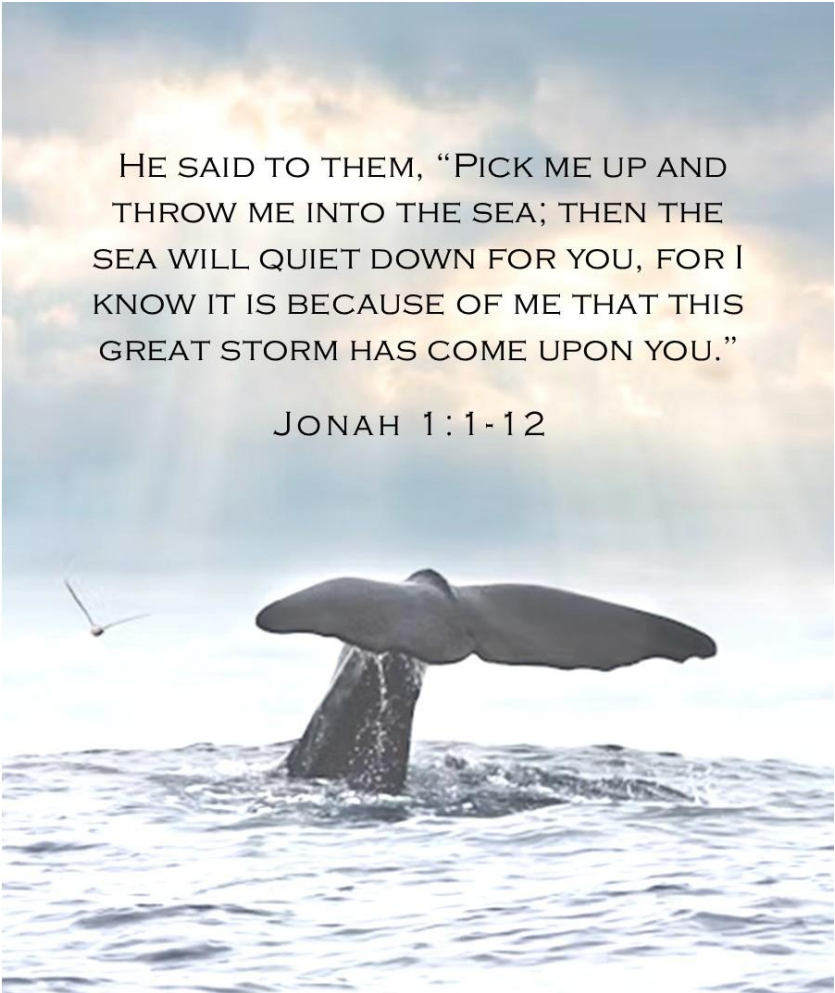




ST. PETER'S
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HE SAID TO THEM, "PICK ME UP AND
THROW ME INTO THE SEA; THEN THE
SEA WILL QUIET DOWN FOR YOU, FOR I
KNOW IT IS BECAUSE OF ME THAT THIS
GREAT STORM HAS COME UPON YOU."

JONAH 1:1-12



October 18, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.) + (if needed, use green insert in hymnal rack)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Words of Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE: *"Plein Jeu"*, - Louis Couperin

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

Leader: We have been led here today to learn to follow.

People: We are here to reaffirm our dedication to the ministry that God has called us to.

Leader: For we are called to minister to those who are in need of help and salvation.

People: We are God's church, serving God's will, both here and in the world beyond. Praise be to God.

CHORAL INTROIT: *"Glorious is Thy Name"*

**Hymn #183 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

INVOCATION (*unison*)

Terry Deliman

Almighty God, Lord of all Creation, hear us as we pray. For while we are dedicated to You and You alone, we often forget that You have called us into being for more than being just a place to worship You on a Sunday morning. We are Your church; an extension of Your mighty arm here on earth. We are called to help, heal and feed Your sheep who have fallen astray and are wandering in darkness. It is our mission, through good works, to call them back into the flock so that they may know of Your glory, and of the glory of salvation through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us in this, our church's wider mission. Amen.

HYMN #427 *"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Terry Deliman

Jonah 1:1-12 #752

Exodus 33:12-23 #70

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "The Reluctant Disciple"

OFFERING

Offertory: *"Adagio in C minor"*, - J. S. Bach

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #376 *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction: *"We Will Stand"*

*Pastoral Benediction

*Amen (Dresden)

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

Minister
Pianist
Zoom Director
Zoom Assistant
Worship Producer
Acolyte
Director of Music
Scripture Reader
Ushers

Pastor Mike Boehm
Walker Whitehouse
Mary K. Kirsch
Tanner Wasilk
Brian Schieferstein
Xavier Wasilk
Jennifer Wasilk
Terry Deliman
Fred Helyes

