



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



February 20, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”, Hans G. Naegeli
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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come near to one another and to our God.
 Be still before the one who fulfills our hearts’ desires.

People: **This is a time for meeting and greeting.
 This is the hour for quieting life’s stresses
 and worries.**

Leader: Wait patiently, for God will be revealed to us.
 God is our refuge in whom we trust.

People: **We believe God is here and will be known by us.
 Our faith nourishes us as we rest in God’s care.**

Leader: We are here to receive life in all its abundance.
 God is providing for us and has a purpose for us.

People: **God raises us up and sends us forth.
 Surely God will help us wherever we go.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #349 *“Trust and Obey”*

*THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)*

Loving God, you bring light to our days and hope to our hearts. We draw near to you as survivors of another week, grateful for your care. You have provided for us, preserved our lives, and invited us once more to this time of prayer. Now we would be still before you, leaving behind our distress and anger, entrusting our weaknesses to your empowering spirit. Raise us up to embrace your way of love. 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: #410 *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

Pastoral Prayer The Lord’s Prayer

HEBREW LESSON: GENESIS 45:3-11, 15 #37

Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: LUKE 6:27-38 #838

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse

you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "LIVING THE FAITH"

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY: "Adagio Cantabile", 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 #275 *“How Firm a Foundation”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Trumpet Voluntary”, Jeremiah Clark

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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	Sue Conkle

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do not condemn, and you will not be condemned.”*

Church News

Wednesday Worship Service: Breeze Chapel

The Breeze service on this Wed., Feb. 23rd will be decided at the Feb. 21st Council Meeting. Thank you for your patience.

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 Suffering plate. *Participation cards should be filled out weekly.* Thank you.



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

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!



28 more days until Spring!



Join us LIVE on **Facebook: St. Peter's UCC Amherst, OH**

Zoom: Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 | Passcode: 379205
(or call in with phone: 1 929 205 6099)

The service will be posted at a later date to view on our
YouTube channel: St Peters UCC Amherst



This Week's Events

- Mon., Feb. 21 Spiritual Life (no visits)
Council Meeting 7:00 PM Zoom
- Tue., Feb. 22 Bible Study 7:00 PM Zoom
- Wed., Feb. 23 Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris Arabica's 9-11 AM
Breeze Chapel 7:00 PM TBD
- Thurs., Feb. 24 Choir & Handbell Choir Practice TBD
- Sun., Feb. 27 Family Worship Service 10:00 AM

How To Reach Us

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