



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Real Treasure

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

—Matthew 13:45



August 16, 2026 | Twelfth 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: *"Kyrie, Gott Heiliger Geist" BWV 671 (excerpt),
J. S. Bach, organist: Daniel Jacky*

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

Leader: We gather as people who are anxiously
awaiting the coming of the Kingdom on earth.

**People: We stand ready to do our part in all that
You have planned.**

Leader: Yet we are not always clear as to what that means.

**People: We praise You and thank You for including us in
Your plans for the New Jerusalem. Halleluiah!**

**Hymn #30 "How Majestic Is Your Name"*

INVOCATION (*unison*)

Terry Deliman

Lord of inspiration, creativity and mission, hear our prayer. For we have come seeking instructions as to what You would have us do on earth. We are told in Revelation that You alone will be the ultimate victory over evil. We are told that we are powerless to defeat the power that some call Satan. What then are we to contribute to bring about Your kingdom here on earth? You have told us that we are to feed the hungry and tend to the sick, but then You have also told us that the poor will always be with us. We are confused. Enter our worship this day as we seek clarification in the midst of confusion. This we pray in the Savior's name.

HYMN #262 *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Terry Deliman

Psalm 95 #479

Matthew 13:44-50 #795

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "So What Are We Supposed to Do?"

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

OFFERING

Offertory: *"Little Fugue in F"*, Georg Philipp Telemann /
arr. Kevin Norris, organist: Pam Schuster

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #4 *"How Great Thou Art"*

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: *"Amazing Grace"*

(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

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Pianist
Zoom Director
Zoom Assistant
Worship Producer
Director of Music
Scripture Reader
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Pastor Mike Boehm
Cindy Boehm
Mary K. Kirsch
Tom Hollstein, Tanner Wasilk
Brian Schieferstein
Jennifer Wasilk
Terry Deliman
Gary Thompson

Church News

Circle Six News

Circle Six will now be holding their monthly meetings on the **1st Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.**



Our first meeting is September 1st in the Fellowship Hall and is our opening potluck picnic lunch. Members bring a covered dish to share, their own place setting and drink. Please also bring a friend! -Sally Readinger, President



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:

Vegetables & Side Dishes – *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."* – Matthew 5:6

SAUCY GREEN BEANS – from the kitchen of Esther Moos

2 (10-oz.) pkgs. frozen green beans	½ c. water
½ lb. bacon	3 T. sugar
2 eggs	2 slices of bread, cut into cubes
1/3 c. vinegar	2 T. margarine



Cook beans; keep warm. Fry bacon until crispy, crumble and reserve (save drippings). Beat eggs, vinegar, water and sugar until blended. Stir in bacon drippings. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Sauté breadcrumbs in margarine. Pour sauce over beans. Top with croutons and reserved bacon. Serves 6.

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. There is a label on each that shows they are from St. Peters. 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

YOGA with Mary-K

Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace

Wednesday Mornings | 8:25-9:45 AM

Enter the door by the Chapel. Cost is \$10 per class.

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.”

St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter

2726 Caroline Ave., Lorain



Wednesday, August 19th we need volunteers to serve starting at 4:30 PM. For July, August, and September we will be serving ice cream. This gives our bakers a well-deserved break! If you want to help or have questions, please contact Betty Pekare.

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., Aug. 17 Council Meeting, 1:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
Wed., Aug. 19 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:25-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
St. Elizabeth Meal, 4:30 PM
Sun., Aug. 23 Worship Service, 10 AM

How To Reach Us

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