



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PART 5
Extravagant Generosity

Generosity

April 3, 2022 | Fifth Sunday in Lent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: “O Innocent Lamb”, Bach

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God’s spirit is moving among us; give thanks!
Our God is about to do a new thing in our midst.

**People: How good it is to be chosen by God;
we gather to sing our praises and thanks.**

Leader: God has done great things for us; we are glad!
Now God is pointing us toward new goals.

**People: We are waiting to hear what God would have us do;
we are ready to risk new behaviors to be faithful.**

Leader: Into the wilderness of our lives comes living water.
Into the sorrow of our days comes reason for joy.

**People: Forgetting what lies behind, we greet our future;
we press on, responding to the upward call of Christ.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #452 *“Make Me a Blessing”*

*THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)*

Powerful God, we give thanks that you have called us to be your people. In our times of gloom, you have sent your light. When we are weary and discouraged, you lift us up. In our thirst for meaning and purpose, you bring us to living water in Jesus Christ. Set before us now the job of discovery and a vision of future possibilities. Unite us in friendship with one another, with Christ as our center and inspiration. 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: #379 *“Take My Life and Let it Be”*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD’S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: EXODUS 35:4-19 #72

Handbell Choir: *“Sweet Hour of Prayer”*, Douglas E. Wagner

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:1-11 #943

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: CULTIVATING FRUITFULNESS
PART 5 “EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY”

Extravagant *adjective* - lacking restraint in spending money or using resources.

Generosity *noun* - the quality of being kind and generous.

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY: *“Trio. No. 1”*, Rheinberger

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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 #289 *“There Shall Be Showers of Blessing”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “When Peace Like a River”, Eric Burkhardt
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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

Sally Readinger

Gary Thompson, Fred Helyes,

Betty Pekare, Judy McCurdy

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.

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.*

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 p.m. 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



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



Looking for donations for our Easter Dinner Baskets we will donate to needy families.

Looking for the following: Boxed scalloped potatoes, canned green beans, mushroom soup, french fried onion rings. Baskets will be in the sanctuary by the cross.

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

Boy Scout Troop 427 is having their **Annual Flower Sale!** Order forms are in the bulletin and at the back of the church. Money and order forms are due to Jessie Kubuske by Sunday, April 10 (Palm Sunday). Flowers can be picked up Friday afternoon/evening, May 13 and Saturday morning, May 14.

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

- Tue., April 5 Circle Six Dinner 6:00 PM Cole's Public House
Bible Study 7:00 PM Zoom
- Wed., April, 6 Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris Arabica's 9-11 AM
NEW! Yoga with Mary-K 9:30-10:45 AM
Breeze Chapel 7:00 PM
- Thurs., April 7 Girl Scouts 5:30-7:00 PM Fellowship Hall
Choir 6:30 PM & Handbell Choir 7:30 PM
- Sun., April 10 Palm Sunday 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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