



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



INDEPENDENCE DAY

“For you were called to freedom, brothers.
Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for
the flesh, but through love serve one another.”

—Galatians 5:13

July 2, 2023 | Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Stand as you are able.)

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** “Pax Vobiscum” - “Peace Be With You”

(Stand as you are able.)

Leader: We have come to this church, leave it not without a prayer. This is the House of God and God is here.

People: **WE PRAY THEN TO GOD WHO LOVES US AND BIDS US WELCOME AND AWAITS OUR GREETING.**

Leader: Give thanks for those who in past ages built this place to God’s glory and for those who dying that we might live, have preserved for us our heritage.

People: **WE PRAY THAT WE MAY BUILD THE SPIRITUAL FABRIC OF THIS NATION IN TRUTH, BEAUTY, AND GOODNESS, AND THAT AS WE DRAW NEAR TO GOD THROUGH OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, WE MAY DRAW NEARER TO ONE ANOTHER IN PERFECT FELLOWSHIP. AMEN.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** #610 “*My Eyes Have Seen The Glory*” (see insert)

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

O God, you offer us freedom, but not to hurt others or to hurt ourselves. You invite us to live in the freedom of your love that is always to be shared fairly and justly. You invite us to lose our dependence on the things of the world and to trust that you will be present to guide and sustain us. We offer grateful thanks for your presence in our lives. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

*HYMN OF MEDITATION: #571 *"My Country 'Tis of Thee"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: PSALM 77:14-20 #467

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: GALATIANS 5:1, 13, 14, 22, 23 #948

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "THE FOOTPRINTS OF GOD"

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

THE PRESENTATION OF THE QUILTS OF VALOR *(Please be seated.)*

A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN SENDING FORTH: #572 *"O Beautiful For Spacious Skies"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(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	Neil Wasilk
Ushers	Betty Pekare

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!

Thank you to our Guest Minister, Rev. Paul Eaton

Paul served actively in the United Church of Christ for 38 1/2 years before he retired in 2016. His final yoked pastorate was at St. John's U.C.C. in South Amherst and the Henrietta U.C.C. in Henrietta which he served for 25 1/2 years .

*How majestic is God's name in all the earth!
We see God's glory in the expanse of the heavens.*

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.*



Please note that we will not be having Breeze worship for the months of June and July.



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

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

THURS., JULY 13, 9:30 AM AT QUARRY CAFÉ

All men are invited to join us at Quarry Café in Amherst. We have members from Brownhelm UCC who join us. Contact Pastor Chris for more information.

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42



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

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 note that Pastor Chris will be returning from vacation on Wednesday, July 5th. The office will be closed Monday-Tuesday as I am taking a day off Monday, and closed Tuesday in observance of July 4th Independence Day.

Have a wonderful celebration with your family. -Kaye



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.

Keep bringing 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 at (440) 537-1749 or Mary-K Kirsch (216) 559-6160.

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-Tues., July 3-4	Office will be closed. Pastor on vacation. Kaye will be out.
Wed., July 5	Pastor Chris will be back in the office. YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM No Breeze Chapel
Thurs., July 6	Compassionate Care Meeting 10:30 AM Fireside YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM
Fri., July 7	Miskov Wedding Rehearsal
Sat., July 8	Miskov Wedding (<i>begins at noon in the Sanctuary</i>)
Sun., July 9	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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