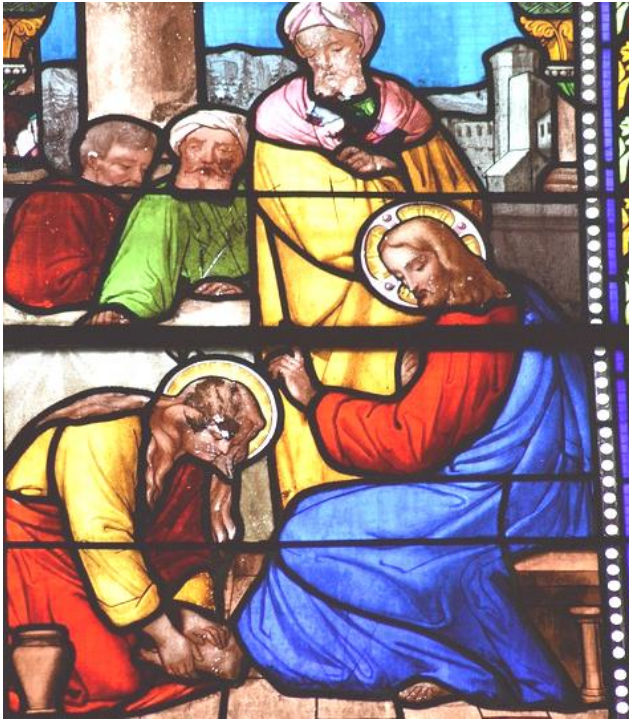




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“So, if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.”

April 14, 2022 | Maundy Thursday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: "Have Mercy on Me", J. S. Bach

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to God, who has loved us through Jesus Christ.
Present yourselves to the Spirit who understands
your need.

People: **God has heard our voices and heeded our cries.
We will call on God's name as long as we live.**

Leader: Come to prepare yourselves for the journey of faith.
God sets before us a memorial feast.

People: **We will pay our vows to God at the table of Christ.
We will offer our sacrifices of thanksgiving.**

Leader: Come to embrace the new covenant God offers.
Eat and drink in remembrance of Jesus Christ.

People: **We come to be washed and cleansed and healed.
God will equip us here to love one another.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #321 *"According to thy Gracious Word"*

*THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)*

We have gathered, O God, in answer to your mandate that we love one another as you have loved us in Jesus of Nazareth. We gather as disciples awaiting a word of assurance and promise. We seek protection from all who insist on conformity to their narrow points of view. We seek empowerment at the table of remembrance and celebration. We long to love as we have been

loved, to serve as Christ has served among us, to live lives of thanksgiving that fulfill our vows to you and to one another. We pray in Jesus' name. 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: #322 "In Remembrance"

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 13:1-17, 31-35 #876

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "A PURE MOMENT"

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY: "O Mensch Bewein", 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

COMMUNION HYMN #325 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

A TIME TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INTO THE DARKNESS

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

BENEDICTION

WALK OUT IN SILENCE

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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

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Worship Producer

Handbell Choir Director

Organist/Choir Director

Scripture Reader

Ushers

Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor

Mary K. Kirsch

Brian Schieferstein

Shelley Harmyach

Daniel Jacky

Diane Barnum

Gary Thompson, Judy McCurdy,

Al Murphy

Church News

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.

Yoga Update!

Mary-K's Yoga class is still meeting every Wednesday, but the time has changed to 8:30-9:45 AM. Please enter by the Chapel door, and go down to the lower level. Everyone is welcome. Cost is \$10 per class. *Thank you, Mary-K Kirsch*

FOOD PANTRY

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.*

Coffee Chats

with PASTOR CHRIS

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

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.

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



What Does Maundy Thursday Mean?

Christ's "mandate" is commemorated on Maundy Thursday- "maundy" being a shortened form of mandatum (Latin), which means "command." It was on the Thursday of Christ's final week before being crucified and resurrected that He said this commandment to His disciples. Jesus and his disciples had just shared what was known as the Last Supper and he was washing their feet when he stated:

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another"
(John 13:34)

What Was the New Commandment Given on Maundy Thursday?

Well, for one thing, it raised the definition of love to a new and higher standard. Jesus sacrificially met His followers' deepest need-that of new spiritual life and the forgiveness of sins. He even loved His enemies, and He calls us to show love to those who don't appear to deserve it. Just as Jesus loved sinners "to the end" when He had nothing to gain from them, so must we. The Bible says that there was nothing attractive about sinful mankind that drew Him to love us. God loved us while we were yet sinners (Romans 5:8). Salvation is not only a wonderful gift that protects us from the penalty that we deserve, the work of Christ also imbues new life, grants spiritual strength, and motivates godly action in those who believe.

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

- Fri., April 15 **GOOD FRIDAY WALK**
Meet at St. Peter's at 11:45 AM
Church Office will be Closed
- Sun., April 17 Easter Worship Service 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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