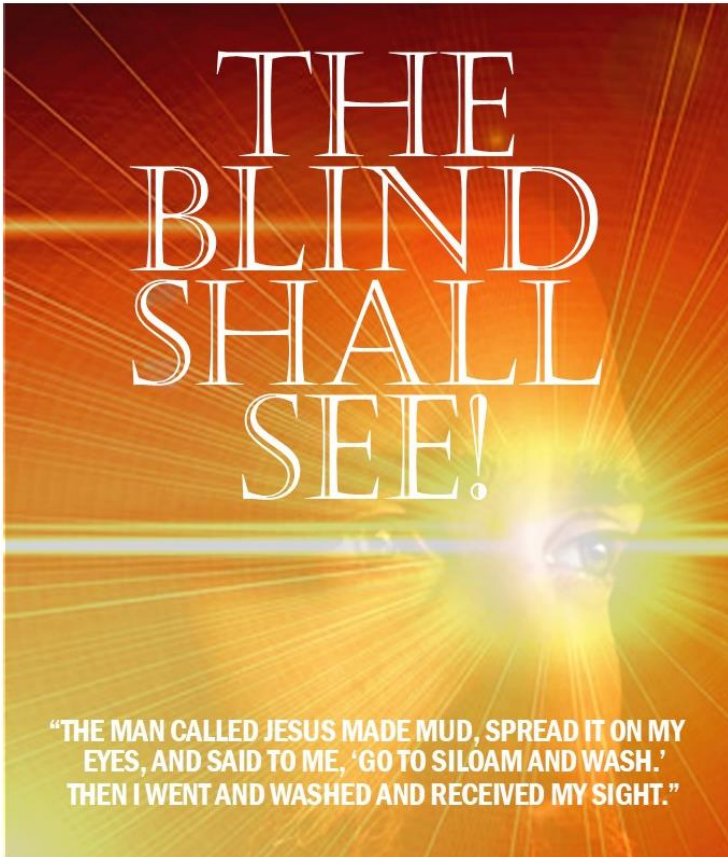




**ST. PETER'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



**"THE MAN CALLED JESUS MADE MUD, SPREAD IT ON MY  
EYES, AND SAID TO ME, 'GO TO SILOAM AND WASH.'  
THEN I WENT AND WASHED AND RECEIVED MY SIGHT."**

**March 19, 2023 | Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Greeting*

*Announcements*

*Birthdays*

*Anniversaries*

PRELUDE: "Diapson Movement", Walond

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God summons us to wake up and see.  
Light has come to lead us to all that is good.

**People: Our eyes have been opened to God's goodness.  
We seek to live as children of light.**

Leader: God sees beyond our outward appearance.  
God knows the intent of our hearts.

**People: We are here to find out what is pleasing to God.  
We want to know what is right and true.**

Leader: God listens to all who worship sincerely.  
Praise God with openness and obedience.

**People: We seek to know and follow God's will.  
This is a day to do the works of God.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #382 *"Be Thou My Vision"*

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

Holy God, we sense your involvement in our lives. Like a shepherd, you watch over us and provide abundantly beyond our needs. You lead us in right paths when we are tempted to go astray. You refresh us with living water that overflows with your generosity. Let your light shine on us now to reveal truth we have not seen and open our eyes to possibilities we may not have realized. May we be receptive to learn from you and from one another. Amen.

RED BAG MOMENT

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #60 *"Morning Has Broken"*

**PASTORAL PRAYER    THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 9:1-12 #871

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "WHERE IS HE?"

## **A TIME OF GIVING**

OFFERING INVITATION (One Great Hour of Sharing)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*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.)*

\*HYMN SENDING FORTH #202 *"Amazing Grace"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee", Boehm

*Please remain seated "quietly" during the postlude.*



**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
Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Scripture Reader	Stacy Gleason
Ushers	Earl Wiegand, Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz

Please join us for **coffee and snacks**  
immediately following the service downstairs  
in Fellowship Hall.

# Church News

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*"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark  
from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep  
gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."*

– Albert Schweitzer



# Today is One Great Hour of Sharing®

**GALATIANS 6:9-10** *"So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all."*

The apostle Paul wrote these words to the church in Galatia to assure them of the power of God's Spirit to strengthen them to persist in the work of being generous in caring for others. The gifts you give to OGHS are leveraged with those of others across the UCC bringing a greater impact to the work being done with local and global partners. Your support enables us to respond to a variety of global and local concerns by addressing advocacy, sustainable development, refugee and asylum issues, disasters, and assisting those most in need and vulnerable among us.

## Compassionate Care Request

Just a reminder that we are accepting donations for our Easter Care Bags for our homebound members. If possible, please have them here by Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> or the latest by April 2<sup>nd</sup> so we can start filling the bags. You can drop them off outside the church office. We will deliver the gift bags with an Easter Lily (*gifted by members*) after Easter. Following are some suggestions:

Individual Snack Bags (pretzels, chips, etc.)

Adult Coloring Books and/or pack of 24 crayons | Puzzle Books

Individual Hand Sanitizers | Lip Balm

*Thank you! Joan Whitman*

## Good Friday Breakfast Invitation!

Penny Knepper is hosting a breakfast on April 7<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday at her home for all the women of the church from 9-11 AM.  
6421 South Dewey Road, Amherst, OH 44001

There are plain pumpkin rolls still available for purchase.  
If you are interested, please contact Sally Readinger,  
Jan Orseno, or Linda Gatz. Thank you!



***Give it Try! Join us for a 30-minute Worship***

Every Wednesday | 7-7:30 PM | St. Peter's Chapel



Please help our partnership with Good Shepherd Baptist Food Pantry with the Weekend Children's Backpack Program. We cannot let any child go hungry. Following are suggested food items:

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

We will also still collect 'regular food items' for families in addition to the Backpack Program. Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. **Thank you to Al Murphy** who counted and transported the food to Good Shepherd Baptist Food Bank in Pam's absence. *And, to everyone who continually donates.*

Severe malnutrition affects 45 million children across the globe each year. That's nearly one out of every three children under the age of five (ie, the entire population of California + Chicago + Houston). In fact, it kills more children each year than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined. In today's world, nearly half of all deaths of children under the age of five can be traced back to malnutrition.

## YOGA with Mary-K

St. Peter's UCC, enter Chapel door to the lower level | Cost: \$10

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM (arrive by 8:25 AM)

Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM (arrive by 5:55 PM)

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## The Prayer of Oscar Romero

We accomplish in our lifetime only a fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water the seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

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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!

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**

**NEW!** Be sure to check out ***"A minute with Pastor Chris"***  
on YouTube! Also, please Subscribe, Like and Share!



## ----- **This Week's Events** -----

- Mon., March 20    Council Meeting 7PM Zoom  
Tues., March 21    Bible Study 7 PM Zoom  
Wed., March 22    YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM  
                         Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris, Sandstone 9-11 AM  
                         Breeze Chapel 7 PM  
Thurs., March 23    YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM  
                         Handbell Choir Practice 7:15 PM  
Sun., March 26    Worship Service 10 AM

## ----- **How To Reach Us** -----

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