



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

PRAY TO  
YOUR  
FATHER  
IN  
SECRET

**“When you are praying,  
do not heap up empty  
phrases as the gentiles  
do, for they think that  
they will be heard  
because of their many  
words. Do not be like  
them, for your Father  
knows what you need  
before you ask him.”**

**—Matthew 6:7-8**

June 21, 2026 | Fourth 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: *"Our Heavenly Father"* (excerpt), Lani Smith,  
organist: Daniel Jacky

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

Leader: We come today as children, seeking refuge in the  
strong arms of our Father.

**People: This has become too much for us to bear. We are  
frightened by things that are out of our control.**

Leader: We need a lap to crawl upon. We need arms to  
protect us and guide us.

**People: We need Abba, the Father to fill our needs.**

CHORAL INTROIT

\*Hymn #560 *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

INVOCATION (*unison*)

Linda Gatz

**Take us for a walk in this beautiful earth that You have  
created for us, Almighty God. Let us revel in the glory of  
Your creation. Guide us as a father, with loving words and  
stories of strength. Teach us to walk in Your path, and  
make us unafraid of things to come that are known only to  
You. Be our bastion against the storms of life, and shelter  
us from the winds of adversity. This we pray in Your Holy  
Name. Amen.**

HYMN #279 *"Faith of Our Fathers" (and Mothers)*

CHORAL ANTHEM #15 *"Abba, Father"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Linda Gatz

Psalm 23 #435

Matthew 6:5-15 #787

\* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Daddy"

## OFFERING

Offertory: "*Nun Bitten Wir Den Heiligen Geist (We Now Implore The Holy Ghost)*" (excerpt), Johann Gottfried Walther, 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 #573 "*God of Our Fathers*" (and Mothers)

\*BENEDICTION

\*Choral Benediction

\*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: "*Bless This House*", the Lyrics are by Helen Taylor. Music by May Brahe. Written in 1927

*(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	Linda Gatz
Ushers	Xavier Wasilk

# Church News

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## **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 the coffee hour is provided by the summer host and hostess 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.



*“As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him,” -PSALM 103:13*

*“The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him,” -PROVERBS 23:24*

*“And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him,” -LUKE 15:20*

*“But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord,” -JOSHUA 24:15*

*“In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge.” -PROVERBS 14:26*

*“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” -PROVERBS 22:6*

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**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.

## Ponderings about St. Peter's

It is an occasion like a birthday or anniversary that is special in many ways, and the joy comes in celebrating with those that we love including God. Our Interim Pastor David Platt (2014-2016) suggested that we have a “**Little Church**” for members to place offerings in when we recognized these special days. The money at that time was designated for the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund. Since then, we have used these offerings for different church projects like the restoration of our Art Glass Windows in the sanctuary. But who made our “Little Church”?



The answer is **Doug Haney** who was serving St. Peter’s as a trustee. Doug also made the defibrillator case that is located outside the church office, and converted the office door to a “Dutch-Door”. **Today Doug is a leader for**

**the local charity Good Knights that provides beds for children who don’t have them.** He gave us two beds for the parsonage when we were getting it ready for a Ukrainian Refugee family.

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## St. Peter’s UCC Food Pantry

*In Partnership with Good Shepherd Baptist Food Pantry.*

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 ne

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



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



*Be like a flower.  
Survive the rain but use it to grow.*

**YOGA with Mary-K**

**Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace**

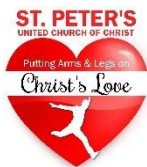
Wednesday Mornings | 8:25-9:45 AM

Thursday Evenings | 5:25-6:45 PM Cost is \$10 per class.

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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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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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- Wed., June 24    YOGA with Mary-K, 8:25-9:45 AM  
                         Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., June 25    YOGA with Mary-K, 5:25-6:45 PM
- Sun., June 28      Worship Service, 10 AM  
                         Blessing of the Pets 1-2:30 PM  
                         Blessing: 1-2:30 PM    Memorial: 2:30 PM

## How To Reach Us

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