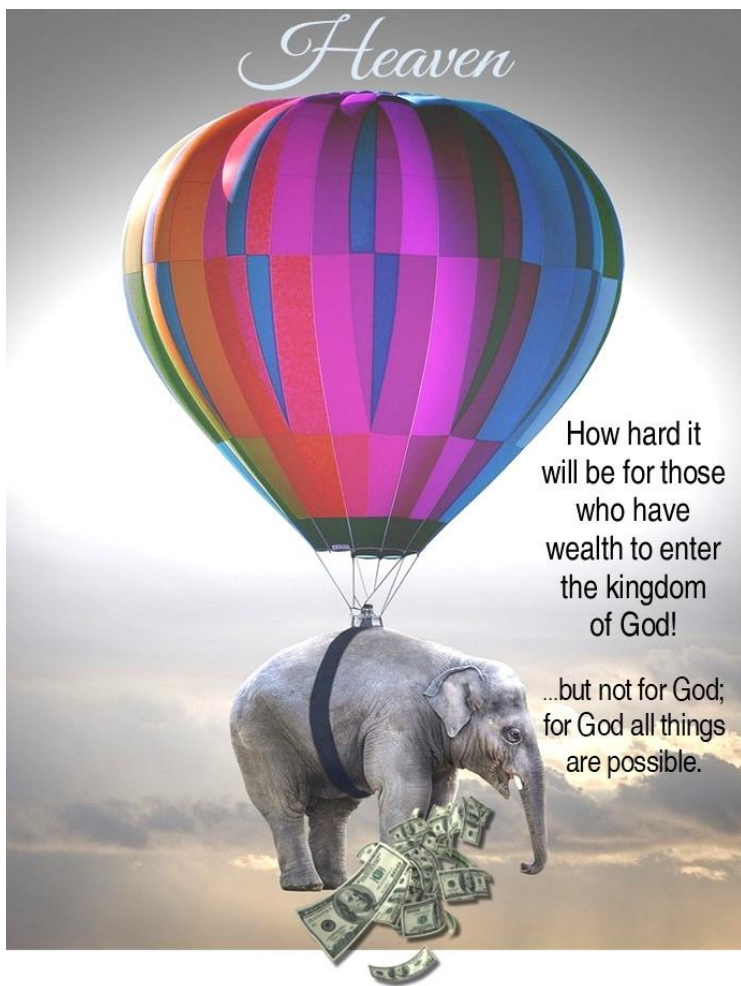




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



October 10, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Stand as you are able.)

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: "Healer of Our Every Ill", Marty Haugen

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*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Linda Gatz)*

Leader: Come, all who look for God with unseeing eyes.
Come, all who listen for God but hear nothing.

**People: Oh, that we knew where to find God!
We want to hear and understand God's Word.**

Leader: The word of God is living and active.
It pierces and judges and opens us to God's grace.

**People: We cannot hide from God who knows us.
God understands our thoughts and intentions.**

Leader: Leave everything to follow Jesus in this hour.
This is the time to embrace new ways.

**People: Here we set the patterns for everyday life.
Here we are strengthened for every
day's challenges.**

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

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

We seek to gather as children of your realm, reigning God. This is the time and place of your dominion. We recognize that you, not we, prescribe the rules under which life can be rich and full and free. Help us in this hour to embrace the best we know. Open our thoughts and feelings so we may learn better ways. We approach you with boldness, daring to question and make requests, knowing that your grace and mercy exceed our wildest imagining, and your guidance is ever available to those who ask. 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 22:1-15 *(Linda Gatz)*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted,
and you delivered them. To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others,
and despised by the people.


