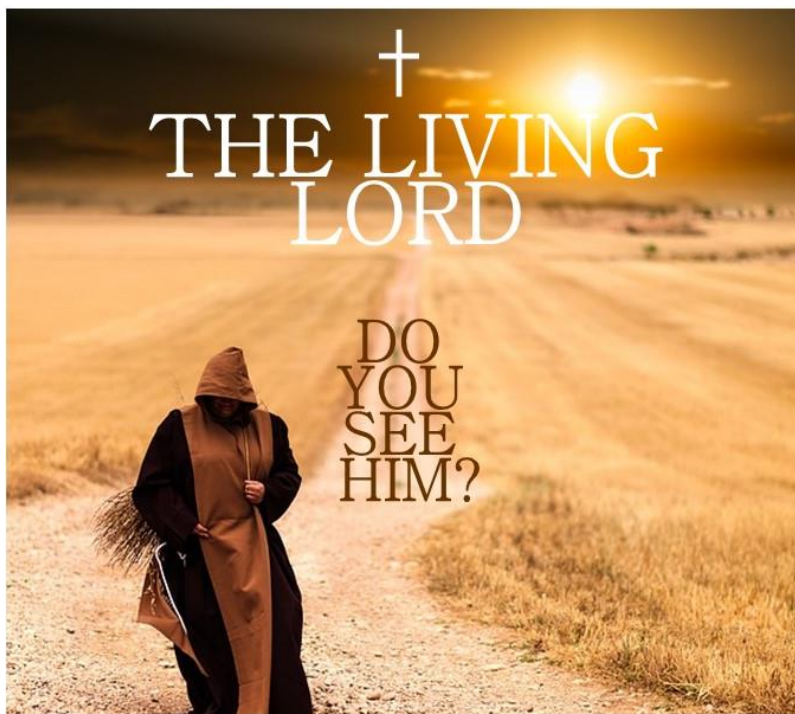




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When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

April 23, 2023 | Third Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Stand as you are able.)

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting

Announcements

Birthdays

Anniversaries

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

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

Leader: God has called us together for this time of worship.
God is listening to our thoughts and to our speaking.

**People: God inclines an ear to us and hears us.
God knows us better than we know ourselves.**

Leader: Let us open our hearts to the One who gives us life.
Let us set our faith and hope in God.

**People: In one another's presence, we renew our vows.
Together we offer our thanksgiving sacrifice.**

Leader: God's promises to us are ancient and ever new.
God is with us here and on all the roads we travel.

**People: Together we lift our voices in songs of praise.
Together we recognize we are precious in God's sight.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #92 "Love Divine"

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

Wondrous God, present with us when we do not know it,
valuing us when we do not care for ourselves, planting in us the
seed of your word even when the soil of our hearts is hard and
unyielding, open our eyes to recognize you here. May we sense
your presence next to us. May we hear your voice. May we know
your touch. May we see you in one another and in the beauty
all around us. May your reality emerge deep inside each life,
transforming our thoughts and deeds and our relationship with
one another. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

RED BAG MOMENT

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #373 *"Where He Leads Me"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: LUKE 24:13-35 #882

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: *"ON THE ROAD TO AMHERST"*

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: #483 *"Lead On 'O King Eternal"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Lento", John Alcock

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	Judy McCurdy
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Earl Wiegand Susan Cherry, Tom Janas

Please join us for a Potluck Fellowship Get-Together **next Sunday, April 30th** following the service in the Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to bring a dish to share, please see Christine Burman. She will have a sign-up sheet.

Church News

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!

Special Thanks!

Joan Whitman asked, and Geoff Gatz quickly responded. Thank you to Geoff Gatz for the beautiful, handcrafted railing. It matches the sanctuary wood décor so well, that it looks like it is part of the original design. This will greatly help our worship leader volunteers climb stairs safely.



YOUR JUNK *is* Somebody's TREASURE!

Church Members, as you are tackling your spring cleaning, please keep St. Peter's in mind. The church will be having a Rummage Sale this summer, probably the later part of July. Please, no clothing. Donations will be accepted a week before the sale. The sale will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Stay tuned! More information will be coming next month. If you're interested in helping, please contact Sue Conkle, (440) 537-1749, or Mary-K Kirsch, (216) 559-6160.



Meet the Pastor | Sandstone Coffee House, Amherst
Wednesday from 9-11:00 a.m.

An Update from Daniel Jacky

This Fall I will be attending the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University to get my Master's degree. I feel quite lucky to have had a lot of wonderful, supporting people around me in my life, and the people at St. Peter's are no exception to that. Many thanks to Pastor Chris, the choir, and congregation for all the wonderful experience I had while I was at Oberlin. I'll carry that with me wherever I go.

St. Peter's, I want you to know I'm still thinking of all of you!
All the best, Daniel

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Craft Club

JOIN US! 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 p.m. 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!*

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

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)

"The voyage of discovery is not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes." —MARCEL PROUST

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. Please sign the back of the yellow attendance card or call the church office at (440) 988-4965 if interested. Thank you!

Please note that the Gatz's will be mowing the church lawn until Gary Thompson is able to repair the riding mower. Once it's repaired we'll have a signup sheet available for mowers.

Circle Six May Meeting

Circle Six will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, May 2 in Fellowship Hall. The program will be "History of Amherst Quarries", presented by Bob Pallante. Members may invite guests and the program is open to the congregation. Members will hold a brief meeting at 6:00 (do not bring your meal - each member is requested to bring at least 1 dozen cookies). At 6:30 we will set up for the speaker, cookies, coffee and fellowship. The program will begin at 7:00.



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

Every Wednesday | 7:00 PM | St. Peter's Chapel

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 24	Spiritual Life visitations
Tues., April 25	Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
Wed., April 26	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 27	YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM Handbell Choir Practice 7:15 PM
Sun., April 30	Worship Service 10 AM

How To Reach Us

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