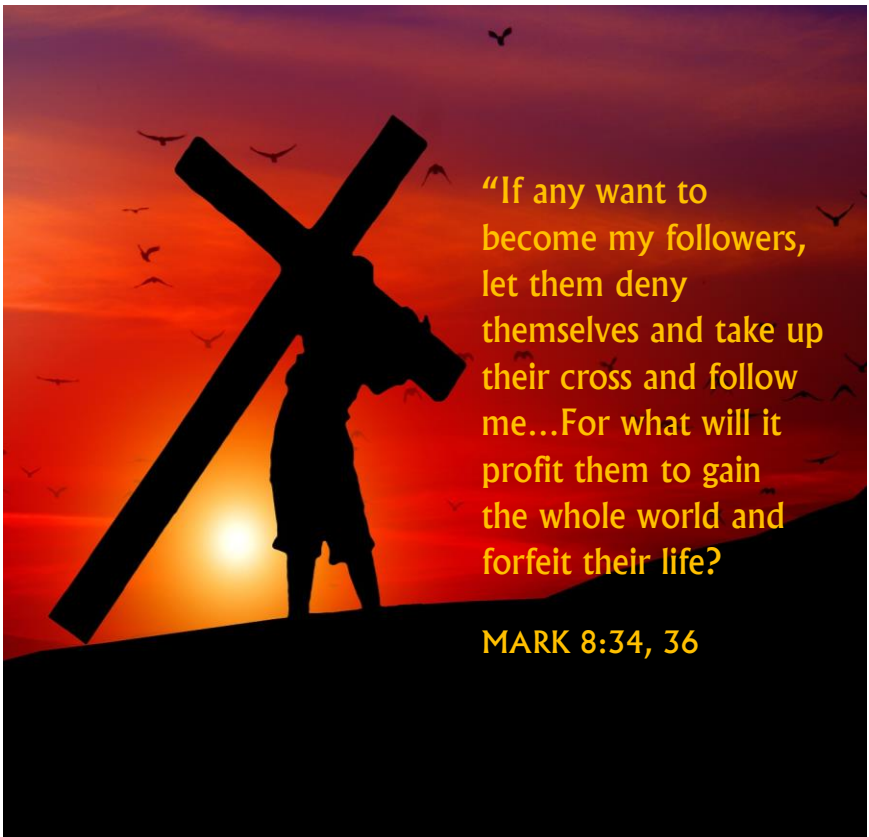




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



September 12, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

A TIME OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

Announcements

Birthdays

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Prayers

Joys

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Psalm 118

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

PRELUDE: “Andante in G”, Gustav Merkel

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***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Al Murphy*)

Leader: Come away from dullness and complacency.
Wake up! God is calling us to listen and learn.

People: **The heavens are telling the glory of God.
The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

Leader: How long will we refuse the wisdom God offers?
How long will we ignore God's counsel and reproof?

People: **The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.
The decrees of God are sure, making wise
the simple.**

Leader: Our waywardness separates us from God.
Then, when we call on God, we hear no answer.

People: **We gather to renew our relationship with God.
We seek enlightenment and the revival of
our souls.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #231 *“Jesus Shall Reign”*

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

God of all wisdom, renew our sense of awe and wonder as we gather before you, the Source of all knowledge. Make your Word known to us, and stretch out your hand to touch us. Draw us away from our own devices that we may truly listen to the witness of all creation speaking of wonders we have ignored. Give us eyes to see beauty in all around us. Align us with truth and righteousness. Quiet our scoffing and awaken our trust. Show us the disciplines we need to stay in touch with you each day. Amen.

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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 19 *(Al Murphy)*

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN: "Happy Grandparents' Day"

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #88 "*Fairest Lord Jesus*"

Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING: MARK 8:27-38 (*Al Murphy*)

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC

“Spirit in the Sky” Performed by Caroline Wolfe

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SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION: “GREAT EXPECTATIONS”

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY: “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”,
Douglas E. Wagner

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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)*

PRAYER OF BLESSING

A TIME OF GOING OUT

PASSING THE PEACE

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

*HYMN SENDING FORTH #96 *“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Toccata from Gothic Suite”, Lèon Boëllman

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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	Al Murphy



A SPECIAL THANKS for our Peace Pole!

We would like to give a *special thank you* to an **“Anonymous Donor”** who paid for the Peace Pole. Dedication is next Sunday, Sept. 19. A Peace Pole is a monument that displays the message “May Peace Prevail on Earth” in the language of the country where it has been placed, and usually 3 to 13 additional translations. The message often is referred to as a peace prayer.

-From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

NEW! Wednesday Worship Service: Breeze Chapel

Pastor Chris will be offering another Worship Service called Breeze Chapel starting on Wednesday, Sept. 15 from 7-7:30 p.m. in person in the St. Peter’s Chapel. This will be a shorter service, 30 minutes at length. Please enter by the door to the Chapel that faces the parking lot. We hope you will be able to join us.

Sunday School Starts Today!

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



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.

*The heavens are telling the
glory of God; and the firmament
proclaims his handiwork.*



**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!

Happy Grandparents Day!

We'd like to wish all Grandparents a very happy Grandparents Day!
While we honor our Grandparents every day, let's take an extra
moment to appreciate all the joy and wisdom that Grandparents
bring to our lives.

Outdoor Worship Service Next Sunday!

As with our new tradition, next Sunday, Sept. 19 will be an outdoor
Worship Service. Chairs will be set up in the courtyard under the
tree, but please feel free to bring your own chair if that's more
comfortable for you. We look forward to seeing everyone!

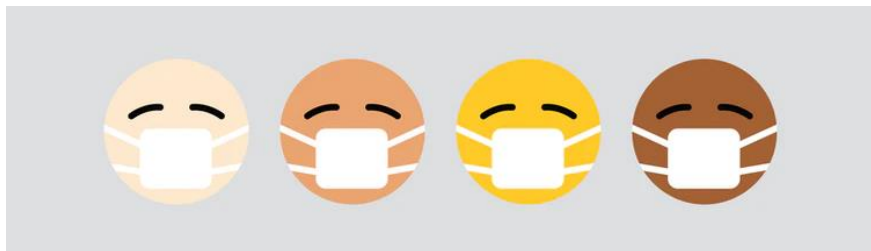
Choir and Handbell Choir Rehearsal

The Sanctuary Choir and Handbell Choir Rehearsal have started up again! Choir will meet at 6:30-7:30 PM, Thursday directed by Daniel Jacky, followed by the Handbell Choir from 7:30-8:30 PM, directed by Shelley Harmych. We look forward to praising God with music.

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.



Please wear your mask if you want to sing aloud.

Please wear your mask if you are unvaccinated.




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



This Week's Events

- Mon., Sept. 13 Spiritual Life Visitations
Executive Council Meeting 7 PM (Zoom)
- Tue., Sept. 14 Bible Study 7 PM (Zoom)
- Wed., Sept. 15 Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris 9-11 AM (Arabica's)
Clergy Meeting (Brownhelm) 11:30 AM
Preschool Board Meeting 6:30 PM (in Person)
Breeze Chapel 7-7:30 PM (St. Peter's Chapel)
- Thurs., Sept. 16 Mainstreet Amherst 9 AM
Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM (Zoom)
Sanctuary Choir 6:30 PM | Handbell Choir 7:30 PM
- Sun., Sept. 19 Sunday Worship Outdoor Service
Sunday School 10:00 AM

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