



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



*“For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh,
but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the
cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual
forces of evil in the heavenly places.”* EPHESIANS 6:12

August 22, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

A TIME OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

Announcements

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Psalm 118

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

PRELUDE: “Reverie”, Hall M. Macklin

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***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Tricia Heatley)*

Leader: With profound happiness, we welcome one another. How good it is to approach the courts of our God!

People: **Happy are those who live in God's house/
Singing our praise to God fills us with joy.**

Leader: Here we welcome both friend and stranger.
All peoples of the earth are God's children.

People: **We greet one another by name in Jesus' name.
Together we extol the name of our God.**

Leader: Open your hearts to receive new strength.
Open your lives to renewed understandings.

People: **Surely God will equip us to face our world.
We will be ambassadors for God wherever we go.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** #410 *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)*

We come together in this house of prayer, trusting you, O God, to give us every-thing we need. As you provide for the birds of the air, you supply life's necessities for your children to share. We choose to respond to your promises by identifying ourselves as your servant people who seek to be guided by your word. We gather to remember and reclaim your covenant with us. Fleeing from tents of wicked-ness, we gather to do the tasks you entrust to us here, praying for strength to do our daily work as a ministry in your name. 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.

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 84 *(Tricia Heatley)*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest
for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars,
O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
As they go through the valley of Baca they make it
a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.
They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!
Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.
For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than
live in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor
and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold
from those who walk uprightly.
O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #404 *"The Solid Rock"*

Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS 6:10-20 *(Tricia Heatley)*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all

times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC

“Hear My Cry, O God” Performed by Caroline Wolfe

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SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION: “THE FAIRNESS FACTOR”

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY: “Follow Me! The Savior Spoke”,
Johann Christian Kittle

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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)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

Caring for Us

Caring for Others

Praising God

*HYMN SENDING FORTH #470 *“Footsteps of Jesus”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Toccata”*, Gordon Young

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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

Senior Pastor	Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Zoom Projector	Jennifer Wasilk
Organist	Daniel Jacky
Scripture Reader	Tricia Heatley

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.”

EPHESIANS 6:10



Beckham Parham Baptism

A Baptism for Beckham Parham will take place today in the Chapel at noon. We would like to wish the parents and grandparents and Beckham many blessings, as he is surrounded by God's love into our family of faith!

Boy Scout Troop 427 is selling mums again!

Our Boy Scout Troop 427 is selling mums again! Order forms are in the bulletin, in the church office, and on Facebook. Money and forms are due by **August 29, 2021** to the church office or to Jessie Kubuske. Mums will be able to be picked up in the church parking lot sometime around September 10 or 11. You will receive a One Call to pick them up!

Spiritual Checkup? The Calendar is Wide Open!

In last month's "*Pastoral Ponderings*", Pastor Chris mentioned one of his goals was to offer everyone an opportunity to set up an appointment to discuss your spiritual health. Doing so will allow us the opportunities to mutually grow in faith and spirit. Think of it as a "spiritual checkup." He would ask you questions like: "How is your relationship with God?" "How are you feeling about your church life?" "How is your prayer life?" and so on. Please feel free to call me, Kaye, and I'll get you on the calendar for a meeting.

Coffee Chats with PASTOR CHRIS

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!*



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.

Thank you so much for your generosity in helping others!

St. Peter's Spiritual Life Team Update

“I give you a new commandment. As I have loved you, you are also to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples. If you love one another.” JOHN 13:34-35

The **St. Peter's Spiritual Life team** has been visiting members of St. Peter's in their homes and Nursing Homes accompanied by Pastor Chris. We started in July and have had the honor of visiting **16 members**. We were greeted with grace and joy by them and our spirits were uplifted while we listened to their life stories, shared scripture, joined in prayers, and offered Communion. We thank each one for opening their homes allowing us to bring St. Peter's to them!

If you or a family member would like a visit, either at home *or* Nursing Home, please call **Judy McCurdy, (419) 433-6598** *or* **Pam Miskov, (440) 988-2211**. Visitations are Mondays, between the hours of 1-4:00 PM.

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.




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June 13, 2021 - Outdoor Service

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Please be sure to visit our YouTube channel ~ **St Peters UCC Amherst** ~ and be sure to click the SUBSCRIBE button. Then share our channel with your friends! The more subscribers we have, the greater our visibility on YouTube and the more we share the good news! 

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



God is our Hope for the future!



This Week's Events

- Mon., Aug. 23 Spiritual Life 1-4 PM
Preschool Parent Night, Sanctuary 4:30 PM
Craft Club 6:30 PM Fireside Room
Stewardship Meeting, 7 PM (Zoom)
- Tue., Aug. 24 Bible Study 7 PM (Zoom)
- Wed., Aug. 25 Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris 9-11 AM
Arabica Coffee in Amherst
Preschool Open House, Preschool Wing 4 PM
- Sun., Aug. 29 Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM

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