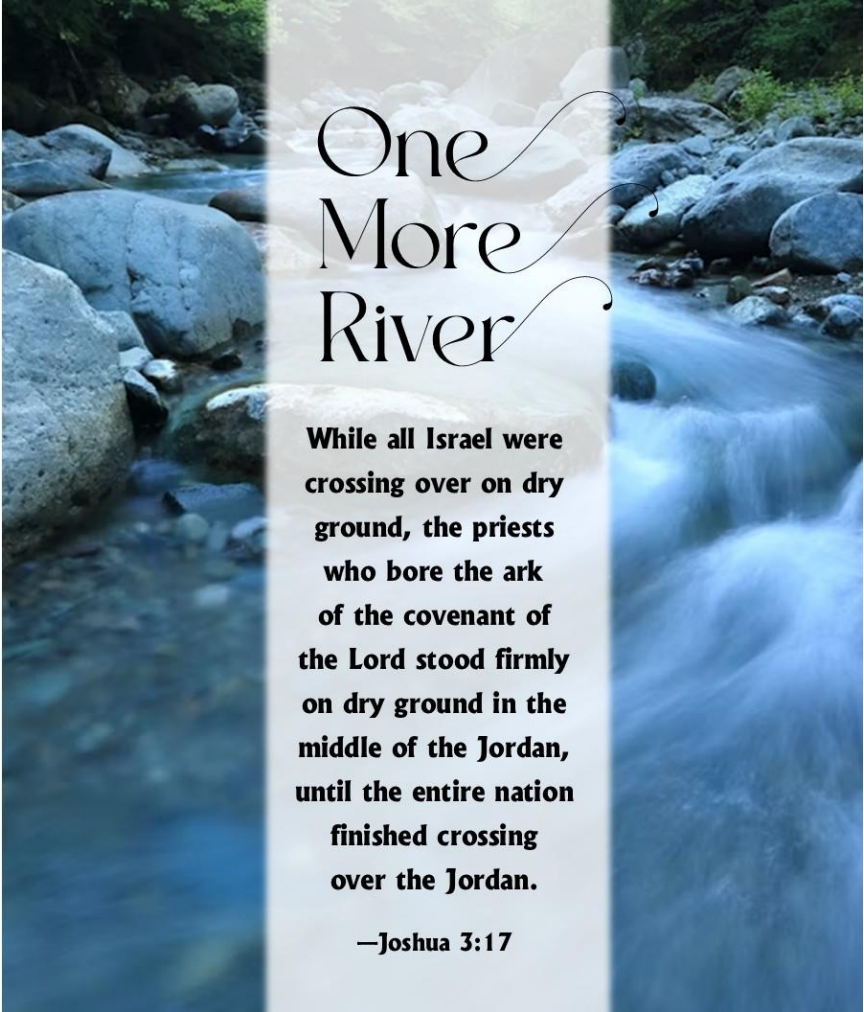




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



One More River

**While all Israel were
crossing over on dry
ground, the priests
who bore the ark
of the covenant of
the Lord stood firmly
on dry ground in the
middle of the Jordan,
until the entire nation
finished crossing
over the Jordan.**

—Joshua 3:17

Sept. 20, 2026 | Seventeenth 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: *"Tierce en Taille", - Francois D'andrieu*

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

Leader: One more river, and that wide river is Jordan"

People: "One more river, there's one more river to cross"

Leader: We look to God to carry us over the river.

People: **He shall carry us in His arms, and set us
upon dry land. Praise God Almighty!**

Choral Introit: *"Be Exalted, O God"*

**Hymn #297 "I Love to Tell the Story"*

INVOCATION (*unison*)

Don Ramsey

Carry us, Lord Jesus, across the difficult rivers of life. Make shallow the fording places, and smooth the riverbeds. Part the seas of adversity, and let the heavenly shore be always in our sight. For we are wandering in the wilderness. Our way seems always blocked by turbulent waters that seek to drag us under. Calm the seas for us just as You calmed the sea of Galilee for Your disciples. See us safe and dry to the other shore. In Your name we pray. Amen.

