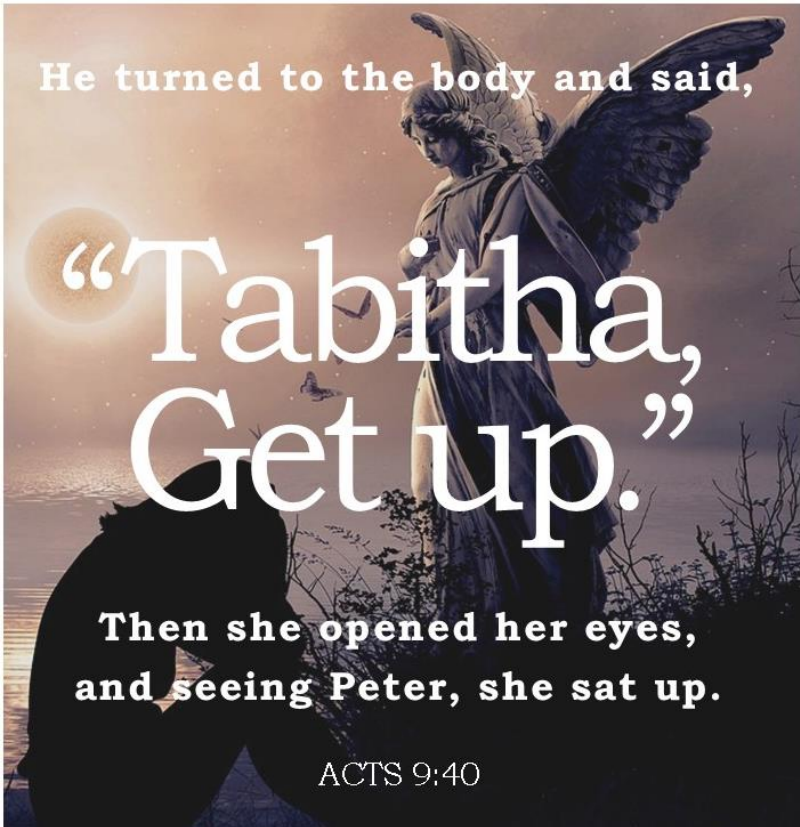




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



May 8, 2022 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: Improvisation on 'For the Beauty of the Earth,'
Daniel Jacky

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, people of God, to greet the one who calls us;
come alive to the Spirit's energy among us.

**People: God awakens us and restores our souls.
Surely God's goodness and mercy are with us here.**

Leader: The shepherd is calling us to new ventures.
We are invited to a higher quality of life.

**People: We will not fear to walk through shadowed valleys.
God's love in Christ is with us everywhere.**

Leader: Come to drink from springs of living water.
Gather to find comfort and blessing here.

**People: Surely God will guide our search for truth.
We seek eternal values within our daily walks.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #25 *"Immortal, Invisible"*

*THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)*

Draw us together, Eternal One, from paths of aimless wandering.
Lead us today toward the community you intend. Draw the
fragments of our lives together into some meaningful whole. Help
us deal with present concerns in constructive ways yet point us
beyond ourselves to engage with you in larger issues. Help us feel
the hunger and thirst of others; then lead your church to make a
caring response. May your love fill us and overflow into other
lives. 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.

Celebrating Our Teachers

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #364 *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: PSALM 23 #435

ANTHEM: "Offertory", John Neck Bess

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: ACTS 9:36-43 #893

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "ON WINGS OF LOVE"

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

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.)

Caring for Us

Caring for Others

Praising God

*HYMN SENDING FORTH #231 *“Jesus Shall Reign”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “We Gather Together”, James Mansfield

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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	Tom Hollstein
Ushers	Earl Wiegand, Judy McCurdy, Betty Pekare, Gary Thompson

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

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:

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 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.*

In April, we collected 185 food items.
St. Peter members, you rock!

ORGAN RECITAL by Daniel Jacky



Please remember to get your tickets from Linda or Kaye. The recital will be on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 2:00 PM. Tickets will be required, but at no cost. Donations will gladly be accepted. A reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, call Linda at (440) 984-3552 or Kaye at (440) 988-4965 Monday-Friday, 8:30-2:30 PM. ***We look forward to filling the sanctuary for this exciting event to honor Daniel's talents and accomplishments!***

Vacation Notice

This is just to let everyone know that Pastor Chris will be starting his vacation after worship on May 22 and will return on June 5. As stated in *The Key*, our guest minister will be the Rev. Kathryn Ketchum. I hope you all will enjoy the service as much as I have enjoyed Kathy! She served my church, Community of Faith UCC for 5 ½ years, before retiring in July 2021. -Kaye



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

Sunday School and Confirmation Class Update

Sunday School will officially end for this school year today.

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

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.



Summer Air Conditioning

As we continue to monitor and reduce our costs and expenses in an effort to be good stewards of the church finances, the AC will be used “as needed” for humidity control and, when used, will be kept at modest temperatures. On cooler days the windows will be opened to enable God's fresh air to keep us comfortable! Thank you for your support in helping us to **keep St. Peter's budget in the green.**

*Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.
He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling
the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.*

This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Happy Mother's Day!

We'd like to wish all the mothers, godmothers, aunts, and special women who represent a mother to others, a very Happy Mother's Day! With us, or in Heaven, we have been blessed with their unconditional love, self-sacrifice, and wisdom. Thank you God for the mothers in our lives.

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 10	Bible Study 7:00 PM Zoom
Wed., May 11	Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris Arabica's 9-11 AM Yoga with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Preschool Board Meeting 6:30 PM Breeze Chapel 7:00 PM
Thurs., May 12	Choir 6:30 PM & Handbell Choir 7:30 PM
Fri., May 13	Boy Scouts Flower Distribution 1:30 PM
Sat., May 14	Boy Scouts Flower Distribution 9:00 AM "Bike Blessing" at American Legion 11:30 AM
Sun., May 15	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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