



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

... is like a mustard seed
... is like treasure hidden in a field
... is like a merchant in search of fine pearls
... is like a net that was thrown into the sea

—Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

July 30, 2023 | Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting

Announcements

Birthdays

Anniversaries

PRELUDE

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

Leader: Let us call on our God and give thanks.
Let hearts rejoice as we sing God's praise.

People: **Glory be to God in whose covenant we find life.
Let all the people tell of God's wonderful works.**

Leader: Let us open ourselves continually to God's presence.
Let us seek the strength that God alone provides.

People: **Surely the Spirit helps us in our weakness.
The Spirit searches our hearts and enlarges
our prayers.**

Leader: Who can separate us from the love of God?
Will hardship, distress, or peril overcome us?

People: **Nothing can separate us from God's love.
We can face all things, knowing God's care.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** #43 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

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

Meet us here, holy God, to search our hearts and strengthen our spirits. Plant your Word among us that it may spring up in nurturing, inviting ways for the sake of all your creatures. May we find in these moments of worship the assurance we need to live triumphantly in the face of loss, discouragement, and suffering. Lead us, by the teaching and example of Jesus Christ, to trust you and your will for us. We believe that whatever

happens, you can bring some good from it. Show us, O God, the good you intend. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

*HYMN OF MEDITATION: #410 *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52 #795

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "ONE SMALL STEP"

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: #349 *"Trust and Obey"*

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	Stacy Gleason
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Judy McCurdy, Tom Janas

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!

"When leaving the church, please make sure to push the door closed. There have been times it's left unlocked." Thank you!



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

“Send out your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will get it back”. -Ecclesiastes 11:1-6



Our partnership with Good Shepherd Baptist Food Pantry continues to help feed children in the “Weekend Children’s Backpack Program”. We also collect ‘regular food items’ for families that have food insecurities. 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

Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. Pam Miskov will make sure donations are delivered. ***Thanks to Pam and everyone who donates.***



Please note that we will not be having Breeze worship in August, but will resume in September.

Please note that I will be out of the office for vacation Monday, July 31-August 2. Pastor Chris will be available mornings. Please call the church at 440-988-4965 or (920) 650-0761 if you need to reach him. *Thank you, Kaye*



A Huge Thank you to Everyone!

Whether you donated items, shared the date, helped set up tables, or worked the day of the sale, thank you for making our Rummage Sale *fundraiser* happen! We will give a more detailed report in the August Key and next week's bulletin.

Also, we still have items available in the Fellowship Hall.

Please 'stop down and shop' after worship!

Teamwork as the Body of Christ

There are many people on a team, but there is one group.
There are many believers, but there is only one body of Christ.
YOU ARE THAT BODY!

*"How good and pleasant it is when God's people
live together in unity!" - Psalm 133:1*

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)

Hey Everyone, there's been a mix-up!
Whoever has the **Offering Envelopes, Box 95**, please contact
the church office at (440) 988-4965. *Thank you!*

REMEMBER,
YOU ARE LOVED!
MAKE IT A
GREAT WEEK.



At St. Peter's we work together in love to build strong foundations for our lives in Christ. This firm foundation allows us to put **"Arms and Legs on Christ's love in the world."** We believe that God is calling you to be embraced by God's radical love and to be a part of this foundation of faith.

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.-Wed. Kaye will be out of the office
Mon., July 31 Spiritual Life Visitations 1-4 PM
Tues., Aug. 1 Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
Wed., Aug. 2 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
No Breeze Chapel
Thurs., Aug. 3 YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM
Sun., Aug. 6 Worship Service 10 AM
Communion Sunday

----- **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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