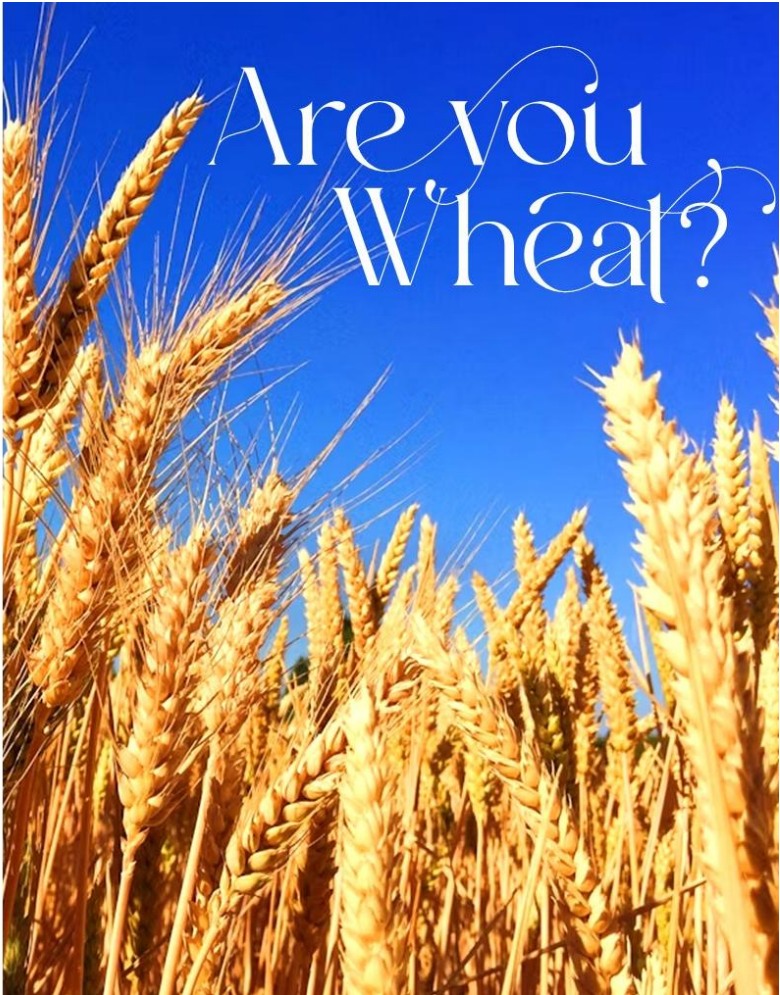




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



July 19, 2026 | Eighth 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: *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*, arr: Robert J. Powell,
organist: Daniel Jacky

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

Leader: We have come to worship fleeing from
the sower of bad seed.

People: The weeds of life seek to destroy us.

Leader: Yet in this hour of worship we can defeat
the enemy that accosts us.

**People: Help us realize and revel in the victory
that has already been won.**

**Hymn #26 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

INVOCATION (*unison*)

Neil Wasilk

**Blessed Savior Jesus Christ, who brings salvation to those
who repent of their sins, be with us this day in worship.
Show us Your bloodied hands, pierced by the nails of
greed. Reveal the wound in Your side, punctured by the
spread of hatred of our neighbors. And, thy head to reveal
the scars of the crown of thorns, placed there by our
continual bent for sinning. Help us defeat the enemy within
through the reminder of Your pain. This we pray in Your
Sacred Name. Amen**

HYMN #428 *"I Need The Every Hour"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Neil Wasilk

Psalm 139:1-12 #503

Matthew 13: 24-30 #795

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "The Enemy Within"

OFFERING

Offertory: "*Warum Sollt' Ich Mich Den Gramen*",
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 #542 "*When We All Get to Heaven*"

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: "*Beyond the Sunset*", "*Beyond the Sunset*" is a gospel hymn written in 1936 by Virgil P. Brock with musical arrangement by his wife, Blanche Kerr Brock, inspired by a memorable sunset and a conversation with a blind cousin.

(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
Neil Wasilk
Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz
Fred Helyes, Lynda Helyes

Church News



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.

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

Have you ever wondered about what happened to the Oberlin students who were paid for their musical contributions to our services? I decided to check this out.



Theodora Nestorova

Theodora Ivanova Nestorova sang for us when David Plant was our interim minister and Pam Schuster was our organist. She graduated from Oberlin College & Conservatory in 2018. In 2018-19 she was a Fulbright Scholar in Vienna. She received an MM from the New England Conservatory of Music in 2021 and an MBA from the

Global Leaders Institute in 2023 and holds a PhD. from McGill University. Besides singing she has done original research on vocal vibrato and given private voice lessons. She has also received many awards and recognitions. Theodora is a first-place winner of the American Prize in Vocal Performance, has recorded with international record labels such as Aparté and regularly performs across genres as one-half of the experimental soprano-cello duo, Pizzicanto. Theodora is a very accomplished young lady and we can say we had a part in her early career.



Prayer Shawl and Lap Blanket Ministry

Prayer shawls and lap blankets are still available! 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.

Thank you! -Christine D Burman

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 and Pam and Becky will deliver items to Good Shepherd. Thanks everyone!

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Coffee Chats 

Panera Bread

Wednesdays from 9-11:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome! Join us for good fellowship and breakfast or just coffee. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus frequently used shared meals to build relationships, teach, and demonstrate God's love. Known for dining with a wide variety of people, His table fellowship broke cultural barriers. Join us!

YOGA with Mary-K

Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace

Wednesday Mornings | 8:25-9:45 AM

Thursday class will resume in September.

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

Mon., July 20 Council Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 1 PM
Wed., July 22 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:25-9:45 AM
 Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
Sun., July 26 Worship Service, 10 AM

H o w T o R e a c h U s

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