



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



GOD CALLED ABRAM

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

June 11, 2023 | Second Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: "Psalm XIX", Marcello

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

Leader: God calls us out of places known and secure.
 God invites us into a living, trusting relationship.

**People: Happy are those whom God chooses as a heritage.
 God's counsel to every generation comes to us.**

Leader: God continues to bring new worlds into being.
 God is constantly offering new opportunities to us.

**People: We are called away from empty pursuits.
 God wants to employ our talents for the
 common good.**

Leader: Let us worship God with our whole being.
 Let us use all our talents to praise our Creator.

**People: Praise God with instruments we have made.
 Sing praises with voices God has given.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #25 *"Immortal, Invisible"*

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

God Most High, it is hard to hear you calling us, for there are many competing voices vying for our attention. It is difficult to believe your promises because we have been misled by so many empty commitments. We are hesitant to hope for healing and fulfillment amid the living death so many experience in our times. Yet, as we gather here to touch the Unseen Presence, we are moved to rejoice. We stand in awe before you, eager to live by faith, anticipating your mercy, giving thanks for your word. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

RICK BRAMWELL GRANT PRESENTATION

Miranda Estanek

Daughter of Heather Torres
& Granddaughter of Cindy & Ken Bring

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #34 *"The God of Abraham"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: GENESIS 12:1-9 #8

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "HOLD, PLEASE"

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 OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN SENDING FORTH: #18 *"Come, We That Love the Lord"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Prelude in D Major", Fischer

(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	Don Krueck
Ushers	Earl Wiegand, Gary Thompson Fred Helyes, Judy McCurdy

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

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!



Outdoor Worship and Potluck Picnic, June 18!

Please join us next Sunday for our first Outdoor Worship service in the courtyard. Chairs will be set up, but bring your own, if that would be more comfortable for you. And, immediately following our worship, we will have a Potluck Picnic down in the Fellowship Hall.



Please continue to share what you are able so that the children in our community are fed. Our partnership with Good Shepherd Baptist Food Pantry helps with the Weekend Children's Backpack Program. 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 still collect 'regular food items' for families. 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.*

"...and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward." - Matthew 10:42



RUMMAGE SALE-*bring your donated items!*

Items can be brought to the church during business hours, Mon.-Fri., 8:30-2:30 PM and Sunday mornings. Items can be placed on the tables in designated areas on the long tables, or just set on the front tables in the Fellowship Hall.

Please, no clothing or shoes. If you need to bring your items in through the elevator, please call Kaye at (440) 988-4965 and she will let you in. If you're interested in helping, please contact Sue Conkle (440) 537-1749 or Mary-K Kirsch (216) 559-6160.

Congratulations to the Kobiakovs!

Anton & Nataliia will be celebrating their 20th Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday, June 13th. You still have time to drop off a card to the church office.

Hlib's girlfriend, Milana, will be representing the Ukrainian Church in Lorain at this year's International Festival June 23-25, at 421 Black River Lane, Lorain.

Prior to that, on **June 20th** she will be part of the Sacred Music Concert held at **St. Peter's Church in Lorain** at 7:00 p.m., starting with the presentation of the Princesses at 6:30 p.m. The church is on one level and has plenty of parking in front and behind the building. Geoff and I have attended the concert before and the music has been great. There is no cost and it is a nice way to show your support for the Ukrainians.

Altar Guild Still Needs Help!

The Altar Guild desperately needs help and are looking for new members, including couples. We help with tasks in the Sanctuary and also prepare Communion. Please call the church office at (440) 988-4965 or email admin.ofc@stpetersamherst.org if interested. Thank you!

Message from the Craft Club

Please note that the Craft Club is on hiatus for the summer months of June, July, and August.

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)

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., June 12	Spiritual Life visits 1-4 PM
Tues., June 13	Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
Wed., June 14	YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM No Breeze Chapel
Thurs., June 15	YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM
Sun., June 18	Outdoor Worship Service 10 AM and Potluck Picnic in the Fellowship Hall

How To Reach Us

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