All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me,
they shake their heads;

“Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”

Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

GENEROSITY MOMENT: Shelley Harmych 

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #58 *"This Is My Father's World"*

Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MARK 10:17-31 (*Linda Gatz*)

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC

Sanctuary Choir: “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”, Ron Harris

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SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION: “LETTING GO TO FOLLOW”

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY: “Ehre sei dir, Christe, der du leidest Not”,
J. S. Bach

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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 #342 *“Just As I Am”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, o Herr”*, J. S. Bach

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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

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Zoom Director

Worship Producer

Zoom Projector

Organist/Choir Director

Scripture Reader

Ushers

Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor

Mary K. Kirsch

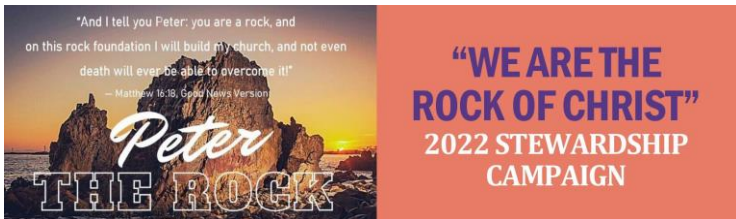
Brian Schieferstein

Jennifer Wasilk

Daniel Jacky

Linda Gatz

Judy McCurdy, Geoff Gatz



October is our 2022 Stewardship Campaign

Catholic Charities, St. Elizabeth Center

St. Elizabeth Shelter will be starting up again to feed the hungry. Pastor Chris will be going and needs another volunteer. Oct. 20, 4:30-6:00 p.m. The Center's parking is off E. 28th St. just east of Broadway. Please let Pastor Chris or Betty Pekare know if you would be willing to help. Thank you!

Pumpkin Rolls are Back!

Good news everyone—pumpkin rolls are back! Supply will be limited to 75 so get your orders in early. Order forms can be found in the bulletin, the office or you can call **Sally Readinger**

at **440-222-3414** to place your order. Also, we are looking for volunteers to help us bake on November 4th and November 6th. You do not need to be a member—we could just use the extra help.

NEW! Wednesday Worship Service: Breeze Chapel

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.

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



Meet with the Pastor at Arabica's, 254 Park Ave., Amherst, **every Wednesday from 9-11:00 a.m.** *Everyone is welcome!*

FOOD PANTRY

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.



Ready to take a task off your growing to-do list?
In charge of dessert for your holiday gatherings?

Make life easier and support St. Peter's UCC Preschool by purchasing

MAMA JO'S PIES GIFT CARDS

COST: \$10.00 PER CARD | ORDERS AND MONEY ARE DUE WHEN THE ORDER IS PLACED

Purchase \$10 gift cards to Mama Jo's. Cards may be used for any purchase, but may we suggest holiday strudels and pies? Collect orders from friends and family ... *Don't forget the power of social media!*

- ◆ Gift cards cannot be purchased unless paid in full. One check may be made to St. Peter's UCC Preschool or cash is accepted.
- ◆ Thanksgiving pie orders should be placed by early November to guarantee Thanksgiving availability.
- ◆ Cards do not have an expiration date and may be used at either the Amherst or Medina locations.

Please turn in your order with name, cash or check to the church office, and place in Wendy Kosakowski's mailbox. *Thank you!*

Friends of St. Peters,

You will notice some changes in the sanctuary this week—the blue tape and pew ropes are gone and hymnals and Bibles are back! As a precaution, masks are still encouraged, especially when you are in close proximity to another person. Hand sanitizer can be found in the pews. We want to continue to protect the vulnerable as we *care for us and care for others.*

As we begin to return to a more “normal” service, beginning in November we will no longer be emailing pdfs of the Sunday hymns with the bulletin. If you would like to continue to sing along on Zoom you can request a church hymnal to be delivered to you, or you can pick one up in the church office! However, you chose to obtain a copy, please take this opportunity to connect with and get to know Pastor Chris!

Looking forward to seeing you in person or Live on Zoom!

Mary-K Kirsch
Council President

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 info 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=aEJEcGhWUUh2dTV4eGJBSDZlUWgwdz09>

OR Call in with phone: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 | Passcode: 379205



This Week's Events

- Mon., Oct. 11 Executive Council Meeting 7:00 PM
 Spiritual Life 1-4:00 PM
- Tue., Oct. 12 Bible Study 7:00 PM Zoom
- Wed., Oct. 13 Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris 9-11:00 AM
 Arabica Coffee in Amherst
 Breeze Chapel 7:00 PM
- Thurs., Oct. 14 Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM
 Choir 6:30 PM & Handbell Choir 7:30 PM
- Sun., Oct. 17 Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM
 Outdoor Service Weather Permitting

How To Reach Us

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