



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

"And I tell you Peter: you are a rock, and
on this rock foundation I will build my church, and not even
death will ever be able to overcome it!"

— Matthew 16:18, Good News Version



Peter
THE ROCK

**“WE ARE THE
ROCK OF CHRIST”**

Consecration Sunday
October 31, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: “Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott (A Mighty Fortress is Our God)”, J. S. Bach

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*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Vicki Zeller)*

Leader: Listen and hear, all you people of the book!
There is one God who created all time and space.

**People: Our hope is in God who made heaven and earth.
All creatures of the land and sea come from God.**

Leader: You shall love God with all your heart and soul.
You shall honor God with all your mind and strength.

**People: We will praise God as long as we live.
We will sing of God's glory all through our lives.**

Leader: A second commandment is like the first:
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

**People: God watches over strangers and widows
and orphans. We honor God by honoring
these, our sisters and brothers.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #16 *“We Praise Thee, O God,
Our Redeemer”*

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

Reigning God, we have viewed the work of your hands. Where there is justice for the oppressed, we sense your presence. Where the hungry are fed, we know the providers are working with you. You set prisoners free and open the eyes of the blind. You lift up those who are bowed down and sustain the righteous with your love. We worship a God who is living and active. We give thanks that you call us to join the action, to love you and one another more than the rituals of our religion or the satisfaction of our successes. Focus us now on all that is worthy of our praise. 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.

A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC

ANTHEM: "Soli Deo Gloria", Marty Haugen

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 146 *(Vicki Zeller)*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to
the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens
the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed
down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan
and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all
generations. Praise the Lord!

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #371 *"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*

Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

HEBREW LESSON: RUTH 1:1-18 (*Vicki Zeller*)

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the
land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the
country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the
man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the
names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were
Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country
of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi,
died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite
wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other
Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon
and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two
sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the
country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the
Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set
out from the place where she had been living, she and her two
daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the

land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION: "THE POWER OF BELONGING"

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY: "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott", Dietrich Buxtehude

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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 #350 *"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott", Max Reger

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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
Organist/Choir Director	Daniel Jacky
Scripture Reader	Vicki Zeller
Ushers	Earl Wiegand & Gary Thompson



Wednesday Worship Service: Breeze Chapel

(There won't be a service Wed., Nov. 3rd due to other commitments.)

Please join us Wednesdays from 7-7:30 p.m. in person in St. Peter's Chapel. This 30-minute, intimate service is perfect if you can't make Sunday worship *or* if you need an inspiring pick-me-up in the middle of the week. Please enter by the door to the Chapel that faces the parking lot. *We look forward to seeing you!*

Men's Fellowship Resurrected

A return to the "Good Old Days". For many years, St. Peter's UCC had **one of the largest and active** Men's Fellowship's of area churches. Many of us younger guys (now in our 60's and beyond) remember the leadership and spiritual inspiration of our "ELDERS" too numerous to mention. We are going to **REVIVE** St. Peter's Men's Fellowship and at this time, plan to meet the **FIRST SUNDAY of EVERY MONTH** starting with Nov. 6 from 9-9:40 a.m. for coffee, donuts, and fellowship. We hope to see all men on Nov. 7th at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. *Young and old*, Don Ramsey

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 Readerger** 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.

Update from Sunday School

November's Noisy Collection will be used to buy Christmas dinners for local families that may not be able to afford one. There will be baskets again in front of the pulpit and lectern for other donations. They might include:

Canned vegetables/Boxed Scalloped Potatoes
Cake mixes and frosting/Other nonperishables that may
be good for Thanksgiving dinner

Also, we are in need of boxes to put the dinners in. Boxes about the size of paper boxes or a bit larger would be great. Drop them off in the Fellowship Hall. **Thank you!** Jessie Kubuske, Director of Christian Education



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.

Thank you to Pam Miskov and for *your* generous donations!

Coffee Chats
with PASTOR CHRIS

Meet the Pastor at Arabica's
254 Park Ave., Amherst
Every Wednesday from 9-11:00 a.m.

