



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



**“... AND HE HAD COMPASSION FOR
THEM, BECAUSE THEY WERE LIKE
SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD...”**

July 18, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

A TIME OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

Announcements

Birthdays

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Psalm 118

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice
and be glad in it! Worship has begun.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Brenda Charny, Leader)*

Leader: Come away and rest for a while. Leave behind
your busyness to be fully present to God.

People: **We have come for relief from life's turmoil.
God gathers us as a shepherd gathers
her sheep.**

Leader: God's steadfast love surrounds us here.
We are reminded of God's enduring faithfulness.

People: **This is God's house, and we are God's children.
God invites us to feel at home in this place.**

Leader: We have a covenant with our Creator.
This is a time for renewal of our promises.

People: **God calls for righteousness and justice.
God offers us goodness and mercy all our days.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE: #87 "May Jesus Christ Be Praised"**

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THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)*

Rock of our salvation, we have accepted the invitation of Jesus to gather as your beloved people. We have been far away from you in our thoughts and separated from you in much that we do. Now we are together, seeking reconciliation with you and one another. We call on your steadfast love for assurance and healing. We feel your compassion for us and for all your children. We sense your longing for our wholeness and renewed faith and trust. You call us to be saints and apostles and prophets. We are overwhelmed, even as you draw us close. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI #623

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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HEBREW LESSON 2 SAMUEL 7:1-14a *(Brenda Charny)*

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal

leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #337 "Pass Me Not"

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Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 6:30-34, 53-56 *(Brenda Charny)*

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a

deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION: “NO PLACE LIKE HOME”

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

*Doxology #625 unison prayer of dedication
praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye Heavenly host; **
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*(**alternate: Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen)*

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(We offer one another the peace of Christ for the week ahead.)

*HYMN SENDING FORTH #345 “Blessed Assurance”

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BENEDICTION



**Everyone is Welcome! Feel at home,
for Christ Jesus is our host.**

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

Senior Pastor

Zoom Director

Worship Producer

Zoom Projector

Organist

Scripture Reader

Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor

Mary K. Kirsch

Brian Schieferstein

Jennifer Wasilk

Daniel Jacky

Brenda Charney

GOD CALLS FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS AND
JUSTICE. GOD OFFERS US GOODNESS
AND MERCY ALL OUR DAYS.



“Backyard VBS” - *Totally Tubular!*

We will be heading back to the 80s this year with a “backyard VBS” where participants do the activities in their own backyard and/or home. Information on the parent portal for the videos, songs, and information will be sent to participants in early to mid July and supplies will be provided during a “drive up” at the portico in early July. Once adults register their children, they will receive further information and dates! Parents/grandparents/guardians can email the church at dir.ed@stpetersamherst.org or call the church office at **440-988-4965** and leave information for us to contact them including name and an email address.

Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris – Everyone Invited!

Everyone is invited to join together at Arabica’s, 254 Park Ave., Amherst, **every Wednesday** from **9-11:00 a.m.** This will be a great time for socializing with others, and getting to know Pastor Chris a little better! Come for breakfast, coffee, or just to catch up. *We hope to see you on Wednesdays!*

New CDC Guidelines for Church

Council has made the decision to open slowly and carefully with precaution, guided by the CDC and the state of Ohio guidelines. Based on science and local Covid data we will make determinations on how to proceed while keeping our congregation safe.

Beginning June 27th, vaccinated people may enter the sanctuary without a mask; unvaccinated individuals are asked to continue

to wear a mask. We will continue to social distance in the marked pews, with families allowed to sit together. Hymnals, pew cards, passing of the collection plate and communion may be reintroduced at a later date. *Please wear your mask if you want to sing aloud.* Elbow bump and the peace sign are acceptable forms of greeting; no hand shaking. We ask that you socialize outside in the parking lot. This is a fluid situation and may possibly change from week to week.

And thanks to all of you for your continued patience and generosity of spirit as we work together in these challenging times to do our part in God's ministry.



FOOD PANTRY – *If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.*

The Food Pantry is currently in the need of the following items:

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| Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken) | Kleenex | Paper Towels |
| Canned Soup (Pop top lids) | Spaghetti Sauce | Pasta |
| Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids) | Peanut Butter | Jelly |
| Mac & Cheese (Microwavable) | Oatmeal Cereal | |

Please leave your donations in the drop of boxes at the church.

Thank you for Joining us at our Outdoor Service

Weather permitting, we will once again have an outdoor service at St. Peter's in the front lawn on the 3rd Sunday in August. We hope everyone enjoyed worshipping in God's beautiful creation!




June 13, 2021 - Outdoor Service

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Sunday Morning Zoom Worship

For our Zoom worship you will join one another through a free video and audio conference application. Download the Zoom app to your smartphone, computer, or tablet and use the meeting login below:

Join from Zoom app:

Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 | Passcode: 379205

Join Zoom Meeting from computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/5244113917?pwd=aEJEcGhWUUh2dTV4eGJBSDZIUWgwdz09>

OR Call in with phone: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 | Passcode: 379205

JESUS ANSWERED,
“THE FIRST IS, ‘HEAR, O ISRAEL:
THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE;
YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH
ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND,
AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.’

THE SECOND IS THIS,
‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF.’ THERE IS NO OTHER
COMMANDMENT GREATER THAN THESE.”

Mark 12:29-31





This Week's Events

Mon., July 19	Council Meeting 7 PM
Tue., July 20	Bible Study 7 PM (Zoom)
Wed., July 21	Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris 9-11 AM Arabica Coffee in Amherst Clergy Meeting, Brownhelm UCC 11:30 AM
Sun., July 25	Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM Family Worship

How To Reach Us

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