ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

HERITAGE SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Like a many–colored kilt, our church is a product of it's whole, with each strand of our various heritages standing proudly together in one unified whole.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Words of Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE: *"Men of Harlech"*

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

Leader: From Germany and Italy, they came.
From Scotland and Ireland, they came.

People: They sought freedom from a strange new land.

Leader: They brought their hopes and fears. They brought their God and their forms of worship.

People: From all over the world they came.
And through the years they have become "US".

CHORAL INTROIT

*Hymn #555 *"We're Marching to Zion"*

INVOCATION *(unison)* Thomas Ives

Almighty God, Great Weaver of the threads of life, be with us this day. For we have come together from many corners of the earth, joined as the tartan of the kilt with each thread chosen and woven into one fine piece of cloth, proclaiming its overall strength, yet mindful of its' strong individuality. Like a many-colored kilt, our church is a product of it's whole, with each strand of our various heritages standing proudly together in one unified whole. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN #60 *"Morning Has Broken"*

CHORAL ANTHEM: *"Amazing Grace"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

Blessing of our Heritage

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD Thomas Ives

Psalm 133 #501

Ephesians 4:1-7 #951

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "A Thread Among the Weavin"

OFFERING

Offertory: *"Wild Mountain Thyme"*

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #285 *"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction

*Pastoral Benediction

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	Pastor Mike Boehm
Pianist	Walker Whitehouse
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Zoom Assistant	Tanner Wasilk, Maia Pruchinsky
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Acolyte	Xavier Wasilk
Director of Music	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Thomas Ives
Ushers	Terry Deliman, Xavier Wasilk

Church News

Annual Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting following the worship service on Nov. 15th. There will be a budget review and voting on the church council officers for 2027.

Heritage Sunday Potluck Today



JOIN US after worship in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate our nationality and enjoy a lunch with a variety of dishes!

Ponderings about St. Peter's

Have you ever wondered about where the tradition of having acolytes in a church service came from?



The word acolyte comes from the Greek word, "akolouthos" and means helper, attendant, or follower. Early helpers in the Bible would be Samuel who assisted Eli, the priest, or Elisha who helped the prophet, Elijah. In early Christianity, service as an acolyte was a step in preparing for the priesthood. The duties of an acolyte included lighting and carrying candles, helping with the sacraments, and preparing the altar. Acolytes became a formal clerical order in the Middle Ages. During this time, they carried the "light of Jesus", the processional crosses, the Bible, and banners; and assisted with baptism and communion. Until 1972, in the Latin Church, acolyte was the highest of the four minor orders; then Pope Paul VI redefined the position as a "ministry open to laypeople." Today acolytes can be male or female, and may carry crosses, torches, alms basins, Gospel books, or other liturgical items. They do all this without drawing attention to themselves and detracting the congregation from the worship service.



Operation Christmas Child Reminder

Collection Week of shoeboxes is Nov. 16-22nd. Once again the shoeboxes are being supplied for you. All you need to do is fill them and include $10.00 for shipping. Please drop them off in the church office. Thank you, Linda Gatz

A Big Thank you!

A big thank you to Neil Wasilk, Terry Deliman, Fred Helyes, and Geoff Gatz for helping to set our new memorial pavers this past Tuesday. Please check them out. Also, thank you to Walter Beale for mowing. Linda, Gatz



Circle Six presents
The all-American Amethyst String Trio
Tues., Nov. 10 at 7 PM

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

GriefShare, "Surviving the Holidays"

A two-hour program from **7-9 PM on Friday, Nov. 13th** designed to help those who are grieving a loss through death of a loved one. This free program combines a video, which provides concrete tools to navigate the difficult holiday season, along with group discussion. The program is a product of GriefShare, a division of Church Initiatives.



Gerald Rush's Birthday was missed in the November KEY newsletter. His birthday is November 28th. Hope you will enjoy a Happy Birthday celebration!

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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.

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

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Putting Arms & Legs on Christ's Love

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., Nov. 10	Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary
	Bible Study, 1:45 PM, Fireside
	Handbell Rehearsal, 1:45 PM, Sanctuary
	Circle Six: The all-American Amethyst String Trio, 7PM in the Sanctuary
Wed., Nov. 11	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:25-9:45 AM
	Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
	Film Study, Fireside, 11:30 AM with potluck
Thurs., Nov. 12	Spirit and Compassion Meeting, 10:30 AM, FS
	Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary
Fri., Nov. 13	GriefShare, "Surviving the Holidays", 7-9 PM
Sun., Nov. 15	Worship Service, 10 AM, Communion
	Annual Congregational Mtg after worship

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