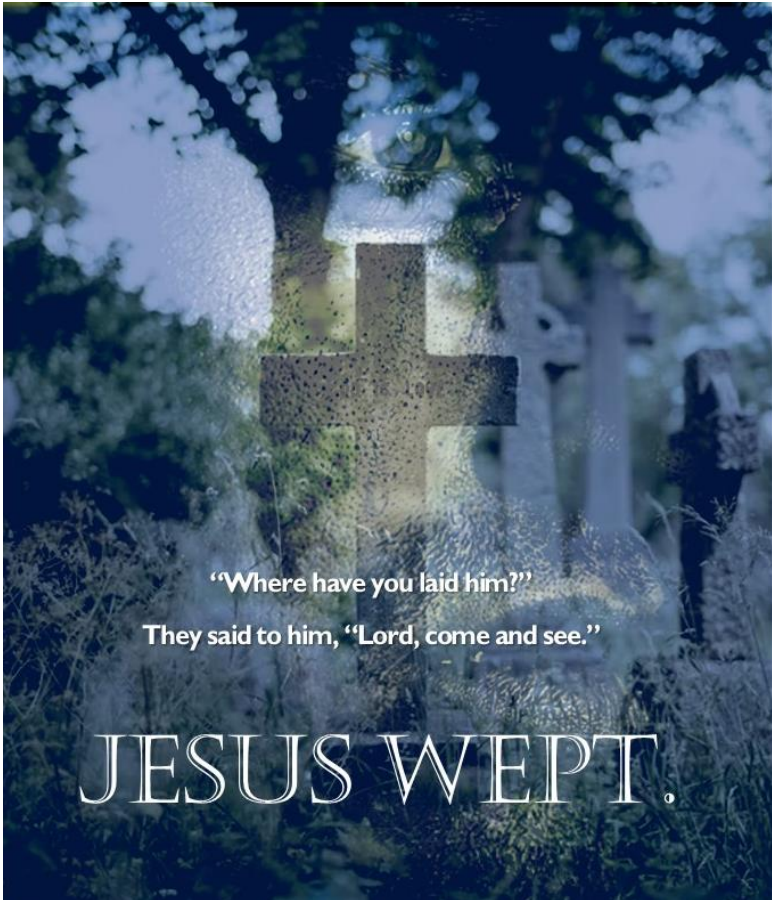




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“Where have you laid him?”

They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”

JESUS WEPT.

March 26, 2023 | Fifth Sunday in Lent

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Greeting*

*Announcements*

*Birthdays*

*Anniversaries*

### PRELUDE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us from the valley of dry bones.  
Come, listen for a word from our God.

**People: We hear God calling us in a far distant voice.  
We had nearly forgotten God's care for us.**

Leader: The Spirit breathes life into our dry bones.  
God offers hope when we have lost our way.

**People: Our souls wait for the refreshment God offers.  
Our spirits are filled with great expectation.**

Leader: Christ came as a light to all the world.  
Christ comes among us today to light our way.

**People: We hear the teacher calling for us.  
Christ unbinds us that we may see and believe.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #92 *"Love Divine"*

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

God of steadfast love, bring new life to this community of your people. We are eager to hear your voice and be filled with your Spirit. Come from the four winds, O Breath, and bring vitality and purpose to our gathering, that we might be energized and encouraged. Hear our voices, lifted in praise and crying out from our need. Be attentive to our applications, lest we die apart from you. Only you can unbind us and set us free. Amen.

### RED BAG MOMENT

*Caring for Us*

*Caring for Others*

*Praising God*

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #43 *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

**PASTORAL PRAYER    THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 11:1-45 #873

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "JESUS WEPT"

## **A TIME OF GIVING**

OFFERING INVITATION

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 #279 *"Faith of Our Fathers"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

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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
Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Scripture Reader	Sue Conkle
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Tom Janas, Judy McCurdy, Lynn Hollstein

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

# Church News

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*"The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world  
that it leaves to its children."*

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Just a reminder the deadline for Easter Lilies is this Friday,  
March 31st. Order forms are by all doors or you can call the  
church office and Kaye will be glad to take your order.

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# Craft Club

**Tuesday, March 28, 6:30-8:00 PM**

Craft Club's meeting is this Tuesday at the church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. They will meet in the Fireside Room. All are welcome. Please bring your current (or old) craft project to work on, and come have some fun fellowship with other crafters! *We can't wait to see you!*

## Compassionate Care Request

Just a reminder that we are accepting donations for our Easter Care Bags to 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*

## Circle Six Meeting

Circle Six will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, April 4 at 6:00 PM at Cole's Public House for our Anniversary Dinner. Each member is responsible for their own meal. Pastor Chris will provide the entertainment.



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

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

# FOOD PANTRY

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 in Pam's absence. *And, to everyone who continually donates. Welcome back Pam!*

More than 60% of the world's hungriest people are women and girls. Inequality – from early marriage and young motherhood to cultural barriers and lack of education – means girls are much more likely to be malnourished, causing immediate and long-term health problems.

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## 1994 Inaugural Speech of Nelson Mandela

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.  
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.  
It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.  
We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous,  
talented and fabulous?'  
Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God.  
Your playing small doesn't serve the world.  
There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other  
people won't feel insecure around you.  
We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.  
It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.  
And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give  
other people our permission to do the same. As we are liberated  
from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

## 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)

## Resource Fair, April 16, Noon-4PM

*Sponsored by Amherst Salvation Army*

The Fair will be held at Main Street Company and is free to the public. Tables are available for rent at the cost of \$10.00. Please contact Don Ramsey at (440) 988-9049, or (440) 315-4911 if you're interested in renting a table. Thank you!

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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!



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**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** -----

- Tues., March 28    Craft Club 6:30 PM Fireside Room  
                         Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
- Wed., March 29    YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM  
                         Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris, Sandstone 9-11 AM  
                         Breeze Chapel 7 PM
- Thurs., March 30   YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM  
                         Handbell Choir Practice 7:15 PM
- Sun., April 2        Palm Sunday 10 AM

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

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