



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



ALLELUIA,
CHRIST IS RISEN!

April 9, 2023 | Easter Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting

Announcements

Birthdays

Anniversaries

PRELUDE

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

Leader: Day has dawned and shadows are left behind.
The stone is rolled away and hope is reborn.

**People: This is the day that our God has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: God opens to us the gates of righteousness.
We enter to give thanks to our God.

**People: We give thanks, for our God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Set your mind on things that are above.
Look up and welcome Christ's appearing.

**People: We have been raised with Christ.
Glory is being revealed to us on this holy day.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #234 *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

*THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)*

God of amazing surprises, the story of Easter is ever new. Suddenly we are aware of your presence with us. We had lost touch with you. Our minds were full of worries and distractions, set on things of this earth. Our spirits felt the grip of death. Jesus seemed a legend from the past, not a real person who shared our common lot. But today, you awaken something new within us. We hear the cry, Christ is risen, and we want to respond. Dry our tears and call our name. We need the good news of Easter. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

RED BAG MOMENT

Caring for Us

Caring for Others

Praising God

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #213 *"Because He Lives"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 20:1-18 #882

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: *"IT'S NEVER OVER"*

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. *(Please be seated.)*
*(**alternate: Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A TIME TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(We offer one another the peace of Christ for the week ahead.)

*HYMN SENDING FORTH: #217 *"Christ The Lord is Risen Today"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(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	Don Ramsey
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Gary Thompson, Betty Pekare

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

Church News

The Palms in front of the Altar are from
Lynn Hollstein and Karen Geduldig in memory
of Loved Ones.



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.

Church Council Meeting, April 17, 7PM, Zoom

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 return from Spring Break on Tuesday, March 11th.

April Sermon Scriptures:

April 16: John 20:19-31

April 23: Luke 24:13-35

April 30: John 10:1-10

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)



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.

Easter Lilies

Please remember to pick up your Easter Lilies after church today, between 11:45 AM-12:15 PM. For those that have donated their lily(s) to Compassionate Care, they will make sure to deliver them to our homebound members. Thank you to everyone for beautifying the house of God!

Resource Fair, April 16, Noon-4 PM

Sponsored by Amherst Salvation Army

The Resource 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.



Garden Club Seeks Help!

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 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 10 Pastor Chris out of the office
 Spiritual Life Visitations 1-4 PM
- Tues., April 11 Preschool returns from Spring Break
 Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
- Wed., April 12 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
 Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris, Sandstone 9-11 AM
 Breeze Chapel 7 PM
- Thurs., April 13 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Quarry Café, 9:30 AM
 YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM
- Sat., April 15 Boy Scouts cleaning out shed
- Sun., April 16 Worship Service 10 AM

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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