



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Putting "Arms and
Legs on Christ's love
in the world."

**"YOU OF LITTLE FAITH,
WHY DID YOU DOUBT?"**

—Matthew 14:31

August 13, 2023 | Eleventh 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: Over the wind and waves, Christ comes to us.
Do not fear to meet Christ here.

People: **We have heard the invitation.
Our hopes have brought us together.**

Leader: The storms of life do not have the last word.
Our faith keeps us from sinking.

People: **Our doubts lead to greater faith.
Our losses open us to greater possibilities.**

Leader: Let us call on God's name and give thanks.
Let the hearts of all who seek God rejoice.

People: **We will sing of God's wonderful works.
We will share with others God's marvelous deeds.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE: #96** *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

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

We seek your presence, holy God. Break through all our pretenses that we might sense the vibrant energy embracing the whole universe yet know ourselves to be personally loved within the vast expanse of space and time. How amazing are all the miracles of life that surround us! We praise you. We thank you. We bow in awe before you. In this hour, we pray that our faith

may be enlivened, our trust deepened, our commitment expanded to meet the challenges of our times. Amen.
(Please be seated.)

*HYMN OF MEDITATION: #373 *"Where He Leads Me"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MATTHEW 14:22-33 #796

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "WALK ON WATER"

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	Sally Readinger
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Earl Wiegand Sue Cherry

Please Keep St. Peter's Safe

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

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!

Correction on the 50/50 Raffle-the winner was
Todd Ramsey, Don's son. Congratulations Todd!
A special THANKS to Luena Beale for coordinating
the 50/50 Raffle!

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



Next week, August 20th **OUTDOOR WORSHIP!**

Chairs will be set up outside in the front lawn
for our outdoor worship services. Please feel
free to bring your own chair.



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

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) **A JUST WORLD FOR ALL**

The envelopes in your bulletin is for the support of OCWM. This
fund helps the work done by the UCC in its' Associations and
Conferences, and in the national and global church. OCWM
funds are invested in programs, resources, and tools needed to
keep local UCC churches strong, effective, and growing. Thank
you for your support to keep churches alive!

Rummage Sale Final Count

At this time the total profit on the Rummage Sale equals \$2,267.68! There may be more money coming in as Luena will be trying to sell items at her garage sale, and some items will be placed on Marketplace. Congratulations to everyone who helped! Outstanding job!

YOU ARE ALL AMAZING! BRAVO!

“The one who is gracious to the poor lends to the Lord, and the Lord will repay him for his good deed.” -Proverbs 19:17



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.***

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar have been placed there by the family of Carl Nau in memory of Carl. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during the difficult days ahead. May God comfort them and give them peace.

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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)

Tomorrow, we welcome back our Preschool Teachers!



Wendy Kosakowski Heather Nail Kerri Kobyłka Ms. Stempowski

We appreciate all they do & their dedication to our 'little ones'.
Classes resume Tuesday, Sept. 5th.

PRAY for a GREAT YEAR!



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., Aug. 14	Preschool Teachers are back Spiritual Life visitations 1-4 PM
Tues., Aug. 15	Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
Wed., Aug. 16	YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM No Breeze Chapel
Thurs., Aug. 17	YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM
Sun., Aug. 20	"Outdoor" Worship Service 10 AM

----- **How To Reach Us** -----

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