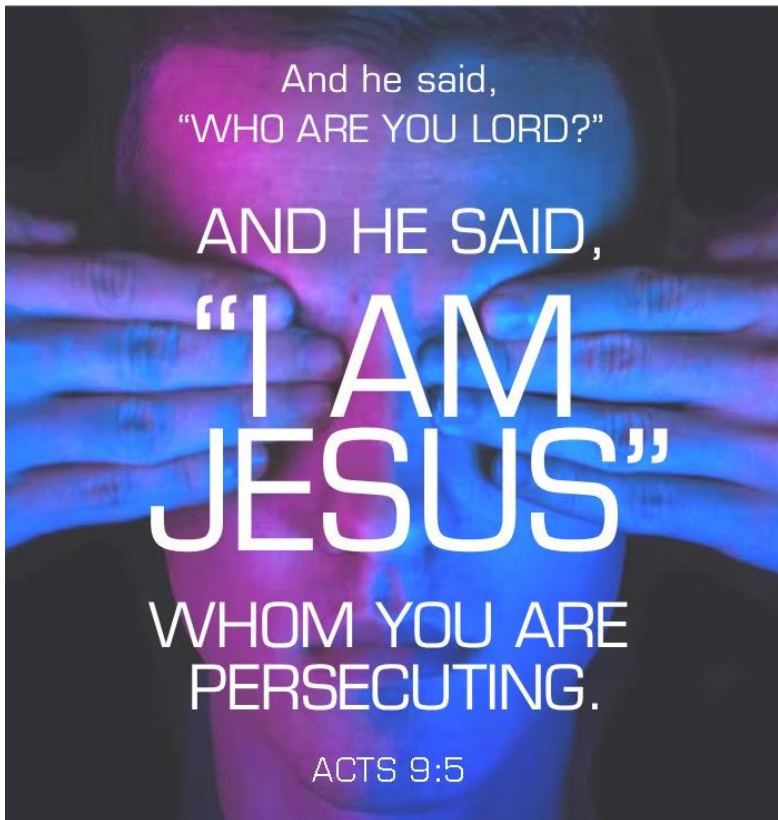




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



May 1, 2022 | Third Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: "Amazing Grace", John Ness Beck

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing praises to God, O you saints of God.
Give thanks to God's holy name.

**People: Praise God for the joyous gift of a new day.
Thank God for healing and ever-present help.**

Leader: Extol the one who lifts us up from defeat.
Praise the one who upholds us when we are discouraged.

**People: God sees and hears our weeping.
God lifts our souls from the pit of despair.**

Leader: Give thanks to God who turns mourning into dancing.
Praise God who hears our cries and answers our prayers.

**People: We have cried to you in our need, O God.
We believe you are working to make us whole.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #18 *"Come, We That Love the Lord"*

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

Come to us as a light from heaven, Sovereign God. Pierce the shadows of doubt and despair, anger and scorn, that we allow to rule in our lives. Turn us from ways that deny your rule among us. Awaken us from dull routines to worship that is alive with awe and wonder, spontaneity, and joy. Surprise us with a presence we cannot avoid, a summons we dare not evade, a

mission we may not escape. We are gathered by the love of Christ, that we may feed others as we have been fed. 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: #374 *“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD’S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: PSALM 30 #439

HANDBELL CHOIR: *“Like a River Glorious”*, Douglas E. Wagner

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: ACTS 9:1-20 #893

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: *“GET UP!”*

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY: *“I Need Thee Every Hour”*, John Ness Beck

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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 #376 *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Every Valley", John Ness Beck

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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

Susan Cherry

Susan Cherry, Fred Helyes,

Karen Geduldig, Geoff Gatz

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



Amherst Community
National Day of Prayer

Amherst City Hall
Thursday | May 5 | 12-1 PM

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

- Tue., May 3 Circle Six 6:00 PM Fellowship Hall "Don Mould's"
Bible Study 7:00 PM Zoom
- Wed., May 4 Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris Arabica's 9-11 AM
Yoga with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
Breeze Chapel 7:00 PM
- Thurs., May 5 Compassionate Care 10:30 AM Fireside
National Day of Prayers Noon
Girl Scouts 5:30 PM
Choir 6:30 PM & Handbell Choir 7:30 PM
- Sun., May 8 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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