



**ST. PETER'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



**The way we  
choose to spend  
our time is an  
indicator of  
our priorities.**

"MARY CHOSE THE BETTER PART."

**July 17, 2022 | Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

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*Outdoor Worship Service*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\*(Stand as you are able.)*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Greeting      Announcements      Birthdays      Anniversaries*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:**      Come, people of faith, trusting God's steadfast love.  
Take refuge in the eternal presence.

**People:**      **We want to acknowledge God first in our lives.**  
**We seek to rely on a power beyond ourselves.**

**Leader:**      Gather in silent awe before the source of all things.  
Climb God's holy hill, giving thanks.

**People:**      **It is not easy to have faith in one we do not know.**  
**It is frightening to realize God's sovereign power.**

**Leader:**      Know that Christ is the image of the invisible God.  
the one in whom the fullness of God was pleased  
to dwell.

**People:**      **We are the church, gathered in Christ's name.**  
**We are the body of Christ, seeking to live faithfully.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #60 *"Morning Has Broken"*

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

Awesome God, we thirst for your Word. We long to make sense of so much we do not understand. We want our worship to be more than a quick diversion from tasks that seem more pressing. We want to believe there is more to life than seeking personal gain. We bring to you today our troubles and anxieties, our

estrangements and hostilities, our boasting and deceits.  
Meet us here with truth we cannot avoid. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #371 *"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*

**PASTORAL PRAYER    THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 10:38-42

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "A BETTER WAY"

**A TIME OF GIVING**

OFFERING INVITATION

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

BENEDICTION

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Psalm 133:1

*How good and pleasant it is when  
kindred live together in unity!*



**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
Scripture Reader	Neil Wasilk
Ushers	Al Murphy, Judy McCurdy



**Let's Start to Learn the Ukrainian language!**

Zna' ju = I don't know

# Church News

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## **Confirmation Class**

If you have or 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](mailto:dir.ed@stptersamherst.org)) We have not yet settled on a time, but it will be every Sunday through the school year.

Thank you, Jessie Kubuske, Director of Christian Education

# Join us for Breeze Chapel!

## Wednesday Worship Service

7-7:30 PM at 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.

### 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.



Thank you to everyone who *continually* donates items to the food bank. It is greatly appreciated by St. Peter's church, and those receiving help! And, a big thank you to **Pam Miskov** for taking the time to ensure all the items are transported to Good Shepherd Food Pantry. There currently is a need for the items below:

Canned Soup (pop top lids)	Pasta	Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter   Jelly	Mac & Cheese	Oatmeal
Cereal	Toilet Paper	Paper Towels

Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church.



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



## It's Summertime & That Means **OUTDOOR WORSHIP!**

Chairs will be set up outside in the front lawn for all of our outdoor worship services, but please feel free to bring your own chair, if that would be more comfortable for you. We hope you enjoyed our first outdoor service!

August 21 | September 18 | October 16

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## Yarn & More. Donations Needed!

Amherst Manor is requesting donations of yarn in any color, "hooks and books" (knitting and crochet). Anything that you are able to donate would be greatly appreciated! Please drop off at the church office and Becky Woods will be happy to make the delivery. Thank you!

### **2 Corinthians 9:6-8**

*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

Let all  
that you do be done  
with love

1 CORINTHIANS  
16:14



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**

# What's Happening

## This Week's Events

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Mon., July 18	Spiritual Life visitations 1-4 PM Council Meeting 7 PM Zoom
Tues., July 19	Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
Wed., July 20	Yoga with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris, Arabica's 9-11 AM Breeze Chapel 7 PM
Sun., July 24	Worship Service 10 AM

## How To Reach Us

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**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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