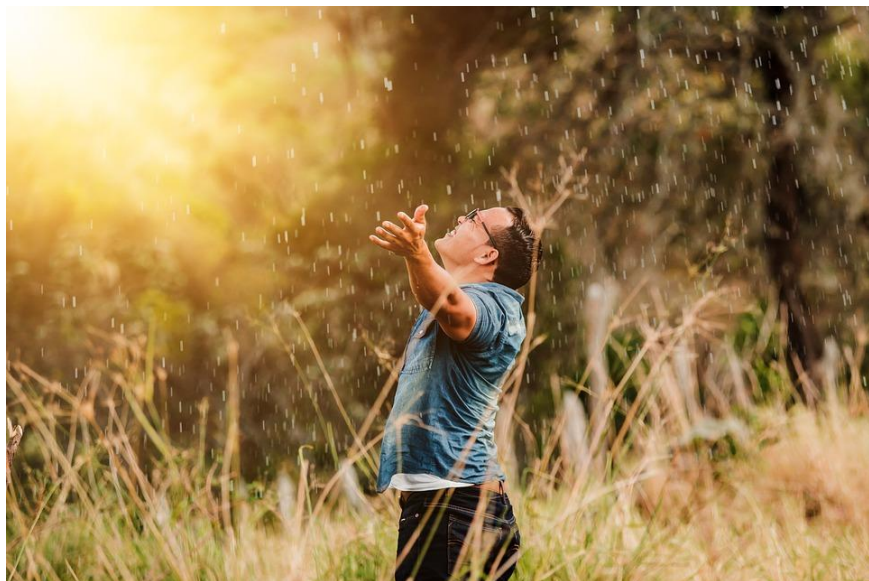
Everyone is welcome!

*We are delivered from our fears
and saved from trouble. Happy are those who take
refuge in a loving God.*



Mark Your Calendar!

Please join us in celebrating the installation of Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor on Sunday, **Nov. 7th** worship service. We are pleased to have Rev. Nayiri Karjian, Association General Minister, joining us. This will also be the first Sunday of the Four-part Series, *A Shepherd's Look at Psalm 23*. We will also be commemorating All Saints Day, and Communion. We hope everyone will be able to attend this special day. *There will be a reception afterwards in the Fellowship Hall!*



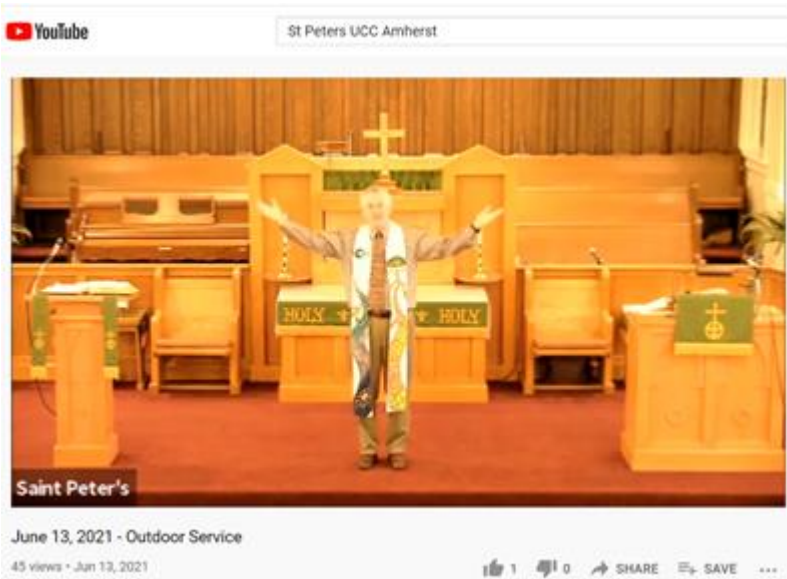
Friends of St. Peters,

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



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., Nov. 1 | Spiritual Life 1-4:00 PM
Boy Scouts 6 PM |
| Tue., Nov. 2 | Bible Study 7:00 PM Zoom
Circle Six 6 PM Sandstone Candle Works |
| Wed., Nov. 3 | Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris 9-11:00 AM
Arabica Coffee in Amherst
<i>No Breeze Chapel this week</i> |
| Thurs., Nov. 4 | Compassionate Care Fireside Room 10:30 AM
Girl Scouts
Choir 6:30 PM & Handbell Choir 7:30 PM |
| Sun., Nov. 7 | Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM |

How To Reach Us

Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 8:30-12:30 PM *and* 1-2:30 PM
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