



**ST. PETER'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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This is the Word of God,  
**YOU CAN BELIEVE IT!**

**September 5, 2021**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\*(Stand as you are able.)*

## A TIME OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

*Announcements*

*Birthdays*

*Anniversaries*

*Prayers*

*Joys*

*Concerns*

### Psalm 118

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

PRELUDE: “Balm in Gilead”, arr. Anna Laura Page

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\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Dave Rice)*

Leader: Listen! God is welcoming us to this time of worship.  
Young and old, rich and poor, all are welcomed.

**People: This is a place where all belong. This is a  
time when all are accountable to God.**

Leader: The Maker of all seeks our common good.  
The God of Mercy calls on us to be merciful.

**People: We are not judges over our sisters and brothers.  
We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

Leader: Come to sing praises and put your trust in God.  
Come to prepare yourself to serve in Christ's name.

**People: We bring all our needs to God, our hope.  
We want to share faith and hope with others.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #8 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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

Author of all humankind, come to lift us up to our full humanity as we worship you in this hour. You surround us on every side and are acquainted with all our ways. You know our shallow motives and our deepest thoughts. You are aware of the distinctions we make and the favoritism we express. Yet you welcome us, not as strangers but as heralds of your reign. We want to worship you and to represent you well. Come among us now with your transforming power. 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 125 *(Dave Rice)*

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the Lord surrounds his people,  
from this time on and for evermore.

For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest  
on the land allotted to the righteous,  
so that the righteous may not stretch out  
their hands to do wrong.

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,  
and to those who are upright in their hearts.

But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways  
the Lord will lead away with evildoers.

Peace be upon Israel!

## **HYMN OF PREPARATION:** #326 *"Softly and Tenderly"*

## **A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 7:24-37 (*Dave Rice*)

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

# **A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC**

**“Table of Plenty”** Performed by Caroline Wolfe

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**SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION: “TABLE SCRAPS”**

## **A TIME OF GIVING**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**OFFERTORY: “By Your Hand You Feed Your People”,  
Marty Haugen**

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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 TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION**

**SHARING THE MEAL**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(Pastor Chris)*

## **A TIME OF GOING OUT**

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**\*HYMN SENDING FORTH #398 “Fill My Cup, Lord”**

# BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE: “March from Tannhäuser”, Richard Wagner

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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	Dave Rice

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# Church News

## **Sunday School Starting Next Week, 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

## **Circle Six Meeting at Beaver Creek Reservoir!**

Circle Six will be starting their new year on Sept. 7, at Beaver Creek Reservoir at 6 pm. It will be potluck...and, **BRING A FRIEND**. If weather is inclement, we will move to the Fellowship Hall (and you will get a One Call)!



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.



### **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! And special thanks to Pam Miskov!





## Operation Christmas Child

“...but with God all things are possible.”

-Matthew 19:26

The year 2020 was a challenging year for people around the world. And yet, in spite of all the lockdowns due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Operation Christmas Child still was able to reach children in over one hundred nations.

Last year over **1.3 million decisions for Christ** were made, over 3.5 million children were discipled and **over 9 million gifts** were packed, collected, processed and with God opening doors able to be received by children in need.

Shoeboxes will be here at St. Peter's for you to take and pack beginning next month. Won't you be a part of making this year's outreach a success?

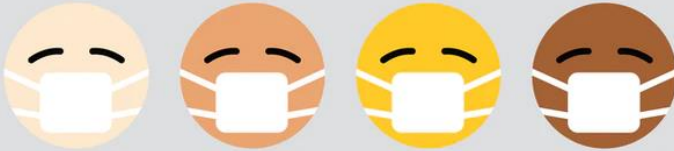
*Peace & Blessings, Linda Gatz*

*Whoever is kind to the poor  
lends to the Lord,  
and will be repaid in full.*

## 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**Please wear your mask if you want to sing aloud.**

**Please wear your mask if you are unvaccinated.**

## Boy Scout Troop 427 Mum Pickup on September 11

If you purchased mums from our Boy Scout Troop 427, you 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!*




June 13, 2021 - Outdoor Service

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## St. Peter's is on YouTube!

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**



## This Week's Events

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- Mon., Sept. 6 Labor Day Office Closed
- Tue., Sept. 7 Circle Six Meeting Beaver Creek Reservoir 6 PM  
Bible Study 7 PM (Zoom)
- Wed., Sept. 8 Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris 9-11 AM  
Arabica Coffee in Amherst
- Thurs., Sept. 9 Mainstreet Amherst 9 AM  
Choir AND Bell Choir Rehearsal
- Sat., Sept. 11 Boy Scouts Mum Pickup, Church Parking Lot
- Sun., Sept. 12 Sunday Worship Service, Sunday School 10:00 AM

## How To Reach Us

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