



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.”

JAMES 1:27

August 29, 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: “At Summer’s End”, George Blake

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***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Shelley Harmych*)

Leader: Come to listen for all God seeks to teach us.
God has given us birth by the word of truth.

People: **We are drawn to God as to a lover.**
We leap for joy when we know God's care.

Leader: Every perfect gift comes to us from God.
God's image is a part of each one of us.

People: **God's grace has been poured into our lives.**
Wisdom and understanding are offered to us.

Leader: Who will dwell on God's holy hill?
Those who walk uprightly and speak the truth.

People: **We will honor God by honoring our neighbors.**
We will act toward them as we wish to be treated.

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** #579 “*Jesus Loves Me*”

***THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)*

Our hearts overflow with longings too great for words, gracious God. You have been so good to us, yet we are dissatisfied. We have many things to enjoy, but seldom have we found our home with you. Meet us here to anoint us with the oil of gladness. Awaken us with singing and speak your truth to draw us away from the lure of wickedness. May this time of worship help us to become a wise and understanding people, eager to live as the body of Christ, making a difference in the world as Jesus did so long ago on the Galilean shore. 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 45:1-2, 6-9 *(Shelley Harmych)*

My heart overflows with a goodly theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

You are the most handsome of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore, God has blessed you forever.

Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity; you love righteousness and hate wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions; your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad; daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

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

Pastoral Prayer The Lord’s Prayer

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: JAMES 1:17-27 (*Shelley Harmych*)

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. Therefore, rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC

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SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION: “GOD’S BELOVED”

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY: “The Planted Word”, Daniel Jacky

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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.)

*HYMN SENDING FORTH #419 “Abide With Me”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Postlude in D”, Healey Willan

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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	Shelley Harmych



Boy Scout Troop 427 Mum Orders/\$ Due Today!

If you purchased mums from our Boy Scout Troop 427, please note that money and forms are due today. Please turn in to the church office or to Jessie Kubuske. Mums will be able to be picked up in the church parking lot on September 11. You will receive a One Call to pick them up! *Thank you for ordering!*

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. Think of it as a "spiritual checkup." Please feel free to call me, Kaye, and I'll get you on the calendar for a meeting.



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!*

St. Peter's Spiritual Life Team Update

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. 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.

Sunday School Starting Sept. 12!

Sunday School begins on Sunday, Sept. 12. Students will be dismissed to the upstairs of the education wing after the "Children's Moment" and will return to the sanctuary at the end of the service. Can't wait to see all those smiling faces! If you received a registration form in the mail, please fill it out completely and legibly and return it that Sunday. If you did not receive one, call the office and we will mail you one (or however many you need!) Thank you! **Jessie Kubuske**, Director of Christian Education



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!

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.




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

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*Love one
another.*



*“You must understand this,
my beloved: let everyone
be quick to listen,
slow to speak, slow to anger;
for your anger does not produce
God’s righteousness.”*



This Week's Events

- Mon., Aug. 30 Spiritual Life 1-4 PM
Tue., Aug. 31 Bible Study 7 PM (Zoom)
Wed., Sept. 1 Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris 9-11 AM
Arabica Coffee in Amherst
Thurs., Sept. 2 Mainstreet Amherst 9 AM
Compassionate Care 10:30 AM, Fireside Room
Sun., Sept. 5 Sunday Worship Service, Communion 10:00 AM

How To Reach Us

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