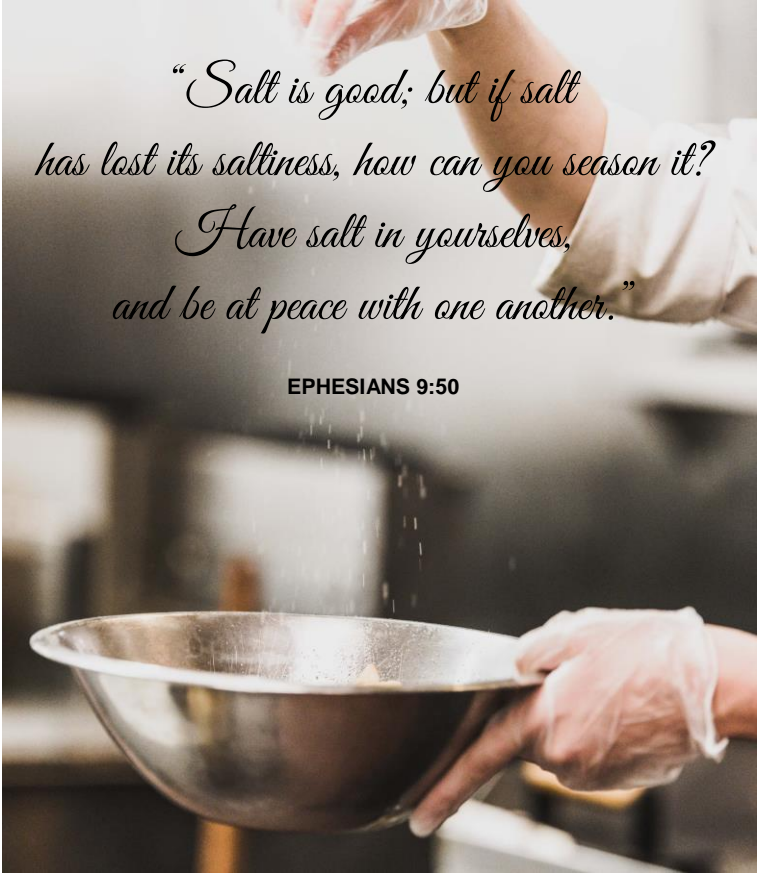




**ST. PETER'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



*“Salt is good; but if salt  
has lost its saltiness, how can you season it?  
Have salt in yourselves,  
and be at peace with one another.”*

EPHESIANS 9:50

**September 26, 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: “Lead Me to Calvary”, Dan Forrest

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### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Joselyn Fleeman)*

Leader: Come one and all to meet God here.  
Let all who are suffering find hope in this place.

**People: We have come that God might raise us up. Our only hope is in the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Come, all who are weary and oppressed. God offers relief and enlists our mutual helpfulness.

**People: God hears our prayers and answers us. God equips us to be helpful to one another.**

Leader: Come together to sing songs of praise to God. Give thanks for God’s wondrous deeds.

**People: God’s glory abides in this place of worship. God’s presence and help are real.**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE: #10 “O Worship the King”

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

May all your people find favor with you this day, God of majesty and power. Turn our sorrow into gladness and our mourning into a holiday, a holy day, in which to praise you and find ways to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Lift us from our daily preoccupations that we may pray with earnest intent, both to thank you and to be changed by you. Let our prayers be powerful and effective. May our worship be alive and life-changing. May the service we extend find favor in your eyes, blessed God. 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 124 *(Sarah Fleeman)*

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—  
let Israel now say—if it had not been the Lord who was on  
our side, when our enemies attacked us, then they would  
have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was  
kindled against us;

then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent  
would have gone over us; then over us would have gone  
the raging waters.

Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their  
teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the  
fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven  
and earth.

### **HYMN OF PREPARATION:** #441 *“Take Time to Be Holy”*

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

“Spirit in the Sky”, Performed by Caroline Wolfe

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

SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 9:38-50 (*Sarah Fleeman*)

John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

## ANTHEM: “Lord, Here Am I”, John Ness Beck

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## SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION: “SALT”

## A TIME OF GIVING

### OFFERING INVITATION

### OFFERTORY: “The Gift to be Simple”, 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)*

### 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 #17 “Ye Servants of God”

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE: “Prelude and Fugue in B”, Johann Caspar Simon

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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.

