



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Becoming the ~~GREATEST~~

Least!



**“Whoever wants to be first must be
last of all and servant of all.”**

September 19, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

A TIME OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

Announcements

Birthdays

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Prayers

Joys

Concerns

Psalm 118

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Sally Readinger)*

Leader: Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.
Happy are those who find delight in God's law.

People: **God is always nearer than our next breath.
gather to become more aware of that presence.**

Leader: Knowledge of God is a delight to the righteous.
They seek to grow in wisdom and understanding.

People: **There is always more to discover than we know.
God is our teacher and helper and judge.**

Leader: Put your trust in God as you prepare to serve.
Learn to be peaceable, gentle, and merciful.

People: **We seek to do good and not harm all our days.
We would open our hands to the poor
and needy.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE: #2** *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

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

You watch over us, O God, and show us the way to prosper in life, not so much in things as in relationships that contribute to our wholeness and well-being. Thank you for meeting us here and helping us to deal with our selfish ambition, disorder, and conflicts. We submit ourselves to you for instruction. Help us to be honest with ourselves and with you, voicing our doubts as well as our faith, our hypocrisy along with all that is deeply genuine. Create in us a space for quiet listening and thoughtful meditation. 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 1 *(Sally Readinger)*

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

PEACE POLE DEDICATION: *Refer to the Litany enclosed.*

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *“Let There Be Peace on Earth (Let It Begin With Me)” Refer to the back page of the Litany.*

Pastoral Prayer The Lord’s Prayer

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING: MARK 9:30-37 *(Sally Readinger)*

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Faith Like A Child” Performed by Pastor Chris

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION: “FAITH LIKE A CHILD”

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

*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 #44 *“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

BENEDICTION

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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	Sally Readinger



Dedication of our Peace Pole Today!

Thank you again to our **“Anonymous Donor”** who paid for the Peace Pole. “May Peace Prevail on Earth”, and in every country. Pray for Peace & Unity!

NEW! Wednesday Worship Service: Breeze Chapel

Pastor Chris is offering another Worship Service called Breeze Chapel every Wednesday, 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.

NEW! Calling ALL Men

We are starting a Men’s Fellowship Group, and will meet the first Monday of every month, starting on Oct. 4 at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will serve coffee and donuts.



**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!

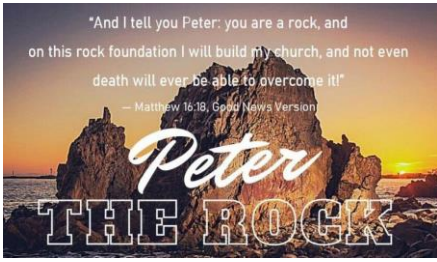


Come join the fun! Everyone is invited to *Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris* at Arabica's, 254 Park Ave., Amherst, **every Wednesday** from **9-11:00 a.m.** This has been a great time for socializing with others, and getting to know Pastor Chris a little better! *We hope to see you on Wednesdays!*

Choir and Handbell Choir Rehearsal on Thursdays

Sanctuary Choir: 6:30-7:30 PM, directed by Daniel Jacky

Handbell Choir: 7:30-8:30 PM, directed by Shelley Harmych



“WE ARE THE ROCK OF CHRIST” 2022 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

“We Are the Rock of Christ”

On Sunday, September 26, after the service we will have a “kick off” to our church year and are asking anyone that is interested in sharing their talents with some of our church organizations to stop down in the fellowship hall for our version of a “tailgate”. Table will be set up for you to get information and to sign up for the various organizations. We will keep the number in the hall to under 25, and will social distance to keep us all safe. Please stop down for a quick visit and find a new and rewarding organization that you can share your talents with! *Thank you for your faithfulness to our church!*

Also, you should have received materials that were mailed out this past Wednesday regarding our 2022 Stewardship Campaign. As mentioned in Pastor Chris’ letter, each Sunday in October will include a “Witness” moment, led by a member of our St. Peter’s family. October 31 will be Consecration Sunday, where we will *celebrate our gifts of Time, Talent, and Money*. Please either mail your pledge card to the church, or bring it to our worship service on Oct. 31. Thank you!

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

Attention all Groups!

Please turn in your requests to the Budget Committee by Oct. 4. Members of the committee include Pastor Chris, Lauri Hubach, Sally Readinger, and Becky Woods. *Thank you!*



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MICHAEL W. SMITH Worship Forever Concert!

Michael W. Smith will be performing in concert on Thursday, Oct 21 at Grace Church in Middleburg Heights, Ohio. You can purchase tickets here:

<https://gracecma.org/event/worshipforever/>
or call (440) 243-4885 for more information.




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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., Sept. 20 Spiritual Life Visitations
Council Meeting 7 PM (Zoom)
- Tue., Sept. 21 Bible Study 7 PM (Zoom)
- Wed., Sept. 22 Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris 9-11 AM (Arabica's)
Breeze Chapel 7-7:30 PM (St. Peter's Chapel)
- Thurs., Sept. 23 Sanctuary Choir 6:30 PM | Handbell Choir 7:30 PM
- Fri.-Sat. (24-25) Heartland Conference
- Sun., Sept. 26 Sunday Worship | Sunday School 10:00 AM

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