



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

“Blessed is the man who trusts
in the Lord.” -JEREMIAH 17.7

June 18, 2023 | Third Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Stand as you are able.)

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting

Announcements

Birthdays

Anniversaries

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

Leader: This is a time of God's appearing; let us worship!
Let us recognize that God is within and among us.

People: **God's ear is inclined toward us.**
We know that God listens and hears our prayers.

Leader: We are here to offer our thanks to God.
We will pay our vows to God in the presence of others.

People: **We are grateful for the grace in which we stand.**
We praise God with great joy and gladness.

Leader: God bears us up on eagles' wings.
God draws us into covenant community.

People: **We will listen for God's commandments.**
We will seek to do all that God requires.

***HYMN OF PRAISE: #279 "Faith of Our Fathers"**

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

God of all creation, help us to recognize your presence among us.
May we greet one another as your precious children and as
messengers of your care. Help us offer such hospitality to one
another that even the most skeptical among us will be touched by
love. You are love; in you we find hope amid our weakness and
doubt. Let your glory shine in this place today as we lift up the
cup of salvation and call on your name. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #536 "Happy the Home"

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

Caring for Us

Caring for Others

Praising God

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: GENESIS 18:1-15 #12

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER"

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: #560 "For the Beauty"

BENEDICTION

(Please remain seated "quietly" during the postlude.)

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*God bears us up on eagles' wings.
God draws us into covenant community.*



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	Stacy Gleason
Ushers	Al Murphy, Lynn Hollstein

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!

**Join us for a 'Potluck Picnic'
immediately following
our worship service!**

"When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you..."

-Luke 14:12-14

FOOD PANTRY

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 will make sure donations are delivered. *Thanks Pam and to all who donate.*



Saturday, July 29, 9-3 PM

RUMMAGE SALE - To benefit the Pipe Organ Fund!

Entrance will be through the garage & elevator.

Sales will be in the lobby, garage and Fellowship Hall.

Please continue to bring your donated items to the church 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.

TO ALL THE FATHERS WHO...

Stepped up, plugged in, held on, forged ahead, committed to, learned how, embraced all, encountered much, battled through, held tight, loved soft, never quit, backed off, let loose, braved courage, faced fears, prayed for, tightened up, loosened reigns, remembered when, helped often, inspired much, led forward, stayed true, taught morals, found strength, said yes, valued life, reasoned well, gave in, made time, had fun, helped out, played fair, took care, provided plenty, let go, stood up, swallowed pride, changed paths, took risks, dug deep, went easy, pushed forward, fought for, carried burdens, kept going, dreamed big, never quit, shed tears, forgave often, found patience, shined light, suffered pain, made dates, had faith, showed respect, wrote notes, held hands, stayed safe, laughed loud, lost sleep, slowed down, tackled chores, tried hard, let win, chose right, opened up, gave grace, got involved, gave your all...

I COMMEND YOU.



No Breeze worship for the months of June and July.



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)



**Our next Outdoor Worship Service
will be Sunday, July 16**

*I will praise You, O Lord my God,
with all my heart, And
I will glorify Your name forevermore.*

-Psalm 86 12

We hope you enjoyed worshipping outside.
If you are a visitor, we hope you come back again!

HAVE A
BLESSED WEEK!

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 19 Council Meeting 7 PM Zoom
 Spiritual Life Visits 1-4 PM
- Tues., June 20 Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
- Wed., June 21 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
 Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
 Clergy Lunch Meeting 11:30 AM Fireside Room
 No Breeze Chapel
- Thurs., June 22 YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM
- Sun., June 25 Worship Service 10 AM
- Pastor Chris will be starting his vacation June 25th after worship Service and will return on July 5th.

How To Reach Us

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