



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

...and
God said
that it was
good.



August 9, 2026 | Eleventh 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: "*Ciacona in E Minor*" (excerpt), Buxtehude,
organist: Daniel Jacky

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

Leader: We gather today to worship God the Father
who is the God of the cosmos.

**People: We gather to worship His Son, Jesus Christ
the man of Nazareth.**

Leader: We gather to worship the Holy Spirit that dwells
within our hearts.

**People: Give praise to the Holy Trinity, who is in
all places at all times. Glory to God.**

**Hymn #350 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

INVOCATION (*unison*)

Les Kreeger

**Holy Triune God, who exists from beyond time, through
time and beyond time, hear our prayer. We give You our
praise while at the same time struggling to comprehend the
majesty of Your existence. We cannot comprehend eternity,
for even with our salvation through Jesus Christ we can
only exist in the present and future. But you have always
been and will always be, and we can only blindly accept
this while still on earth. Grant us new understanding in
this time of worship and learning, and free our hearts
from preconceived ideas that cause us to stumble and fall
spiritually. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

HYMN #381 "*Open My Eyes, That I May See*"

Caring for Us

Caring for Others

Praising God

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Les Kreeger

Genesis 1:1-11 #1

Revelation 21:1-4 #1007

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "A Question of Location"

OFFERING

Offertory: *"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"*, traditional,
organist: David Shonk

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

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

*HYMN #441 *"Take Time to Be Holy"*

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: *"I Love to Tell the Story"*, written by William G. Fischer
(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
Les Kreeger
Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz,
Betty Pekare, Gary Thompson

Church News

Coffee Chats 

Sunset Café at Lakeview Park in Lorain!
Wednesday, August 12th at Noon for lunch

Everyone is welcome! Join us for good fellowship and lunch.
Throughout the Gospels, Jesus frequently used shared meals to build relationships.

Join us!



Pastor Mike's Bible Study will start **Tues., Sept. 8th**, at **1:45 PM** in the Fireside Room. Be part of an engaging conversation. We hope many will join us as we journey through the Bible!

Ponderings about St. Peter's



From the 2003 Circle Six Cookbook:

Soups & Salads – *“But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God’s unfailing love for ever and ever.”* Psalm 52:8

Tortellini Soup – from the kitchen of Jan Orseno

2 T. olive oil ½ bag frozen cheese-filled tortellini
4 cloves garlic, chopped Shredded Parmesan cheese, for garnish
3 (14 oz.) cans of chicken broth
1 (15-oz.) can Italian seasoned diced tomatoes
1 sm. box of frozen chopped spinach

Heat oil in pan and add garlic; sauté lightly. Add diced tomatoes and simmer for 10 minutes. Add chicken broth and thawed, squeezed spinach; simmer for 10 minutes more. Add tortellini; simmer for 8 minutes. Serve hot. Top with freshly shredded Parmesan cheese.

Acts 2:46: Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts.



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. So far, 26 prayer shawls and 64 lap blankets have actually been donated out. That does not include what is stored in the back of the sanctuary or in the plastic bins in the fellowship hall. And, many went into the community, not just for members. There is a label on each that shows they are from St. Peters. Last December, I donated 20 to the cancer center (Mercy hospital, off Rt. 2) There is always a need for donations of yarn to create these prayer items. If you have skeins of yarn laying around, we'll be happy to take them off your hands. *Thank you! -Christine D Burman*

St. Peter's UCC Food Pantry

In Partnership with Good Shepherd Baptist Food Pantry.

We will begin the food collection for the Children's Weekend Food Program starting in September. I'll post the items they'll need in the August 23rd bulletin.

In August we will collect the following items for the Food Pantry for families in need.

**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."

YOGA with Mary-K

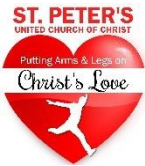
Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace

Wednesday Mornings | 8:25-9:45 AM

Thursday class will resume September 10th at 5:25 PM

Enter the door by the Chapel. 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., Aug. 12 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:25-9:45 AM
 Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., Aug. 13 Spirit and Compassion Shut-in Ice Cream Social,
 2-4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall
 Shut-in members and their guest by invitation
- Sun., Aug. 16 Worship Service, 10 AM

How To Reach Us

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