



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

“FOR WE
WALK BY FAITH
NOT BY SIGHT.”

Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

April 16, 2023 | Second Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting

Announcements

Birthdays

Anniversaries

PRELUDE: "Prelude in E minor", J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP **(Stand as you are able.)*

Leader: We come again to celebrate resurrection.
God gives us new birth into a living hope.

**People: Death has no power over us.
Christ goes before us in the new life God offers.**

Leader: Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ!
Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed.

**People: Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice.
God shows us the path of life.**

Leader: Again, Jesus says to us: Peace be with you.
Come to receive life in Christ's name.

**People: We rejoice in God's amazing good news.
In God's presence, we find fullness of joy.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #249 *"Spirit of God"*

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

Your Easter people gather to praise you, amazing God. Continue to make your ways known to us. Fill us with your presence. We cannot live apart from you. Your counsel and instruction are with us day and night. We have only to open ourselves to your direction. Inspire in us fullness of joy, we pray, as we respond in faith to the risen Christ and embrace the tasks you set before us. Build up our sense of community that we may truly care for one another through all life's trials. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

RED BAG MOMENT

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #250 *"Come, Holy Spirit"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 20:19-31 #882

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "SEEING IS BELIEVING"

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Doxology **(Stand as you are able.)* #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: #259 *"Breathe on Me"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Prelude in F major", Josef Seger

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	Karen Geduldig
Ushers	Lynn Hollstein, Susan Cherry
	Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz

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

Church News

The silk flowers on the Altar were donated by Dot Wilford,
and arranged by Nataliia Kobiakova. Thank you both
for beautifying the house of God.

You are invited to **Springspiration Day** at **Pittsfield Community Church**, 17026 SR 58, Wellington on **Tuesday, April 18** from 10 AM-Noon. This event includes a concert and salad luncheon. Please call Phyllis Schindler (440) 647-0347 or Margaret Bates (440) 965-5773 to reserve your seat.

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Craft Club

Tuesday, April 25, 6:30-8:00 PM

Everyone is welcome to join us at Craft Club. Our meeting is always the last Tuesday of the month, at the church, from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Fireside Room. 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!*

An Update from the Spiritual Life Team

We look forward to and are anxiously ready for our Communion visits every Monday afternoon at 1:00 PM. We visit members who are at home, nursing homes, and hospitals. They are so grateful we bring church to them! If anyone would like a Communion visit, please call the church office (440) 988-4965. We are the hands and feet of Jesus ready to serve with His love.

Also, we would like to thank everyone who answers the call to be worship leader by sharing God's holy word, reading scripture for Sunday Worship.

Love, Blessings & Peace!

Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor, Judy McCurdy,
Don Ramsey and Pam Miskov

Church Council Meeting

Monday, April 17, 7PM, Zoom

Preschool Update

The Preschool Conferences will be held April 27-28.
The children will not be in class this day.



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. Pam Miskov will make sure donations are delivered. *Thanks Pam and to everyone who donates.*

The global population is expected to exceed 9 billion people by 2050. In the decades to come, a 30% decrease in crop yields is expected due to the climate change. In order to meet this growing demand for food, production will have to increase 60% by 2050.

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

Today from noon-4 PM

Sponsored by Amherst Salvation Army

The Resource Fair is today at the Main Street Amherst Community Center. It's free to the public. For more information please contact Don Ramsey at (440) 988-9049, or (440) 315-4911.



Garden Club Seeks Help!

The Garden Club is seeking volunteers to help with Spring Cleanup around the church. Sessions are short, about 1-1½ hr(s). We send out a One Call the day or two before a session, depending on weather. Also, we need help mowing the church yard. We have a rider to use. Please sign the back of the yellow attendance card or call the church office at (440) 988-4965 if interested. Thank you!

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., April 17	Spiritual Life visitations Church Council meeting Zoom 7 PM
Tues., April 18	Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
Wed., April 19	YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris, Sandstone 9-11 AM Clergy Meeting 11:30 Fireside Breeze Chapel 7 PM
Thurs., April 20	YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM Handbell Choir Practice 7:15 PM
Sun., April 23	Worship Service 10 AM

How To Reach Us

Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 8:30-12:30 PM *and* 1-2:30 PM
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