



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Spiritual Gold

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

May 7, 2023 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Stand as you are able.)

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting

Announcements

Birthdays

Anniversaries

PRELUDE: "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table", Paul Kretzschmar

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

Leader: Gaze into heaven and see the glory of God.
Lift up your eyes to behold the risen Christ.

**People: God is our rock of refuge, a strong fortress.
Christ leads us and guides us every day.**

Leader: Indeed, you have tasted the goodness of God.
You have known the presence of Christ, God's
chosen one.

**People: Every day we long for pure spiritual milk.
Each day, we are inspired by the living Christ.**

Leader: Then let us lay our troubles at Christ's feet.
Let us enter the sanctuary God prepares for us.

**People: We have come to find the way, the truth, and the life.
We are here to ask and to receive and to serve.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #276 *"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"*

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

Open your heavens to us, God of all worlds. We long for the pure spiritual milk you provide so we may grow into salvation. We are your people, sisters and brothers of your Chosen One. Let us this day be built into a spiritual house, a community of your faithful people. Keep us from judging those whose views differ from our own, or from throwing stones at those with whom we disagree. Incline your ear to us and rescue us from ourselves, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

RED BAG MOMENT

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #350 *"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 14:1-14 #877

HANDBELL CHOIR: "Pachelbel's Canon in D", by Johann Pachelbel

Arr. by Janet Linker & Jane McFadden, Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "SPIRITUAL GOLD"

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 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: #323 *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

BENEDICTION

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

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
Organist
Zoom Director
Worship Producer
Handbell Choir Director
Scripture Reader
Ushers

Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor
Allen Cadwallader
Mary K. Kirsch
Brian Schieferstein
Shelley Harmych
Penny Knepper
Tom Janas, Gary Thompson
Earl Wiegand, Fred Helyes

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!



Give it a Try! Join Pastor Chris for a 30-minute Worship
Every Wednesday | 7:00 PM | St. Peter's Chapel



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. More information 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.

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)

St. Peter's Preschool "Mother's Day" Party

The Preschool classes will be sharing "Mother's Day" with someone special on Thursday, May 11 at 10:30 & 1:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall, and Friday at 10:30 AM.

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

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.*

*The only Christian you want to listen to is the one
who gives you more of a hunger for God.*



MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 14

MENTAL HEALTH SUNDAY, MAY 21

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 28

MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 29

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Thursday, May 11, Quarry Café, 9:30 AM

Join Pastor Chris this Thursday for breakfast, devotional, and prayer, as we continue to build Godly relationships.



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!

Blood Drive Update

For those of you that signed up to give blood, please note that due to scheduling conflicts at Vitalant our planned drive has been moved to November 5, 2023. As that day gets closer we will send out reminders. 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., May 8	Spiritual Life visitations
Tues., May 9	Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
Wed., May 10	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., May 11	Men's Breakfast, Quarry Café, 9:30 AM YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM No Handbell Choir Practice
Sun., May 14	Worship Service 10 AM & Mother's Day

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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