



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



CULTIVATING FRUITFULNESS

Five Weeks of Prayer and Practice
for Congregations

PART 3 Intentional Faith Development

Development

March 20, 2022 | Third Sunday in Lent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: Improvisation on 'What Wondrous Love', Daniel Jacky
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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.
You who have no money, come, buy, and eat!

**People: Our souls thirst for God in a dry and weary land.
We seek God's power and glory in the sanctuary.**

Leader: Listen carefully to God and eat what is good;
delight yourselves in the rich food God provides.

**People: Here our souls are satisfied as with a rich feast.
Together our mouths praise God with joyful lips.**

Leader: God offers us steadfast love and a covenant relationship.
We are called to be faithful witnesses and leaders.

**People: We have to meditate on the living God. We seek
inspiration and empowerment to do what God asks.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #92 *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

*THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)*

We come before you, gracious God, seeking what money cannot buy. Only you can provide nourishment for our souls. There is no other source of meaning in our mixed-up world. We can find no fountain of strength or sustenance apart from you. Surely you can be found where two or three are gathered together. As a community of faith, we call on you, believing that you are nearer than our next breath, more available to us than we can think, more caring than we ever dare to imagine. Uphold us now that we may worship on wings of joy. 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: #43 *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD’S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: ACTS 2:29-42 #886

ANTHEM: *“Ave Verum Corpus”*, Edward Elgar

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 15:1-17 #878

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: CULTIVATING FRUITFULNESS
PART 3 “INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT”

Intentional *adjective* - done on purpose; deliberate.

Faith Development is an interdisciplinary approach to understanding the evolutionary process of the development of religious/spiritual values and behavior in the human life cycle.

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY: *“Out of the Depths I Cry to You”*, Max Reger

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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 #279 *"Faith of Our Fathers"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Scherzo Caprice", Alec Rowley

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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	Don Krueck
Ushers	Gary Thompson
	Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz

Church News

**One Great
HOUR**
OF SHARING

OFFERING DONATIONS
WILL BE COLLECTED ON
SUNDAY, MARCH 27

This year's theme is "Love remains". The gifts you give to OGHS are leveraged with those of others across the United Church of Christ bringing a greater impact to the work being done with local and global partners. Your support enables us to respond to sustainable development, refugee and asylum issues, migration, and disasters, assisting those most in need and vulnerable among us both locally and globally. *Thank you for your help!*



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

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.



Special Request! Please Help Feed our Children

Cheryl at Good Shepherd Baptist Food Pantry recently shared with us that the need for their weekend children's backpack program has doubled! We cannot let any child go hungry if it is in our power. Following are some suggestions that would be very helpful with this great need:

Single Serving PB & Jelly *	Peanut Butter Crackers	Small Bag Chips
Canned Soup (Pop top lids)	Individual Cereals	Small Bag Pretzels
Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids)	Granola Bars	Fruit Cups
Mac & Cheese (Microwavable)	Oatmeal Packages	Jello Cups

Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. Pam Miskov will ensure that all items are transported to Good Shepherd Baptist Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who continually donates on behalf of St. Peter's!

** Suggestion: Sam's Club has Single Serving PB & Jelly with a nice size serving.*



4 WAYS TO OBSERVE LENT

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.

Easter Lily **Deadline is April 8, 2022.** Thank you!

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

- Mon., Mar. 21 Preschool Spring Break this week
 Council Meeting 7:00 PM Zoom
- Tue., Mar. 22 Bible Study 7:00 PM Zoom
- Wed., Mar. 23 Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris Arabica's 9-11 AM
 Breeze Chapel 7:00 PM
- Thurs., Mar. 24 Choir 6:30 PM & Handbell Choir 7:30 PM
- Sun., Mar. 27 Worship Service 10:00 AM - OGHS

How To Reach Us

Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 8:30-12:30 PM *and* 1-2:30 PM
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