



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



“BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN PEOPLE HATE YOU, AND WHEN THEY EXCLUDE YOU, REVILE YOU, AND DEFAME YOU ON ACCOUNT OF THE SON OF MAN. REJOICE IN THAT DAY AND LEAP FOR JOY, FOR SURELY YOUR REWARD IS GREAT IN HEAVEN.



**February 13, 2022**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Greeting      Announcements      Birthdays      Anniversaries*

PRELUDE: "Pavane", Robert Elmore

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### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in God,  
who delight to meditate on God's law.

**People: We long to hear the Word of God  
and let the Word shape our lives.**

Leader: Blessed are all who seek the realm of God,  
Who hunger to find meaning in their lives.

**People: We intend to give our best to our Creator,  
bearing fruit in all we say and do.**

Leader: Blessed are the ones who serve God with joy,  
who risk all they have in faithfulness and hope.

**People: We come now to worship and find new life,  
to receive healing and empowerment for  
our journey.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #1 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

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

Come, Holy God, to search our minds and try our hearts. Grant us in this hour wise counsel and clear direction. Touch us, teach us; hear us, heal us. Send your Spirit to walk with us, as Christ walked with the disciples long ago, that your realm may become for us a present reality as well as a future hope. Grant us living water to quench our thirst and sound preaching to feed our hunger. 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: #451 *“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”*

*Pastoral Prayer    The Lord’s Prayer*

HEBREW LESSON: JEREMIAH 17:5-10 #628

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: LUKE 6:17-26 #838

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "BLESSED DEEDS"

## **A TIME OF GIVING**

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY: "Meditation on Gaudeamus Domino", Karl Osterland

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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 #374 "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

# BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE: “Recessional on Union Seminary”, Karl Osterland

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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	Vicki Zeller

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# Church News

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

## **Wednesday Worship Service: Breeze Chapel**

BREEZE SERVICES CANCELLED DUE TO THE COVID SURGE.  
CHURCH COUNCIL WILL DECIDE WHEN TO RESUME IN PERSON CHURCH SERVICES.

*Happy Valentine's Day*



## 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.

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

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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

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Mon., Feb. 14	Spiritual Life (TBD)
Tue., Feb. 15	Bible Study 7:00 PM Zoom
Wed., Feb. 16	Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris Arabica's 9-11 AM Breeze Chapel 7:00 PM (TBD)
Thurs., Feb. 17	Trustees Meeting 6 PM Choir & Handbell Choir Practice (TBD)
Sun., Feb. 20	Worship Service 10:00 AM

## How To Reach Us

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**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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