



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



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



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FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND

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“YOU GIVE THEM  
SOMETHING TO EAT.”

—Matthew 14:16

August 6, 2023 | Tenth 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 into the presence of God to be fed.  
Come to call on God, who is eager to answer.

**People:** **We gather to seek God's face.**  
**Let our eyes see all that is right and true.**

**Leader:** Incline your ears to hear all God would teach.  
Seek to experience God's steadfast love.

**People:** **We are here to receive God's blessing.**  
**God is our refuge in a frightening world.**

**Leader:** God is near to all who call and seek.  
Come to praise God and receive a blessing.

**People:** **Open all our senses to pay close attention, O God.**  
**We want to renew our covenant with the living God.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE:** #269 *"O Word of God Incarnate"*

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

We are in awe before you, O God, for you have provided for us in rich abundance. The earth is full of your provisions. There is beauty all around us from the work of your hands. You have surrounded us with people who care about us with the love of Christ. Help us, O God, to count our blessings. Point us beyond our cries and complaints that we might realize our capacity to

act in your name for the sake of others. As we wrestle with issues of faith and trust, help us to risk our false security for the venture of feeding others in the spirit of Christ. Amen.

*(Please be seated.)*

\*HYMN OF MEDITATION: #274 *"Bread of Life"*

**PASTORAL PRAYER    THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MATTHEW 14:13-21 #796

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "BREAD AND FISH"

## **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

## **A TIME OF GOING OUT**

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

\*HYMN SENDING FORTH: #323 *"Let Us Break Bread"*

## 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	Penny Knepper
Ushers	Gary Thompson, Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz, Betty Pekare

## Please Keep our Church 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

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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!



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.

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## **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.

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

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## **Good Morning St. Peter's!**

I talked with Pastor Chris about raising money to buy a lawn  
mower, a blower, and an edger. With the help of friends and  
church family, we sold 50/50 raffle tickets to buy these tools.

We were \$134.00 short of our goal. Joan Whitman and I  
donated the remainder. My friend, Pam Block donated an  
electric string trimmer with 2 batteries.

I would like to thank everyone who bought 50/50 tickets and  
gave cash. I want to thank my friends, neighbors, and my  
family from Tennessee. And, friends from Virginia, and  
Michigan who bought tickets. With your help we made this  
happen.

The BIG WINNER was Don Ramsey!

A special thanks to Joan Whitman for being my cashier at our  
sale on Saturday. And, a special thanks to Kaye Oswald for all  
her help.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH,  
GOD BLESS,**

Luena

## 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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### Rummage Sale Success!

Once again we want to THANK EVERYONE who helped to make this 'fundraising event' happen! No matter how big or small your part, it all contributed to a successful rummage sale. We are still getting donations in, so we'll report our profit next Sunday.

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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

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Mon., Aug. 7	Don Swift, Celebration of Life, 10 AM, Sanctuary
Tues., Aug. 8	Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
Wed., Aug. 9	YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM No Breeze Chapel
Thurs., Aug. 10	YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM
Sun., Aug. 13	Worship Service 10 AM

## How To Reach Us

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