



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

UP is
DOWN



DOWN
is UP!

“For all who exalt themselves will
be humbled, and those who humble
themselves will be exalted.”

August 28, 2022 | Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: “At Summer's End”, George Blake

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to God, our strength; cry out to God, our helper.
Rejoice, and do not fear to appear before our God.

People: **It is God who led our ancestors through hard times.
It is God who leads us through difficult times.**

Leader: God will not leave us or forsake us.
God welcomes us to the banquet of life.

People: **God fills our mouths with good things.
God offers us fountains of living water.**

Leader: Listen now to the voice of God and submit to God's will.
Hear the Word of God and turn away from
worthless things.

People: **We will delight in the commandments of our God.
We will share eagerly in the work God gives us to do.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #382 *“Be Thou My Vision”*

*THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)*

Gracious God, our helper, we seek the assurance of your presence in this time of worship. We have come to listen and to receive your counsel. Melt our stubborn hearts to remove the barriers that keep us from seeing your glory and doing your will. Challenge all that is worthless and unprofitable in our lives, that

we may become worthy imitators of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #381 *“Open My Eyes, That I May See”*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD’S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 14:1, 7-14 #849

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: “UP IS DOWN, DOWN IS UP!”

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION *(includes Noisy Collection)*

OFFERTORY: “The Planted Word”, Daniel Jacky

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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 #455 *“Come All Christians, Be Committed”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Postlude in D”, Healey Willan

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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

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| Senior Pastor | Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor |
| Zoom Director | Mary K. Kirsch |
| Worship Producer | Brian Schieferstein |
| Handbell Choir Director | Shelley Harmych |
| Scripture Reader | Joan Whitman |
| Ushers | Judy McCurdy, Earl Wiegand,
Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz |



Let’s Learn Ukrainian!

Do you need help? = Tobi potribna dopomoha?

Church News

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations
Radical Hospitality, 3-part Study

Today we begin our 1st Study on Radical Hospitality after worship. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall for beverage and bagels. Our 2nd session will be on September 11th. Our 3rd session will be on Sept. 25th. Please call or email to sign up so we know how many to prepare for. *Please join us!*



Circle Six Meeting | Beaver Creek Reservation

Circle Six will hold its next meeting and picnic on Tuesday, September 6 at 6:00 PM at Beaver Creek Reservation. Please bring a dish to share and bring a guest. There will be no program – just good food, conversation and fun!

Thank you, Sally Readinger, President

Confirmation Class

If you have or know of a current 7th or 8th grader (or older) that would like to enroll in Confirmation Class this year, please let Jessie Kubuske know (call the church office or email: dir.ed@stpetersamherst.org) We have not yet settled on a time, but for now it looks to be one evening every week. Thank you, Jessie Kubuske, Director of Christian Education

Join us for Breeze Chapel

Wednesdays, 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.

Quilt Project Update

Donations to the project are still welcome. Please make sure to mark your donation to “Quilt Project”. *Thank you to our quilters and everyone who has donated to this awesome project!*



Our volunteers from left to right are: Christine Burman, Kaye Koler, Dot Wilford, Tamara James, Linda Gatz, and Kaye Oswald.



FOOD PANTRY

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! A big thank you to **Pam Miskov** for taking the time to ensure all the items are transported EACH MONTH to Good Shepherd Food Pantry. There is still a need for the items below:

Most requested food item at this time is

Peanut Butter & Jelly

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

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



NEW! Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Our Men's Fellowship is joining together with the men of Brownhelm Congregational Church to meet on the second Thursday of the month, beginning this September on

September 8th at 9 a.m. at the **Nest Restaurant in Vermilion, Ohio.** We will meet for an hour- which will include breakfast (at your choosing) prayer and a short devotional, all of which should conclude by 10 a.m. We are looking forward to where this ministry will lead us in faith. *Contact Pastor Chris for more information.*



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. Here are the next services, *weather permitting!*

September 18 | October 16



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

Please take a moment to fill out the yellow Participation cards and drop into the offering plate. *Participation cards should be filled out weekly.* Thank you!

OFFICE UPDATE

Please note that I will be out of the office Thursday-Monday, Sept. 1 – 5. The office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day. Christine Burman will be in the office to assist you Thursday and Friday from 10 AM-noon. If you need anything, please contact the office and Christine will be happy to help! ***Many thanks Christine!***

Sincerely, Kaye Oswald

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

- Mon., Aug.29 Spiritual Life visitations 1-4 PM
- Tues., Aug. 30 Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
- Wed., Aug. 31 Yoga with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris, Arabica's 9-11 AM
Breeze Chapel 7 PM
- Thurs., Sept. 1 Compassionate Care Meeting 10:30 AM Fireside
- Sun., Sept. 4 Worship Service & Communion 10 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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