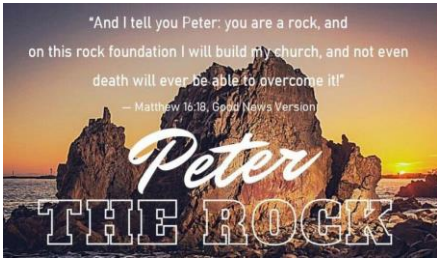
## **WORSHIP TEAM**

Senior Pastor	Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Zoom Projector	Jennifer Wasilk
Organist/Choir Director	Daniel Jacky
Scripture Reader	Sarah & Joselyn Fleeman
Ushers	Judy McCurdy & Geoff Gatz



## **Friendly Reminder to Lock Doors**

If you are one of last persons leaving the Sanctuary and going out the front doors leading to Church Street, please make sure the doors latch behind you. *Thank you for your help in keeping our church safe!*



## **“WE ARE THE ROCK OF CHRIST” 2022 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

### **“We Are the Rock of Christ”**

Today 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”. Tables 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!*

### **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.

### **Animal Blessings | Sat., Oct. 2, 10:00 a.m.**

Please feel welcome to bring your animals to our Animal Blessings Service, performed by Pastor Chris this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the front lawn of the church.



## 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 not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.*



## Update from Sunday School

Noisy collection for the months of September and October will go toward Thanksgiving dinners for needy families in the Amherst School system. We will also have baskets in the sanctuary for donations. Please donate the following:

Boxed mashed potatoes/Canned fruits/Applesauce  
Cranberries/Canned vegetables especially pumpkin  
Canned gravy/Boxed stuffing mix

**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!



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!*

## 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.

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.

### From Prayer Ministry & Compassionate Care


As with any change, as we find other ways to get our church service out to people (Facebook, Zoom, etc.), there are bound to be glitches. St. Peter's glitch is not everyone is able to hear. Zoom, and some in service itself, can't hear announcements made by the general congregation so everything must be repeated by Pastor. Because our prayers and concerns are not for the general public, they have had to be announced prior to the Facebook connection being made. This is why we always have down time after announcements and before actual service starts. At this time, prayers and concerns will no longer be announced prior to or during church services. Surgeries, illness, other concerns will be addressed by Pastor in a general fashion in his prayer.

**BUT**...we know you would like to continue to prayer for those in our church family. St. Peter's does have a Prayer Ministry that you are welcome to join. There are no meetings. You will receive an email the beginning of each month with prayer requests for specific needs. You choose your method, time and degree of prayer. It's that simple. If you would like to participate, please contact Kaye in the church office at 440-988-4965 with your name and email address.

**In addition**, there will be prayer request and visitor cards available by the offering plate. These cards can also be used if you would like the pastor the call you. Please complete the card and drop it back in the offering plate. If you attend service thru Zoom or Facebook and have a prayer request, please call the church office. Either way, please indicate if you would like the prayer request to be confidential.

**Hospital stay? Surgery?** The hospitals very seldom call the listed church on your admittance information when you are admitted. We do our best to know when someone is in going to the hospital, rehab, etc., but aren't always aware of it. Please notify Compassionate Care, Pastor Chris or call the church office when you are in need. Please indicate if you would like the information to be confidential.

## **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=aEJcGhWUUh2dTV4eGJBSDZlUWgwdz09>

**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. 27    Spiritual Life 1-4:00 PM  
                          Craft Club 6:30 PM Fireside Room
- Tue., Sept. 28    Bible Study 7:00 PM (Zoom)
- Wed., Sept. 29    Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris 9-11:00 AM  
                          Arabica Coffee in Amherst  
                          Breeze Chapel 7:00 PM
- Thurs., Sept. 30    Choir 6:30 PM & Handbell Choir 7:30 PM
- Sat., Oct. 2        Animal Blessing on front lawn 10 AM
- Sun., Oct. 3        Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM

## How To Reach Us

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