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Sally Reader

Hosea 5:15-6:3 #733

Matthew 9:9-13 #790

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "The Insulated Church"

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

OFFERING

Offertory: *"In Remembrance"*,
George C. Stebbins, organist: Daniel Jacky



* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ: *Please remain in your pew as your share the peace of Christ.*

*HYMN #213 *"Because He Lives"*

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: *"God's Railway to Heaven"*, by M. E. Abbey written in 1891
(*Please remain seated "quietly" during the postlude.*)



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

Sally Readinger

Betty Pekare, Gerry Rush,

Luena Beale, Walter Beale

Church News



Blessing of the Pets!

“Blessing of the Pets” will take place *outside* St. Peter's on **Sunday, June 28, 2026 from 1:00-2:30 p.m.** At 2:30 p.m. there will be a memorial service for pets that have passed on. We look forward to seeing you and your pets there on June 28!



Summer Coffee Hour Program

June, July, August coffee hour provided by the summer host and hostess program. The sign-up sheet is located near the coffee – proceeds will go for the church improvement which includes the garden fund.

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.

Ponderings about St. Peter's

Our Library – Part 5

Elinore Elizabeth (Ruth) Linden was the fourth woman honored with St. Peter's Memorial Library. She was born in 1896 and was a very active member of our church. Among other things she was the Assistant Editor of "The Pilot", member of the Women's Guild, and director of church plays. She graduated from Amherst High School in 1914 and married Paul Linden. She and her husband owned and operated the Oldsmobile dealership in town. She also was a benefactor to many organizations in Amherst. She gave us our Carillon which she dedicated as a memorial to deceased members of the church. Upon her death in 1981, she gave her home on Tenney Avenue to the Amherst Historical Society.

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:



**Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce,
Canned Tuna, Peanut
Butter, Canned Fruit**

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

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.



SUNDAYS AREN'T
THE SAME WITHOUT
YOU!



Friends are the Flowers in Life

“Flowers don't worry about how they're going to bloom. They just open up and turn toward the light and that makes them beautiful.”

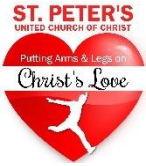
YOGA with Mary-K

Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace

Wednesday Mornings | 8:25-9:45 AM

Thursday Evenings | 5:25-6:45 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

- Wed., June 10 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:25-9:45 AM
 Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., June 11 YOGA with Mary-K, 5:25-6:45 PM
- Sun., June 14 Worship Service, 10 AM

How To Reach Us

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