



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and minds
through Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:7



October 11, 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: *“Lead Me to Calvary”* Dan Forrest

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*OPENING HYMN: *562 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”*

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* RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

A Confession of Israel's Sins

Leader: Praise the LORD!

All: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all his praise?

All: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Leader: Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them; that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage.

All: Both we and our ancestors have sinned; we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

Leader: They made a calf at Horeband worshipped a cast image.

All: They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass.

Leader: They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

All: Therefore, he said he would destroy them—had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC

“Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion” – G.F Handel

Performed by Caroline Wolfe and Luke Melnyk

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“Purpose” – Lopez and Marx

Performed by Caroline Wolfe and Luke Melnyk

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A TIME OF PRAYERFUL SHARING

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

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Today's sermon text is from Paul's letter from prison to the church in Philippi: Philippians chapter 4: verses 2 - 9.

"I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you."

Here ends the lesson. Thanks be to God!

Philippians 2:5-11

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

'who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father."

MESSAGE: In & Out

REFLECTION HYMN: #373 "Where He Leads Me"

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A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

Offertory: "*The Gift to be Simple*" Douglas E. Wagner

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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 OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*PARTING HYMN #533 "*Children of God*"

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "*Prelude and Fugue in B*" Johann Casper Simon

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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

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



Church News

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.



Sunday School

Sunday School for ages 5th grade and up is beginning this Sunday. Students will be dismissed to the upstairs fireside room with Mr. Rice to have their class. Social distancing and masks will be required.

Virtual Sunday school is also online for younger children at:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/236897134377937>

Trunk or Treat

Gearing up for a "Virtual Trunk or Treat"! These little tags, personalized for St Peter's UCC will be available starting Oct 4 in the church office. Take how many you need, attach them to candy or treats you pass out on Halloween evening! Kids will love getting two treats...one from you and one from St Pete's! If you can't make it into the church office, contact the church office at 440-988-4965 or email at dir.ed@stpetersamherst.org and we will mail them out to you!





Hello all-

No new profiles were received this week.

At our Monday night meeting, Pastor Arlen helped us to think through our interview process. In addition to reviewing questions we will ask candidates, he also advised that we prepare ourselves to answer questions they may have for us.

We are meeting again on Sunday evening, October 11, and Brian continues to work on scheduling candidate interviews.

Sincerely-
Your Search Committee



Operation Christmas Child

One of the mission statements of St. Peter's Church is "caring for others". This year we have an opportunity to provide children who usually receive no gifts for Christmas with a shoebox filled with items that show you care and that express God's love for them.

Operation Christmas Child was begun by Samaritan's Purse in 1993 when Franklin Graham, Billy Graham's son, received a call from a man in England about whether he would be willing to organize gifts in shoeboxes for the children in war torn Bosnia. That year the children in the Balkans received 28,000 Christmas Shoeboxes. The mission has grown from there and last year 10.5 million shoeboxes were collected and distributed to children in over 150 countries.

We have ordered shoeboxes, and pamphlets with suggestion on what you might like to pack in them. There are items that may not be included: candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war-related items, seeds, food, liquids, lotions, medications, vitamins, breakable items, glass containers, aerosol cans. The shoeboxes will be available Sunday, November 1. The deadline for returning them to the church is Tuesday, November 17. We will transport them to our local drop-off location for you.

I have enjoyed doing this for years and hope you will join me in the fun.

Bless you all!

Linda Gatz

Preschool - Dine and Donate

On Thursday, October 15th, Soul on Fire will be holding a “Dine and Donate” program to benefit the preschool from 3pm to 9pm.

When either calling in to place an order or ordering in person, mention St. Peter’s Preschool and 15% of the sale will go to the preschool.

Soul on Fire is located at: 3819 Oberlin Ave, Lorain
Phone: (440) 240-8529



Preschool Mama Jo’s Gift Cards

Preschool is currently taking orders for Mama Jo’s gift cards. The cards cost \$10 and do not have an expiration date.

Payment is due at the time of your order and the preschool is accepting cash or checks. Checks should be made out to **St. Peter’s UCC Preschool.**

You may place your order with the Preschool or the church office Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

The last day to purchase a gift card will be October 14th.



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, Oct. 12	MovementWorks 2:30-3:15 PM
Tue, Oct. 13	MovementWorks 6:15-8:30 PM Bible Study 7PM Zoom
Wed, Oct. 14	MovementWorks 4:30-7:30 PM
Thur, Oct. 15	MovementWorks 5:30-7:30 PM
Sat, Oct. 17	MovementWorks 9 AM- 12 PM
Sun, Oct. 18	Sunday Worship Service 10AM (Sanctuary/ Zoom)

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Praising God