



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



“Blessed is the one
who comes in the
name of the Lord!”

April 2, 2023 | Palm Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting

Announcements

Birthdays

Anniversaries

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is a day of joyous welcome.
Yet joy is tempered by impending doom.

**People: We welcome Christ with waving branches.
We wait with Christ through hours of agony.**

Leader: Our leader comes humbly, riding a donkey.
Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.

**People: Jesus rides into the tumult of our times.
People still oppose the way of love.**

Leader: Yet love prevails in spite of opposition.
Give thanks that God's steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Open to us the gates of righteousness.
Let us enter in the light God offers.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #173 *"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*

*THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)*

Be gracious to us, O God, in our moments of grief and fear. Be with us as we rejoice in the day you have made. Our times are in your hands, both when we mourn and when we celebrate. Guide our thoughts and actions so we may appreciate the possibilities in every day. We trust in you, O God. Let your face shine on your servants. Amen.

RED BAG MOMENT

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #442 *"Take Time to Be Holy"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MATTHEW 21:1-11 #802

HANDBELL CHOIR: "Palm Sunday Celebration", Dan R. Edwards
Concordia Publishing House

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "AUTHORITY FIGURE"

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 #174 *"Hosanna"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated "quietly" during the postlude.

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Caring for Us

Caring for Others

Praising God



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	Mary-K Kirsch
Ushers	Judy McCurdy, Geoff & Linda Gatz

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

Church News

"One act of obedience is better than one hundred sermons."

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Circle Six Meeting

Circle Six is holding their annual bake sale today, Palm Sunday, April 2 in Fellowship Hall. Come on down and check it out. Most items are free will donation.

Circle Six will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, April 4th 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. *Sally Readinger, President*

April Sermon Scriptures:

April 2: Matthew 21:1-11 Palm Sunday 10 AM *(no Communion)*
April 6: John 13:1-17, 31-35 Maundy Thursday 7PM *(Communion)*
April 9: John 20:1-18 Easter Sunday 10 AM *(Communion)*
April 16: John 20:19-31
April 23: Luke 24:13-35
April 30: John 10:1-10



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

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



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

St. Peter's Preschool Hours

MWF: 9-12 PM morning class

Tues./Thurs.: 9-12 PM morning & 12:30-3:15 PM afternoon

Wendy Kosakowski, Director, phone: 440-985-1972

Please note that the Preschool will be on Spring Break starting Monday, April 3rd returning Tues., April 11th.

No Bible Study on Tuesday, April 4th.

Pastor Chris will be joining Circle Six for their Anniversary Dinner. We will resume Bible Study the following week.



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 to Good Shepherd. *Thanks to everyone who donates.*

A child's death sends shockwaves through a community and sadly, 45% of young lives under the age of five are lost to hunger and hunger-related causes. For families facing poverty, conflict, extreme weather events and displacement, finding nutritious food for children every day can be impossible.

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)

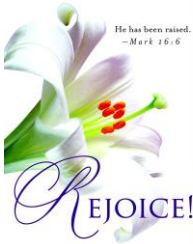
Cancelled this Thursday, April 6 due to Maundy Thursday service.

Reminder!

Good Friday Breakfast Invitation

Penny Knepper is hosting a breakfast on April 7th, Good Friday at her home for all the women of the church from 9-11 AM.

6421 South Dewey Road, Amherst, OH 44001



The Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 7th.
Please contact Pastor Chris if there is an urgent need on his
cell phone: (920) 650-0761.

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 3 Preschool Spring Break through April 10th
Spiritual Life Visitations 1 PM
- Tues., April 4 Circle Six Meeting & Anniversary Dinner
6 PM at Cole Public House
No Bible Study
- Wed., April 5 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris, Sandstone 9-11 AM
No Breeze Chapel
- Thurs., April 6 Compassionate Care Meeting Fireside 10:30 AM
YOGA with Mary-K CANCELLED this evening
Maundy Thursday Service 7 PM
- Fri., April 7 Good Friday - *the office will be closed*
Women's Breakfast at Penny Knepper's 9-11 AM
- Sun., April 9 EASTER – "He is Risen" 10 AM Communion

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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