



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PART 1
Radical Hospitality

Hospitality

March 6, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: “Jesus Keep Me near the Cross”, arr. Dan Forrest
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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gather to remember and share stories of faith;
rejoice in the goodness of the loving God.

**People: Before our stories began, there was God;
through all our days, God walks with us.**

Leader: Worship the one who gives and sustains life;
sing praises to the one who is our refuge.

**People: There is no place we can go where God is not;
amid life’s terrors, God’s promises hold true.**

Leader: Delight in God, whose protection we enjoy;
dance with the God, who frees us for new possibilities.

**People: We call out to God, expecting to be heard;
we listen, knowing there is truth to be received.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #398 *“Fill My Cup, Lord”*

*THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)*

God of history, whose Word is alive in us, write your truth into our lives this day. Work your signs and wonders in our midst. Show us your salvation. Be present in our troubles and in our triumphs. Lead us away from bondage to things that do not matter. Show us the better land you intend for us, where barriers no longer divide and true community is born. 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: #435 *“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”*

Pastoral Prayer The Lord’s Prayer

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

HEBREW LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 10:19-22 #147

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MATTHEW 25:31-36 #807

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: CULTIVATING FRUITFULNESS
PART 1, “RADICAL HOSPITALITY”

Radical *adjective* - (especially of change or action) relating to or affecting the fundamental nature of something; far-reaching or thorough.

Hospitality *noun* - the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers. *adjective* - relating to or denoting the business of housing or entertaining visitors.

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY: “Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit”, 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 TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN SENDING FORTH #284 *"They'll Know We are Christians
by Our Love"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "World, I Must Leave You", Johannes Brahms

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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

Zoom Director

Worship Producer

Handbell Choir Director

Organist/Choir Director

Scripture Reader

Ushers

Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor

Mary K. Kirsch

Brian Schieferstein

Shelley Harmych

Daniel Jacky

Penny Knepper

Judy McCurdy, Karen Geduldig

Church News

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

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.

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!



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**.

Altar Guild has silk flower arrangements available to use in place of fresh flowers. A donation would be welcomed. Thank you!



Sunday School and Confirmation Class Update

Remember there is no Sunday School on the 4th Sunday of the month (not the last if there are 5 weeks.) Also, Sunday School will officially end for this school year on Mother's Day. May 8 will be our last time.

If you know of a current 6th or 7th grader (or older) that would like to enroll in **Confirmation Class for next year**, please let Jessie Kubuske know (call the church office or email: dir.ed@stptersamherst.org) We have not yet settled on a time, but it will be every Sunday through the school year.

Jessie Kubuske, Director of Christian Education

4 WAYS TO OBSERVE LENT

Lent is the period of 40 days leading up to Easter. It is a time of preparation and focus, reminiscent of Jesus' time in the wilderness before he started his public ministry. We believe that Jesus went to the wilderness to set aside the distractions of normal life and focus on God and God's will for him. So, we attempt to do the same during Lent.

Check out these four ways you can “enter the wilderness”.

1. **Give it Up** – consider giving up something that distracts from your important relationships: like too much time on Social Media. Maybe cut hours of screen time.
2. **Plug in** – Consider adding in something that helps you to connect to God. Read a book of the Bible, a devotional, or prayers at a daily time.
3. **Serve** – Start a new routine of service. Volunteer regularly either at church, or helping a friend/neighbor, or visit a homebound/nursing home resident.
4. **Share it** – Make it a communal event. Share your Lent practices with others.



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

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., March 7 Boy Scouts 6-8:30 PM
- Tue., March 8 Preschool Board Meeting 6:30 PM
Bible Study 7:00 PM Zoom
- Wed., March 9 Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris Arabica's 9-11 AM
Breeze Chapel 7:00 PM
- Thurs., March 10 Choir 6:30 PM & Handbell Choir 7:30 PM
- Sun., March 13 Worship Service 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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