HYMN #552 *"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"*

CHORAL ANTHEM: *"The Lord God Made the Earth and Sky",
Natalie Sleeth*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Don Ramsey

Joshua 3: 10-17 #170

Psalm 23 (unison) #435

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "One More River"

OFFERING

Offertory: *"Offertoire in A Major, Suite No. 9",*
- Francois Benoist

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #295 *"Revive Us Again"*

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction: *"The Family of God"*

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: *"Allegretto in E Major",* - Percy Whitlock

(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
Organist	Walker Whitehouse
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Zoom Assistant	Tom Hollstein, Tanner Wasilk
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Acolyte	Xavier Wasilk
Director of Music	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Don Ramsey
Ushers	Sue Cherry, Vicki Zeller, Jerry Rush

Church News



Fall Mum Flower Sale / BSA Troop 427

Allie Sacharski, Fundraising Chair is here in church today to pick up and take orders. If you haven't already done so, please fill out the order form & make payment to BSA Troop 427. Pickup of mums will be in our parking lot on Sept. 24th at 7pm. Thank you for helping Troop 427!

Voice Choir Rehearsal, Tue. & Thurs. 12:30 PM

Jennifer Wasilk will be having rehearsals on Tuesdays and Thursdays of every week. Walker Whitehouse will be here on Thursdays. We hope this accommodates everyone's schedule!

Ponderings about St. Peter's

In researching our early pastors, the name Elmhurst College kept appearing. Where was it? What was its history?



In 1871 land in Elmhurst, Illinois was gifted to the German Evangelical Synod of the Northwest for the purpose of establishing a school to prepare men for the seminary and to train teachers for parochial schools. The male students studied Greek, Latin, German, English history, geography, math, science, music and religion. The classes were all taught in German. In 1919 the name of the school was changed to Elmhurst Academy and Junior College and the curriculum was expanded. In 1924 the school became Elmhurst College and was a 4-year college for men. In 1930 women were able to attend and in 1934 Elmhurst became accredited. In 2020 the name was changed to Elmhurst University. Today their athletic teams are the Bluejays; previously they were the Pirates.

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 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.

Children's Weekend Food Program

All for the Kids

Microwaveable Mac n Cheese cups, Spaghetti O's, Mac n beef, Ravioli, etc. Ramen Noodles, Chicken Noodle Soup, Small Individual Peanut Butter/Jelly servings, Pastry Tarts, Individual Cereal boxes, Oatmeal Breakfast Bars, Applesauce/Fruit cups, Chips, Pretzels, Cookies, Crackers, Granola Bars, Pudding Cups

There's also a need of the following items for the Food Pantry:

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

Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. In Pam's absence Becky Woods will make sure donations are delivered. Thanks everyone for all you do in helping others!

Pastor Mike & Cindy's Vacation

Pastor Mike will be leaving for vacation after the worship service today. Next Sunday, Sept. 27th, the Rev. Keith Stuart will be leading our worship service. We have had him once before as a pulpit supply. Please make him feel welcome.

Also, Pastor Dave Hill will be on call if you need to reach out for an emergency during the week Pastor Mike will be gone.

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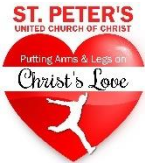
YOGA with Mary-K

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.

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., Sept. 21 Pastor out this week on vacation
- Tues., Sept. 22 No Bible Study this week
Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary
Handbell Rehearsal, 1:45 PM, Sanctuary
- Wed., Sept. 23 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:25 AM
Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
Preschool Field Trip, 10 AM, MWF class
- Thurs., Sept. 24 Preschool Field Trip, T/TH class
Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary
Mum pickup in the back parking lot, 7 PM
- Sun., Sept. 27 Worship Service, 10 AM with Pastor Keith Stuart

How To Reach Us

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