



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FOR NOW, WE SEE IN A MIRROR, DIMLY,
BUT THEN WE WILL SEE FACE TO FACE.
NOW I KNOW ONLY IN PART; THEN I
WILL KNOW FULLY, EVEN AS I HAVE
BEEN FULLY KNOWN. AND NOW FAITH,
HOPE, AND LOVE ABIDE, THESE THREE;

and the greatest of these is

LOVE

January 30, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: "Introduction and Toccata", William Walond

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, people of God, to the one in whom we trust.
 Praise God who delivers and rescues us.

People: **God is our rock of refuge, our strong fortress.**
 God saves us amid wickedness and cruelty.

Leader: Hope in God, who has created you.
 Open yourself to the one who knows you well.

People: **God accepts us, even when people do not.**
 God affirms us, even when we fail.

Leader: Our God gives us tasks to do and strength to do them.
 God's Word of love is ours to proclaim.

People: **We have come to embrace the mysteries of**
 our faith. We are here to worship the God who
 empowers us.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #532 "*O Happy Day!*"

*THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)*

God of love, in whose name we have been consecrated for discipleship and service, encounter us in this hour, that we may grow in knowledge and actions. Disturb our certainties so we will be open to new insights. Upset our priorities to make room for faith, hope, and love. Expand our horizons to encompass ideas we have not entertained before. Open our hearts to people we have

failed to welcome into our midst. Perfect among us that childlike trust that allows change to transform us in the presence of your love. We pray in Jesus' name. 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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #535 *"A Christian Home"*

Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer

HEBREW LESSON: Jeremiah 1:4-10 #609

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13 #934

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now, we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT"

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY: "Softly and Tenderly", Dale Wood

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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 #536 *"Happy The Home When
God is There"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Gavotte", Samuel Wesley

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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
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Organist/Choir Director	Daniel Jacky
Scripture Reader	Linda Gatz

Church News

A MOTION WAS MADE TO HAVE CHURCH SERVICES ON ZOOM
AND FACEBOOK ONLY, THROUGH FEB. 13, 2022 AND HAVE ONLY
A SKELETON CREW ON DUTY TO PRODUCE CHURCH SERVICES.

Circle Six Meeting Update

Due to the closing of the church because of the current Covid protocols set in place by Church Council, the Circle Six meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 1 is canceled. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Thank you,
Sally Readinger, President

Altar Guild Still Needs Help

The Altar Guild urgently needs help for their team. The duties will include Preparation of Sanctuary for church service, Baptisms and Weddings, and Restocking Supplies. Members pair up with the Veteran Altar Guild. Your service would probably be 3 alternating months. If you think this is something you would like to be part of, please contact **Lynn Hollstein at 440-988-8066**. *Thank you in advance for helping our team!*

Altar Flowers Signup

The signup sheet for Altar Flowers will be available in the book on the table at the back of the church (the green binder), ready for signup in 2022. If you need help, there is an information sheet, "Altar Guild Flower Process", that explains the procedure.

Questions? Please call Lynn Hollstein at **440-988-8066**. Please note: Altar Guild has silk flower arrangements available to use in place of fresh flowers. A donation would be appreciated. Thank you!

Stewardship Cards and Participation Cards

The yellow Participation cards and the orange Stewardship Pledge cards are now placed by the bulletins and also in the pews. Please take a moment to fill out and drop into the offering plate. *Participation cards should be filled out weekly*. Thank you.

Wednesday Worship Service: Breeze Chapel

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO BREEZE SERVICES UNTIL THE RECENT COVID SURGE HAS SUBSIDED, AND A MOTION MADE BY CHURCH COUNCIL TO RESUME. THANK YOU.



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



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!

St. Peter's is on **YouTube channel-St Peters UCC Amherst,**
Facebook, & Zoom-Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 | Passcode: 379205
(or call in with phone: 1 929 205 6099).

What's Happening

This Week's Events

- Mon., Jan. 31 Spiritual Life (no visits in January)
Tue., Feb. 1 Circle Six Meeting CANCELLED
 Bible Study 7:00 PM Zoom
Wed., Feb. 2 Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris Arabica 9-11 AM
 Breeze Chapel 7:00 PM CANCELLED
Thurs., Feb. 3 Girl Scouts CANCELLED
 Choir & Handbell Choir Practice CANCELLED
Sun., Feb. 6 Virtual Worship & Communion 10:00 AM

How To Reach Us

Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 8:30-12:30 PM *and* 1-2:30 PM
Afternoons available by appointment with Pastor Chris

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