



**ST. PETER'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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## LETTING GO

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“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

—Matthew 11:28-30

July 9, 2023 | Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\*(Stand as you are able.)*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Greeting*

*Announcements*

*Birthdays*

*Anniversaries*

### PRELUDE

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

**Leader:** Come with joy and gladness to praise and honor God.  
Come to the refreshing waters that God provides.

**People:** **God is gracious and merciful and full of  
compassion. All creation joins us in giving thanks.**

**Leader:** Give ear, all people, to the law of God.  
Give thanks for all the guidance God gives us.

**People:** **God upholds all who are falling.  
God raises us up when we are bowed down.**

**Leader:** Come, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens.  
Come, for Christ has promised rest.

**People:** **The gentle spirit of Christ invites us.  
We have come to find rest for our souls.**

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

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

We come together, gracious God, because we have heard your invitation. We sense that you alone know the burdens we carry. You understand our weariness. Sometimes our journey seems long and without respite. We long for the refreshment you provide as we come to worship you. The anticipation of this hour of rest and nourishment fills us with renewed joy and gladness. We thank you, God, that your revelation comes to us, not because we are worthy, but because we are open to your word. Open our hearts to receive all you offer. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: #504 *"He Touched Me"*

**PASTORAL PRAYER    THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30 #792

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "LETTING GO OF STUFF"

## **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: #47 *"God Will Take Care of You"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

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**"As you leave worship service this morning, please push the door closed if there is no one following you." Thanks, Al**



*Everyone is Welcome!*

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**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	Joan Whitman
Ushers	Liam Gleason, Tom Janas, Christine Burman, Shelley Harmych

# Church News

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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!

*Come, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens.  
Come, for Christ has promised rest.*



Please note that we will not be having Breeze worship for the months of July. We'll update soon for August.

*“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 Pam and everyone who donates.***

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with PASTOR CHRIS

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

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## **Men’s Fellowship Breakfast**

**THURSDAY, JULY 13, 9:30 AM | QUARRY CAFÉ**

Men, are you free the second Thursday morning of the month? Then stop out to join Pastor Chris and other men who participate in the Men’s Fellowship Breakfast! Come and see what it’s all about! *Questions?* Please contact Pastor Chris for more information, or just join us on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.



## **Outdoor Worship Service Sunday, July 16**

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## **Saturday, July 29, 9-3 PM**

***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.

# Congratulations!

## Nicole & Denis

### JULY 8, 2023



Nicole Miskov & Denis Shperdheja were married at St. Peter's this past Saturday. May God bless your marriage!

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### 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)

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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

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- Tues., July 11 Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
- Wed., July 12 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM  
Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM  
No Breeze Chapel
- Thurs., July 13 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 9:30 AM Quarry Cafe  
YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM
- Sun., July 16 Outdoor Worship Service 10 AM

## How To Reach Us

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