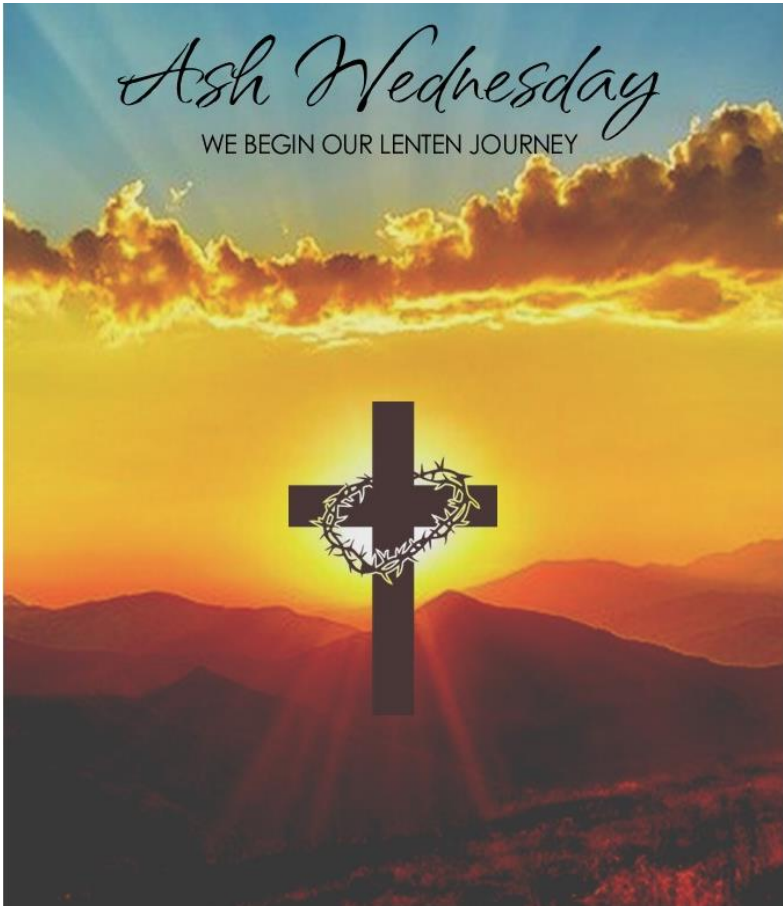




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



March 2, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: “These Forty Days”, Robert J. Powell

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome to a season of self-examination; this is a time for reconciliation with God and neighbor.

People: **Welcome together, elders and children, to meet God, longing for the abundant mercy of our Creator.**

Leader: Seek to know God’s presence here and everywhere; let the wisdom of God guide you in truth.

People: **Through hardship, affliction, and calamity, we reach for the power of God to steady us.**

Leader: Prepare yourselves for a period of testing. Be open to the grace that enables your growth.

People: **With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning, we seek the steadfast love of God.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #441 *“Take Time to Be Holy”*

*THE EVENING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)*

With eagerness, yet trembling, we return to you, O God, not just as individuals, but as a family of faith. In this season of personal piety, we would enter into corporate disciplines of prayer and praise and service. May our prayers be honest and full of care for others. May our praise involve emotions as well as intellect.

Guide our service, that we may invest ourselves in ways that are worthy of your investment in us. 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 OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21 #787

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "COURAGE TO LISTEN"

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY: "Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word",
Johann Gottfried Walther

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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

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN SENDING FORTH #440 *“O For a Heart to Praise My God”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Voluntary in A Minor”, John James

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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	Pam Miskov
Ushers	Judy McCurdy, Betty Pekare

“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” Matthew 6:2-4

Church News

Cultivating Fruitfulness, Five Weeks of Prayer and Practice for Congregations

As part of our Lenten journey this year, next Sunday will start the five-part sermon series based on Rev. Robert Schnase, *Cultivating Fruitfulness, Five Weeks of Prayer and Practice for Congregations*. PART 1 - "RADICAL HOSPITALITY".

Wednesday Worship Service: Breeze Chapel

Wednesdays from 7-7:30 p.m. in person in St. Peter's Chapel. If you can't make our Sunday worship *or* if you need an inspiring pick-me-up, come for a 30-minute intimate service. Please enter by the door to the Chapel that faces the parking lot. *All are welcome!*

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.



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



Remember you can also sign up for Altar Flowers

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 for beautifying the house of our Lord!



The Food Pantry is currently in the need of the following items:

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| 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!



*“Remember that you are dust, and
to dust you shall return.”*

Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day of prayer and fasting. It is traditionally observed by Western Christians. It is observed by Catholics in the Roman Rite, Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, Nazarenes, Moravians, and as well as by many from the Reformed tradition.

As it is the first day of Lent, many Christians begin Ash Wednesday by marking a Lenten calendar, praying a Lenten daily devotional, and making a Lenten sacrifice that they will not partake of until the arrival of Eastertide.

Many Christians attend special church services. Ash Wednesday derives its name from the placing of repentance ashes on the foreheads of participants to either the words *“Repent, and believe in the Gospel”* or the dictum *“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”* The ashes are prepared by burning palm leaves from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebrations.

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

What's Happening

This Week's Events

- Thurs., Mar. 3 Compassionate Care Meeting 10:30 AM
 Girl Scouts 5:30-7:00 PM
- Sun., Mar. 6 Sunday Worship and Communion 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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