



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



*“Be careful how you live, not as unwise people
but as wise, making the most of the time,
because the days are evil.”*

EPHESIANS 5:15-16

August 15, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

A TIME OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

Announcements

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Prayers

Joys

Concerns

Psalm 118

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice
and be glad in it! Worship has begun.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Don Krueck)*

Leader: God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy.
Let us join our voices in giving thanks.

People: **The works of God are all around us.
Those who share in God's work lack
for nothing.**

Leader: We are called to faithfulness, as God is faithful.
We are people of the covenant, gathered
to please God.

People: **Holy and awesome is God's name.
The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.**

Leader: Come, then, as wise and faithful people.
Come, as a beloved community of
the redeemed.

People: **We are amazed that God remembers us.
We reach out to the God who cares for us.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE: #1** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"*

THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)*

God of steadfast love, your works delight our hearts and expand our thoughts. Your grace and mercy draw us together to praise you and to celebrate your wonderful deeds. Dwell among us today, and reign within the lives of each one gathered here, helping us to grow in discernment and understanding. Grant wisdom and courage that we may walk in your ways and keep your commandments. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI #623

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 111 *(Don Krueck)*

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever
mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #284 *“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”*

Pastoral Prayer The Lord’s Prayer

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS 5:15-20 *(Don Krueck)*

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC

“Red and Gold” Performed by Pastor Chris; by the Brothers

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION: “A LIFE WELL LIVED”

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

*Doxology #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.

(*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 #286 *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

BENEDICTION

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**Everyone is Welcome! Feel at home,
for Christ Jesus is our host.**

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
Zoom Director
Worship Producer
Zoom Projector
Organist
Scripture Reader

Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor
Mary K. Kirsch
Brian Schieferstein
Jennifer Wasilk
Daniel Jacky
Don Krueck



St. Peter's Preschool Update

Preschool is ramping up to begin the new school year. The teachers are busy getting their classrooms ready. Classes are full with 102 students. We will start the year with parent night in the Sanctuary on Aug. 23 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. The Preschool Open House will be on Wed., Aug. 25 from 4:00-7:30 p.m. in the Preschool wing. *Thank you!* Wendy Kosakowski, St. Peter's Preschool Director



Come join the fun! Everyone is invited to Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris at Arabica's, 254 Park Ave., Amherst, **every Wednesday from 9-11:00 a.m.** This has been a great time for socializing with others, and getting to know Pastor Chris a little better! *We hope to see you on Wednesdays!*

New CDC Guidelines for Church

Council has made the decision to open slowly and carefully with precaution, guided by the CDC and the state of Ohio guidelines. Based on science and local Covid data we will make determinations on how to proceed while keeping our congregation safe.

Beginning June 27th, vaccinated people may enter the sanctuary without a mask; unvaccinated individuals are asked to continue to wear a mask. We will continue to social distance in the marked pews, with families allowed to sit together. Hymnals,

pew cards, passing of the collection plate and communion may be reintroduced at a later date. *Please wear your mask if you want to sing aloud.* Elbow bump and the peace sign are acceptable forms of greeting; no hand shaking. We ask that you socialize outside in the parking lot. This is a fluid situation and may possibly change from week to week. Thanks to all of you for your continued patience.



FOOD PANTRY – *If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.*

The Food Pantry is currently in the need of the following items:

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| Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken) | Kleenex | Paper Towels |
| Canned Soup (Pop top lids) | Spaghetti Sauce | Pasta |
| Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids) | Peanut Butter | Jelly |
| Mac & Cheese (Microwavable) | Oatmeal Cereal | |

Please leave your donations in the drop of boxes at the church. *And*, as always thank you so much for your generosity in helping others!

