



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



*“Therefore be imitators of God,
as beloved children, and live in love, as
Christ loved us and gave himself up for us...”*

EPHESIANS 5:1-2

August 8, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

A TIME OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

Announcements

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Prayers

Joys

Concerns

PRELUDE: “Ciacona in E Minor”, Buxtehude

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*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Pam Miscov)*

Leader: Wait for God, who deals gently with us.
Watch for God's appearance among us.

**People: Out of the depths I cry out to God.
Will God hear the voice of our supplications?**

Leader: In all times and places, we can rely on God.
We can know steadfast love, here and now.

**People: We keep our morning watch together.
We will support one another as we seek
to know God.**

Leader: Find hope in God's power to redeem us.
Give thanks for the new day God promises to us.

**People: Life's battles cannot destroy us.
The losses we suffer are not the last word.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #61 “*Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty*”

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THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)*

We come to you, holy God, with our many needs. Some of us are people in authority with weighty decisions to make. Some of us are fighting battles we cannot win. Some have faced unexpected losses that tear at the very fabric of life. There are broken relationships among us, feelings we do not want to admit, realities we do not want to face. There are also joys we have not really celebrated, reasons to give thanks to which we have never given voice. We come, O God, to be lifted out of our ruts and routines, seeking instead to find fullness of life with you. 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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PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 130 *(Pam Miscov)*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #280 *"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"*

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Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS 4:25-5:2 (*Pam Miscov*)

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC

"With the Lord" Performed by Caroline Wolfe

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SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION: "SWEET COMMUNITY"

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY: “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”, Bach

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*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 #284 “The Bond of Love”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Prelude and Fugue in G Major”, J. F. Fischer

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*“I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope.”*



**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

Pam Miscov



St. Peter's Preschool Update

Preschool is ramping up to begin the new school year.

The teachers are busy getting their classrooms ready. Classes are full with 102 students. We will start the year with parent night in the Sanctuary on Aug. 23 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. The Preschool Open House will be on Wed., Aug. 25 from 4:00-7:30 p.m. in the Preschool wing. *Thank you!* Wendy Kosakowski, St. Peter's Preschool Director



Operation Christmas Child

Time seems to gain speed as the year goes by. A new school year is about to begin and in less than five months it will be Christmas. Stores are having sales and the Hallmark Channel has completed its "Christmas in July" program. Not to be left behind, it is my pleasure to let you know that we are doing Operation Christmas Child again this year. It is being announced now, so you can take advantage of purchasing items as you find them. It is a wonderful way to give a child Christmas in a shoebox and share the birth of Jesus. I have ordered the boxes and informational pamphlets, so more information will be coming your way. Your response last year was amazing, and we hope to reach a goal of 50 shoeboxes this year. If you have any questions, please contact me at 440-984-3552.
Peace and Blessings! Linda Gatz



Come join the fun! Everyone is invited to Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris at Arabica's, 254 Park Ave., Amherst, **every Wednesday from 9-11:00 a.m.** This has been a great time for socializing with others, and getting to know Pastor Chris a little better! *We hope to see you on Wednesdays!*

Next Sunday is our Outdoor Service

Weather permitting, next Sunday is our third Sunday of the month, and we will be having worship outside in the courtyard. Chairs will be set up, but feel free to bring your own chair.

Used Inkjet Cartridges

Wow!!! Thanks so much for recycling your used inkjet cartridges! Our last shipment earned Christian Education \$174.75! If you have some to recycle, there is a box just outside the administrative office on the metal shelves. Again, thank you so much for thinking of Christian Education and the environment. *Jessie Kubuske, Director of Christian Education*

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. Thanks to all of you for your continued patience.

I
CAN DO
ALL THINGS
THROUGH
Christ
WHO
STRENGTHENS
ME



PHILIPPIANS 4:13



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:

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. *And*, as always thank you so much for your generosity in helping others!

CROP HUNGER WALK

October 3 | 2:00 PM

October will be here before you know it! The position for **Team Captain** is still needed. All materials can be picked up in the church office, Monday-Friday, 8:30-12:30 p.m. Everyone is health conscience these days. In walking you not only get your steps in, but **YOU** can also bring **HOPE** to someone in need. The walk starts at 5 points downtown Amherst, then down Milan Avenue, to and through the Metro Park, across North Main Street to Sunset, and then turn up and back towards downtown. This is a nice leisurely stroll. If you can't walk, that's not a problem. You can either sponsor yourself, or you can try to get others to sponsor you. Walking just helps us relate to what people in developing nations do every day just for food and water. **And, 25% of monies** raised go to support our Good Shepherd Baptist food pantry! **And**, some employers will match your monies! This would double your donations! *Thanks for helping others.*




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





This Week's Events

- Mon., Aug. 9 Spiritual Life 1-4 PM
 Executive Board Meeting 7 PM
- Tue., Aug. 10 Bible Study 7 PM (Zoom)
- Wed., Aug. 11 Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris 9-11 AM
 Arabica Coffee in Amherst
- Sun., Aug. 15 Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM

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