



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



CULTIVATING FRUITFULNESS

Five Weeks of Prayer and Practice
for Congregations

PART 4 Risk Taking Mission And Service

Mission

March 27, 2022 | Fourth Sunday in Lent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: “Someone’s Praying Lord”, Dan Forest

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A new day has dawned, God’s gift to us;
the fruits of the land are ours to enjoy.

**People: We are a new creation in Jesus Christ;
the old has passed away, the new has come.**

Leader: This is a day for forgiveness and reconciliation;
celebrate God’s love for the lost who are found.

**People: The glad cries of deliverance surround us;
shouts of joy arise from our hearts.**

Leader: Let all who are faithful offer up prayers;
may all who are in Christ give thanks.

**People: We will be glad and join the dance of life;
with the upright of heart, we rejoice and sing.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #60 “Morning Has Broken”

*THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)*

Welcoming God, we have gathered together so that you may teach us the way we should go. In our times of distress and need, you have provided. When we have stubbornly followed our own plans, you have curbed our impulses. From our days of confusion and aimless wandering, you have rescued us and restored us to our true identity. Meet us now as we worship together to shape us into a righteous, reconciling people. 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: #66 *“To God Be The Glory”*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD’S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: LEVITICUS 19:9-18 #93

ANTHEM: “If Ye Love Me”, Thomas Tallis

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: LUKE 6:24-31 #838

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: CULTIVATING FRUITFULNESS
PART 4 “RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE”

Risk taking *noun* - the action of taking risks.

adjective - willing to take risky action in the hope of a desired result.

Mission *noun* - the vocation or calling of a religious organization,
especially a Christian one, to go out into the world and spread its faith.

Service *noun* - the action of helping or doing work for someone.

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY: “Jesus Christus, unser Heiland”, 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 #455 *“Come, All Christians,
Be Committed”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Voluntary in G”, Samuel Wesley

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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	Joan Whitman
Ushers	Karen Geduldig, Lynn Hollstein

Church News



PLEASE JOIN WITH US TODAY AS WE SHARE WITH OTHERS IN ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

After devastation and disasters, “**Love remains**”!
Thank you for your generosity here & around the world.

Circle Six Update

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, April 5 and is our annual Anniversary Dinner. However, this year we voted to hold our dinner at a restaurant instead of in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be at **Cole’s Public House** (209 S. Main Street) at 6:00. Everyone is responsible for their own meal. Please RSVP to Sally Readinger at **440-222-3414** if you plan on attending. If you are currently not a member of Circle Six, but are considering it, please feel free to join us at this dinner and be sure to RSVP!



Circle Six’s **ANNUAL BAKE SALE** will be held on **Palm Sunday, April 10** in Fellowship Hall. All Circle Six members should provide a baked good of their choice and have it delivered to the church by **9:00 AM that morning**. As a side note, you don’t need to be a member of Circle Six to bake for the sale—all baked goods are welcome.

Thank you, Sally Readinger, President

FOOD PANTRY

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.*

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.



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



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

“Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all.”



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., Mar. 28 Special Council Meeting 7:00 PM Zoom
Tue., Mar. 29 Bible Study 7:00 PM Zoom
Wed., Mar. 30 Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris Arabica's 9-11 AM
Breeze Chapel 7:00 PM
Thurs., Mar. 31 Choir 6:30 PM & Handbell Choir 7:30 PM
Sun., April 3 Worship Service & 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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