



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



“Let the little children come to me; do not stop them;  
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God  
belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the  
kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”

MARK 10:14-15

**October 3, 2021**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\*(Stand as you are able.)*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Greeting*

*Announcements*

*Birthdays*

*Anniversaries*

**PRELUDE:** “Pavane pour une infante défunte”, Maurice Ravel

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**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Sue Conkle)*

**Leader:** God's Word has been lived among us!  
We gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

**People:** **Christ is a part of God's ongoing creation. We gather before the One who is heir to all things.**

**Leader:** Long ago, God spoke to our spiritual ancestors.  
Today, God continues that revelation through Jesus.

**People:** **Who are we that God is mindful of us?  
Yet God crowns us with glory and honor.**

**Leader:** Jesus has named us as brothers and sisters.  
We are called to recognize all humanity as children of God.

**People:** **The realm of God is for all people.  
God's dominion is over all creation.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #268 “God, Our Father, We Adore Thee”**

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

We have trusted in you, eternal God, and that trust brings us to this time of worship. In this place, your steadfast love becomes evident again as we sing our songs of thanksgiving and tell of your wondrous deeds. We are grateful for the life and witness of Jesus, whom you sent among people to make possible our reconciliation and healing. For the saving grace available wherever you reign, we give thanks. Help us to be childlike, to receive your blessing, and to welcome your embrace. Take us into your arms, we pray. 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 8 *(Sue Conkle)*

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

GENEROSITY MOMENT: Jim Kubuske 

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #41 *“God Is So Good”*

*Pastoral Prayer    The Lord’s Prayer*

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MARK 10:2-16 *(Sue Conkle)*

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.

But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Handbell Choir: “Take Time to Be Holy”, Douglas E. Wagner

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SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION: “THE TENTH FRUIT”

## **A TIME OF GIVING**

OFFERING INVITATION (*Neighbors in Need*)

OFFERTORY: “Holy, Holy, Holy”, Dan Forrest

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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 TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION**

SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Pastor Chris*)

# A TIME OF GOING OUT

## THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

\*HYMN SENDING FORTH #43 *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE: “Toccatina in C”, Johann Gottfried Walther

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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!**

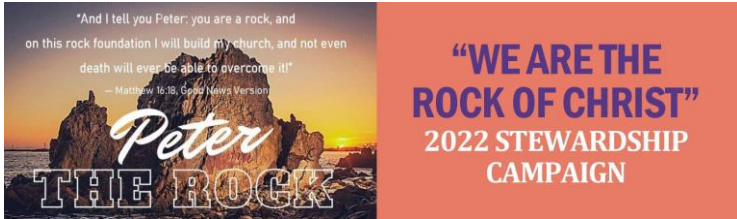
The Psalmist sings: *“Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing... thanksgiving... and praise.”* We pray peace and joy to you, dear friend.

## 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
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Scripture Reader	Sue Conkle
Ushers	Earl Wiegand & Christine Burman



# Church News



*October is our 2022 Stewardship Campaign*

## Neighbors in Need Offering

October is Neighbors in Need UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through [ucc.org/justice](https://ucc.org/justice), our office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. *Thank you for your support.*

## 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.

## **NEW! Calling ALL Men**

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

## **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

## **CIRCLE SIX MEETING**

Circle Six will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will be working on our mission blankets so bring your scissors. Also, please bring your own boxed dinner and drink. *We look forward to seeing everyone!*



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





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!*

## 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.

## 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 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=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., Oct. 4   | Men's Fellowship 7:00 AM Fellowship Hall<br>Spiritual Life 1-4:00 PM                            |
| Tue., Oct. 5   | Circle 6 Meeting 6:00 PM Fellowship Hall<br>Bible Study 7:00 PM Zoom                            |
| Wed., Oct. 6   | Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris 9-11:00 AM<br>Arabica Coffee in Amherst<br>Breeze Chapel 7:00 PM |
| Thurs., Oct. 7 | Girl Scouts 6:00 PM<br>Choir 6:30 PM & Handbell Choir 7:30 PM                                   |
| Sun., Oct. 10  | Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM   |

## How To Reach Us

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