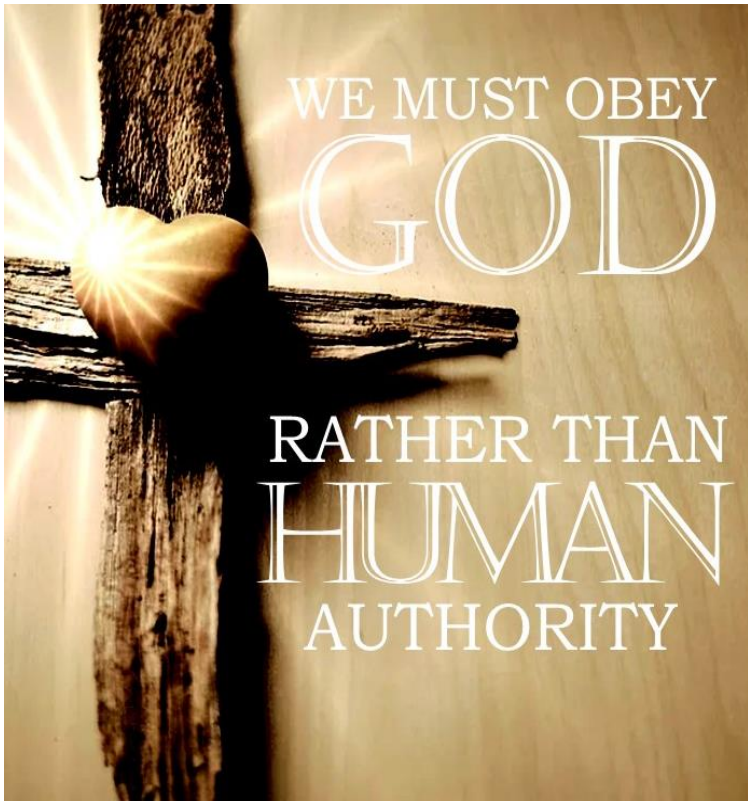




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



April 24, 2022 | Second Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is our strength and our salvation;
let everything that breathes praise our God!

People: **This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: Praise God for mighty deeds and extravagant love.
Praise God for loving care and answered prayer.

People: **We will give thanks this day, for God is good.
The steadfast love of God endures forever.**

Leader: Grace to you and peace from the one who is
and who was and who is to come.

People: **We are witnesses to the God who acts.
We are here to offer our worship and praise.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE: #249** *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

***THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)*

God of all our beginnings, may this day and every day begin with our praise to you. Let every breath become a witness to your Spirit, dwelling within and among us. Open our hearts to receive your saving gifts. Loosen our tongues to proclaim your unsurpassed greatness. May the noise of our celebration help your people to sense your powerful presence and to claim the joy of serving you, in Christ's 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: #250 *"Come, Holy Spirit"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: PSALM 118:14-29 #492

Handbell Choir: *"Jesus Shall Reign"*, Douglas E. Wagner

Based on the tune 'Duke Street' by John Hatton. Used by/with permission, CCLI No. 20182679 streaming.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: ACTS 5:27-32 #889

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "WE MUST..."

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION (*includes Noisy Collection*)

OFFERTORY

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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 #259 *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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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

Sarah Fleeman and Jocelyn

Gary Thompson, Fred Helyes,
Shelley Harmych, Betty Pekare

Sunday School “Noisy Collection”

This is Noisy Collection week! Noisy Collection is always on the 4th Sunday. Thanks in advance for your contributions!



Church News



Circle Six Meeting Update

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3 @ 6:00 in Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own dinner. Our program is being presented by Don Mould's and they will be bringing herbs that you can purchase @ \$1.99 per herb.

See you then! Sally Readinger

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.

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.

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.*



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

Characteristics of Genuinely Friendly Churches

1. They are intentional about being friendly. Warmth and friendliness are clear values of these churches.
2. Churches naturally drift toward an inward focus unless they are otherwise intentional.
3. The leaders model warmth, humility, and friendliness. The friendliness is not contrived or phony. These leaders have prayerfully become genuinely friendly men and women.
4. The leaders are clear that genuine friendliness is more than a brief stand and greet time in a worship service. True hospitality and friendliness extends beyond two minutes.
5. They have greeters in the parking lot, greeters in the entrances, and greeters in other strategic locations inside.
6. They have a guest feedback process. To the best of their ability, they follow up with guests to get feedback on their experiences. They also encourage the guests to be open and frank in the feedback.

Help a Friend's Grandpa Battling Cancer!

Sarah Fleeman's daughter Joselyn has a friend at school named Jayden who has a grandpa in the hospital battling cancer. His mom reached out to me asking for help. She started a shirt sale to try and raise money for his medical bills and she is also asking for prayers. Here is the link to the shirt sale and her father's story:

https://www.customink.com/fundraising/hunting-for-a-cure-9944?utm_campaign=mobile-campaign-page-share-v3

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., April 25	Council Meeting 7:00 PM Zoom
Tue., April 26	Bible Study 7:00 PM Zoom
Wed., April, 27	Yoga with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris Arabica's 9-11 AM Finance Meeting 1:00 PM Fireside Room Breeze Chapel 7:00 PM
Thurs., April 28	Choir 6:30 PM & Handbell Choir 7:30 PM
Sun., May 1	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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