



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 6, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

A TIME OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

Announcements

Birthdays

Anniversaries

CALL TO WORSHIP: *From Psalm 118*

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

PRELUDE: “Children of the Heavenly Father” Arr. Douglas E. Wagner
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*OPENING HYMN: *#1 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*”

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* RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: Psalm 149

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful

All: Let Israel be glad in its MAKER; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Leader: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

All: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

Leader: Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

All: Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,

Leader: to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

All: to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron,

Leader: to execute on them the judgement decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones.

All: Praise the Lord!

A TIME OF PRAYERFUL SHARING

Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 12:1-13

MESSAGE: WHY

REFLECTION HYMN: #325 *"HERE, O MY LORD, I SEE THEE FACE TO FACE"*

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A TIME OF GIVING

SEARCH AND CALL TEAM BLESSING

OFFERING INVITATION

Offertory: *"To God Alone Be The Glory"* Friedrich Zachau

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*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)*

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A TIME TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(sung)*:

#286 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (Verse 1)

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A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*PARTING HYMN #551 *"Soon and Very Soon"*

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Music: Andre Crouch

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Postlude In D"* Healey Willan

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Welcome Everyone! 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. Please fill out an attendance card: thank-you. Refreshments and visiting follow worship, downstairs, in the Hall.

WORSHIP TEAM

Interim Senior Pastor
Zoom Director
Worship Producer
Organist
Scripture Reader

Pastor Arlen G. Vernava
Mary K. Kirsch
Brian Schieferstein
Daniel Jacky
Shelley Harmych

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacation Bible Study

VBS looked much different this year. We did a "virtual VBS" called "Bolt". The curriculum was all online. Parent were mailed packets with information as to how to log on, coloring pages, instructions for crafts, print out, and along with some supplies they would need for the crafts. The rest was up to them, when to log on, how often, etc. It was 3 days of music, bible stories, games, coloring, crafts and fun.. We had a total of 18 participants!



Sunday School

Sunday School plans are in the works, and hope to be up and running sometime in September. Whether it is virtual, on site or a combination of both is being decided. The Sunday School staff got together and talked about how we want to proceed, and we are looking a curriculum to make that happen. Parents and/or grandparents have been contacted for their input as well. As things progress to a final decision, we will let you know. Stay safe and wear your masks!

Assistant Treasurer

St. Peter's is looking for an Assistant Treasurer. If this is something you are interested in, please contact Lauri Hubach at 440-988-2459 or treasurer@stpetersamherst.org for job details.

Circle Six Update

Circle Six members gathered on September 1 to discuss plans for the upcoming year. After careful consideration it was decided we would postpone meetings for the remainder of the year. We will reevaluate the COVID situation in January. We also discussed whether or not to hold our annual pumpkin roll baking and will make a final determination at a later date. If anyone would like to discuss this further or offer ideas, please call Sally Readinger at 440-222-3414.

Search and Call Team

On Thursday, August 27, 2020 our committee met to begin the process of selecting our next settled pastor. We are:

Brian Schieferstein, Chairperson

Diane Barnum, Secretary

Judy McCurdy, Chaplain

Kaye Koler

Jim Kubuske

Stacy Gleason

Our church profile has been made available and we will begin receiving profiles from candidates. In the meantime, we are working to develop ourselves as a team whose members interact not only with our minds, but also our hearts. We have agreed on some ground rules for discussions, such as raising hands to speak and giving all members equal time to voice thoughts and concerns. We are committed to creating a bond of trust and respect with one another as we carry out this sacred task, keeping honesty, transparency, curiosity, generosity, and prayer as guiding values.

As we progress in our work, we will keep all of you informed as best we can. While we cannot give any details about candidates, we will update you weekly as to how many profiles we have received, how many are under consideration, how many interviews are scheduled, etc. We ask that you keep us in your prayers as we work together to find the right person to lead our faith community!

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:

Topic: Sunday Morning Worship

Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 Passcode: 379205

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Mon, Sep. 7	Labor Day – Office Closed MovementWorks 2:30-3:15 PM
Tue, Sep. 8	MovementWorks 6:15-8:30 PM Bible Study 7PM Zoom
Wed, Sep. 9	MovementWorks 4:30-7:30 PM
Thur, Sep. 10	MovementWorks 5:30-7:30 PM
Sat, Sep. 12	MovementWorks 9 AM- 12 PM
Sun, Sep. 13	Sunday Worship Service 10AM (Sanctuary/ Zoom)

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