Church News

Ponderings about St. Peter's

The construction of the 1950's addition did not progress without delays, for example in October things were held up by a three-week delay for the steel joist for the first floor and the heating could not proceed until three weeks after this. In December work was held up by the winter weather. In January 1951 they rejoiced because the bricklayers had been able to do two full days of work. At this time the choir moved from the choir loft after the anthem because of the drafty conditions, and the Building Campaign reported delinquent pledges. The list goes on. To help with expenses some businesses and individuals made donations, for example the Amherst Hardware Co. gave a dishwasher for the new kitchen, the Moebius family expressed a desire to furnish a room in the new addition, and Mr. & Mrs. C. Kerns offered to donated money for drapes. When it was reported that there were no toilets on the 1st and 2nd floors the task of taking care of this was given to the church Trustees. At the end of 1952 things were still not complete.

*When they ordered the cornerstone which you can view in Walker Lobby, the Council just wanted 1950 placed on it. They also wanted a hole made in it for “memorial pieces” if it “could be had at no extra cost”. I can find no record of whether they got the hole or if they did what memorial items were placed in it.

It's that “Wonderful Time of the Year” again! I hope you are all ready to pick up your **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** and start packing them with goodies for a special boy or girl. Remember your box is commonly the only Christmas present they will receive. See Linda Gatz for more details or check outside the church office for shoeboxes. Packing directions and labels will be inside each box. **Deadline for returning your filled shoebox and \$10.00 donation for shipping is Sunday, November 22nd.**

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

St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter Meal

2726 Caroline Ave., Lorain

Wed., Oct. 21st we will need volunteers to serve starting at 4:30 PM, or to bake cookies or cupcakes. If you want to help or have questions, please contact Betty Pekare. Thank you!

Choral Spectrum, *under the direction of Anthony Triifletti*, invites you to join us as we begin our 61st Season with **“Star Light, Star Bright: Music of Celestial Beauty.”** The music

of this concert focuses on the theme of stars. The concert will be held on Sun., Oct. 25 at 4pm at St. Peter Parish in Lorain. It is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken.

Circle Six Announcements

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 3, 2026 in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. At 11:30 a.m. We will be hosting a program featuring the 103rd OVI Civil War Museum located in Sheffield Lake. This program will be presented by Deb Wagner, Curator. The program is open to the congregation and friends. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

Guess what folks! It's pumpkin roll time again. Order forms will be placed by the bulletins and in the church office. Please get your orders in early as we definitely will have a limited supply. We will be baking on Saturday, October 31st and Saturday, November 7th. Unfortunately, our group is getting smaller so we would be most appreciative for anyone interested in helping to bake on those days.

Circle Six is proud to present The all-American Amethyst String Trio featuring 1st Violinist Mary Beth Ions, 2nd Chair Carol Ruzicka & Cellest Kent Collier on Tuesday, November 10 2026 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. This program is free and open to the public. Donations will be appreciated. Tickets are available from any Circle Six member and are available in the church office. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.
Sincerely, Sally Readinger, President

Stewardship Sunday | Oct. 25th

Next Sunday is Stewardship Sunday at which time we will be consecrating our pledges. Please remember to bring your pledge card and time & talent form if you have not already done so.
Thank you for your faithfulness to our church!

Remembrance Sunday | November 1st

On November 1st we will once again hold a **candle lighting service** in remembrance of those who have joined God's heavenly realm. Remembrance request forms are at each entrance for your convenience. Please fill out the forms as indicated and return them to me by Sun., October 25th. If your loved one was remembered in last year's service, fill out the top questions only and put "same as last year" for the bottom section.

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.

*The preschool will be hosting a fundraiser this month for Mama Joe's Pie gift certificates to allow us to purchase some items from our Amazon wish list for our classrooms. The gift certificates are available for \$10 each, and a sign-up sheet will be outside of the sanctuary near the church office. Payment is due at the time of ordering and could be left in the preschool mailbox in the church office, or under the preschool office door. The fundraiser will go through the end of October, and the gift cards will be in quickly, allowing time for Thanksgiving pie orders with the gift cards.

Please fill out the Participation cards and drop into the offering plate. *Cards should be filled out weekly.* Thank you!

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., Oct. 19 Council Meeting, 1 PM, FH
Tues., Oct. 20 Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary
Bible Study, 1:45 PM, Fireside
Handbell Rehearsal, 1:45 PM, Sanctuary
Wed., Oct. 21 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:25-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
St. Elizabeth Shelter Meal, 4:30 PM
Thurs., Oct. 22 Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary
Sun., Oct. 25 Worship Service, 10 AM

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

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Please visit our website, **www.stpetersamherst.org**
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Also, we now have the ability to accept donations by TEXT!
For more detailed information, contact the church office.

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Please remember St. Peter's UCC in your estate planning.