



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



THEY WILL NOT HURT
OR DESTROY ON ALL MY
HOLY MOUNTAIN

ISAIAH 11:9

Sept. 27, 2026 | Eighteenth 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: *"Chorale Prelude on Saint Ann's"*, C. H. H. Parry
1848-1918

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive) Rev. R. Keith Stuart, Ph.D.

Leader: It's impossible to picture the things of which the prophet Isaiah speaks, for they are simply not so. Wolves and lambs do not lie down together. Bears and cows do not eat side by side. Lions are anything but vegetarian. And no toddler would be allowed to venture anywhere near the hole of an asp. The stakes are too high. The consequences too great.

People: It is in the very nature of the snake to bite, the wolf to feast, the lion to enjoy a meal of red meat. And yet, the prophet uses these opposites to paint a picture of a time when it will all be different.

Leader: Today, we yearn for this possibility of One who sits things right—that time when animals and humans alike will only experience peace in the presence of one another. But in the meantime? Even as we watch and wait, it appears the responsibility lies with us. Not only to cry out in dismay, but to be those who judge with righteousness for the meek and the poor even now.

People: We look at this world, with its propensity to violence and separation, we yearn to make things right when and where we can. For that Spirit has been given to us, to you and me, for precisely this time. Amen.

Choral Introit: *"Alleluia"*

*Hymn #493 *"It Is Well"*

INVOCATION (*unison*)

Penny Knepper

Leader: Gracious God, we are your fragile people. We yearn for peace—between nations, within our families, with our neighbors and friends. And peace within ourselves. Why are we so harsh with each other. Down deep inside, we long for a greater sense of peace. And our text this morning offers us a recipe. To be filled with the Spirit of the Prince of Peace. And right relationships grounded in forgiveness. And justice for all. Isaiah was a dreamer of peace. May we love again the possibilities God has given us this one we call Jesus.

HYMN #498 *"Peace Like a River"*

CHORAL ANTHEM: *"Go Down Moses"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. R. Keith Stuart, Ph.D.

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

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HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Penny Knepper

Psalm 23 #435

Isaiah 11:6-9 #558

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "The Lion and Lamb in All of Us" Rev. R. Keith Stuart, Ph.D.

OFFERING

Offertory: *"Piece in B-flat major"*, F. Benoist 1794-1878

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Caring for Us

Caring for Others

Praising God

*HYMN #476 *“How Can I Keep from Singing”, (see insert)*

F. J. Hartley, by Robert Lowry, 1869

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction: *“Steal Away”*

*Pastoral Benediction

Rev. R. Keith Stuart

*Choral Amen

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POSTLUDE: *“Fantasia”*

(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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Church News

Weekly Bible Study

Tuesday at 1:45 PM in the Fireside Room

Pastor Mike will be back from vacation Tues., Sept. 29th, and will resume our Bible Study in the Fireside Room. Please join us!

Ponderings about St. Peter's

In 1946 St. Peter's was facing issues with space. The size of the congregation, number of youths, and many church groups meeting here were placing demands on our building. At the January 21st Church Council meeting it was announced that a lot to the North side of the building had been purchased for parking and a Sunday School Building. Council members then made a wish list of things they would like to see added to the building. Included were more Sunday School rooms; a modern kitchen – built above ground level;

a meeting room with comfortable seating, a rug on the floor, painted walls & curtains; a choir room with storage for gowns, music & practice space; cabinets for storage for each organization; an elevator or escalator; and storage for tables.

Today what would you like to see added to or changed with our building?

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!



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Preschool is officially started for the year.

We have a total of 48 students. Miss Gabby Herold is teaching our MWF & T/Th 3 year old class. Mrs. Kati Bell is teaching our MWF & T/Th 4 year old classes. Mrs. Chambers is teaching our M-Th 4 year old class. Mrs. Samantha Lippert is our aide for all classes. Our thanks to all that helped to make our

open house successful- for all that donated refreshments, Geoff for helping to ensure we had fans to cool off the hallway and lobby, Mary-K, Sue and Pastor Mike for attending and helping. In September our students are going to Donald Schuster's Greenhouse for wagon rides, and fall activities including picking a small pumpkin. With the beginning of October we will have our first opportunity for church guest readers. The mornings of October 5-6 we could use a handful each day. There will be a signup sheet outside of the sanctuary, and Kaye will be given the information to put in the bulletin.
-Heidi Chambers

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

- Tues., Sept. 29 Pastor Mike & Cindy return from vacation
Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary
Bible Study, 1:45 PM, Fireside
Handbell Rehearsal, 1:45 PM, Sanctuary
- Wed., Sept. 30 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:25-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., Oct. 1 Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary
- Sun., Oct. 4 Worship Service, 10 AM, World Communion
Sunday and Neighbors in Need offering

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