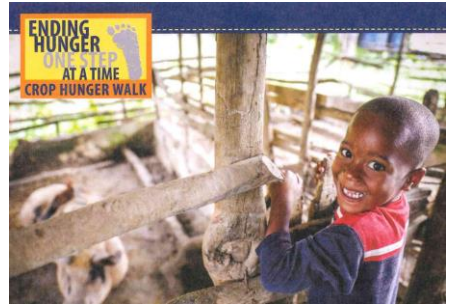
A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors

We'd like to take a moment to extend a very warm welcome to everyone who's visiting with us for the first time this morning. Whether you're just having a look, or are searching out for a place to worship, we're delighted to have you here!

CROP HUNGER WALK

October 3 | 2:00 PM

A **Team Captain** is still needed to pass out forms to volunteer walkers, communicates reminders, is there the day of the walk to collect forms/donations from walkers, and turns in to the coordinator. All materials can be picked up in the church office, Mon.-Fri., 8:30-12:30 p.m. You can either sponsor yourself, or you can get others to sponsor you. Walking just helps us relate to what people in developing nations do every day just for food and water. And, **25% of monies** raised go to support our Good Shepherd Baptist food pantry!



- \$15 will provide home gardening
- \$20 will provide 200 baby fish
- \$24 will provide chickens
- \$60 will provide one pig
- \$115 will provide a latrine

Thank you for your faithfulness in helping others in need.

*My God
Will fully supply*

whatever you need,
in accord with

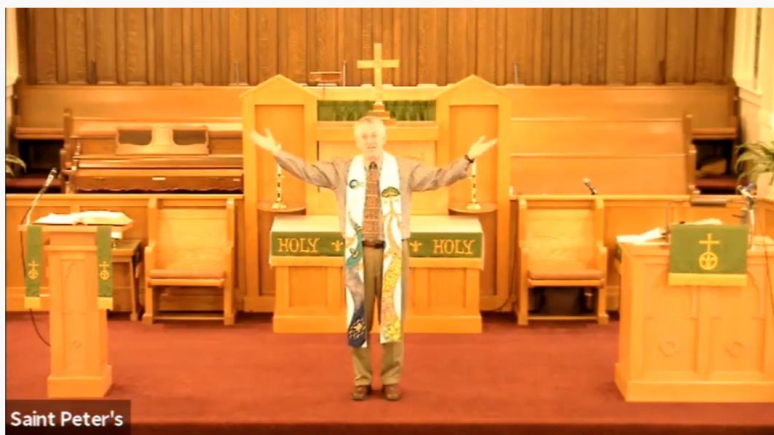
*His Glorious Riches in
Christ Jesus*

PHILIPPIANS 4:19

Bell Choir and Choir Update!

Tentative plans are underway for the Choir and Bell Choir. The first Choir practice will begin on Thursday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m., following with the Bell Choir practice at 7:30 p.m.

But the fruit
of the spirit is
LOVE
JOY *PEACE*
patience
KINDNESS
GOODNESS
FAITHFULNESS
gentleness
& SELF
CONTROL
GALATIANS 5: 22-23




June 13, 2021 - Outdoor Service

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Please be sure to visit our YouTube channel ~ **St Peters UCC Amherst** ~ and be sure to click the SUBSCRIBE button. Then share our channel with your friends! The more subscribers we have, the greater our visibility on YouTube and the more we share the good news! 

Sunday Morning Zoom Worship

For our Zoom worship you will join one another through a free video and audio conference application. Download the Zoom app to your smartphone, computer, or tablet and use the meeting login below:

Join from Zoom app:

Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 | Passcode: 379205

Join Zoom Meeting from computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/5244113917?pwd=aEJEcGhWUUh2dTV4eGJBSDZIUWgwdz09>

OR Call in with phone: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 | Passcode: 379205



This Week's Events

- Mon., Aug. 16 Spiritual Life 1-4 PM
Church Council Meeting 7 PM
- Tue., Aug. 17 Bible Study 7 PM (Zoom)
- Wed., Aug. 18 Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris 9-11 AM
Arabica Coffee in Amherst
Clergy Meeting, Brownhelm UCC, 11:30 AM
- Thurs., Aug. 19 Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM
- Sun., Aug. 22 Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM

How To Reach Us

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