



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

MATTHEW 25



Whatever you do for the least...

November 22, 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: “We Gather Together to Ask the Lord’s Blessing” M. Thomas
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***OPENING HYMN:** #529 “Now Let Us All, In Hymns of Praise”

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*** RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVOCATION:** Psalm 95: 1-7a

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

All: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

All: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Leader: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

All: O that today you would listen to his voice!

A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC

“Close Every Door to Me” Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber

Performed by Luke Melnyk

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“A Song for the Weary” David Hodges

Performed by Caroline Wolfe

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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

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25: 31-46

The Judgement of the Nations

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as

you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’



MESSAGE:

REFLECTION HYMN: #158 *“O Morning Star, How Clear and Bright”*

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A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

Offertory: *“Vater Unser Im Himmelreich”* J.P. Sweelinck

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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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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*PARTING HYMN #538 "Standing at the Future's Threshold"

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "All Heaven Rejoices" Christina Becket

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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.

WORSHIP TEAM

Interim Senior Pastor
Zoom Director
Worship Producer
Organist
Scripture Reader

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



Church News



Hello all-

Here is the latest update for our search for a new pastor:

We had an interview this past Wednesday and also reviewed the last profile we had received two weeks ago.

We did not receive any new profiles this week. Of the original eight pastors we hoped to interview, three are no longer under consideration.

Sincerely-

Your Search Committee

Preschool Dine to Donate - December

Don't want to cook so you can finish your Christmas shopping? Why not order a yummy pizza? Our Dine-To-Donate at Soul on Fire Pizza will be held on Wednesday, December 16 or Thursday, December 17 (240-8529). Just remember to mention you are from St. Peter's Preschool and we will receive 15% of all sales.

SubZero Mission

We are collecting again for the SubZero Mission during November.

They need coats, hats, gloves, boots and sleeping bags. All men's items-size M and up.

Please bring your donations to the church.

Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas

A reminder that the Altar Guild is looking for volunteers to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas on Saturday, November 28th starting at 10am.

If you are interested, please contact the church office at 440-988-4965 or any member of the Altar Guild.

Dough Holy Night

It's coming!

This year, in place of St. Peter's UCC's Annual Advent Workshop we are hosting "Dough Holy Night"—a deliciously fun family experience with the true meaning of Christmas baked in. Together you'll bake a batch of Christmas cookies and, along the way, hear the story of the very first Christmas. There's minimal preparation and a video that leads you step-by-step through the entire experience. It's so easy!

Email me at: dir.ed@stpetersamherst.org for all the details on how to access the parent portal and start enjoying this family fun experience! Starting Monday, November 30, I will be sending out the information you need! So much fun!





Are you or kiddos crafty?

Want to help????

Due to COVID, Compassionate Care has not been able to do visitation to our homebound or those in care centers. Recently, we received the OK to drop off “St Peter’s cares about you” bags, which will be quarantined for a day and then given to the specified person. The bags will be given out once a month.

Are you crafty or are you looking for something to give the kiddos or grandkids to do? We would love to have some handmade cards or short note to add to the bags. Something done by children always puts a smile on the receiver’s face!

We will be doing 10-15 bags per month. If you would like to donate any items, it would be appreciated. Some items are large print puzzle books, ink pens (no pencils please), adult coloring books & crayons, small boxes of raisins, small bags Goldfish crackers, chips, pretzels, popcorn, etc, hard candy, deck of cards, cube box of tissue, trial size toothpaste, hand lotion, deodorant, shampoo, chap stick, candy bars or anything you think they might enjoy. If you prefer not to go out to shop and would like to make a small donation, checks can be made out to St. Peter’s with a notation it is for Care bags and dropped at church office or mailed. If you prefer, cash may be dropped off at the church office in an envelope marked Care bags.

Items may be dropped off in the bin in Walker Lobby marked Care Bags.

Sunday School Noisy Collection

Noisy collection from last spring until now purchased 6 gift cards for needy families in the Amherst area to have a Thanksgiving dinner.

Thank you so much! The November noisy collection, along with some left from the other donations will buy gift cards for Christmas dinner! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry will be putting together food baskets for Christmas dinner to hand out in December. Items needed are:

Stove Top Stuffing	Instant Mashed Potatoes	Gravy
Corn Bread Mix	Canned Cranberry Sauce	Canned Yams

In addition to the food basked items, there is also a need for:

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.

Neighbors in Need

During the month of November, the UCC will be collecting for its Neighbors in Need program.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry](#) (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

Contributions can be made online at:

https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/neighbors_in_need

St. Peter's Prayer Room

You are invited to join St. Peter's Prayer Room! We look forward to you joining us on Zoom where a name for prayer will be read and we will respond "Lord, hear our prayer". There will also be a time for you to submit yourself or someone you know for prayer. The meeting will be every Wednesday 1:00 -1:30 or before. Please join us!!! If you have any questions, please contact a member of Compassionate Care.

Saint Peter's Prayer Room

Time: Nov 11, 2020

1:00 - 1:30 or before

Will continue every Wednesday

Join Zoom Meeting from computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/94084872220?pwd=ckJ2bURSZHllVW4xdEFLNHVrNnI1Zz09>

Join from Zoom app:

Meeting ID: 940 8487 2220

Passcode: Prayer

OR Call in with phone:

1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 940 8487 2220

Passcode: 022121

St. Peter's is on YouTube!

Scripture and Sermon from November are now on our public YouTube channel: **St Peters UCC Amherst**

Here is the link to the YouTube page for St. Peter's :

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdljVHzTXllujsB4jIkQg>

Feel free to share this new source of our Sunday message with your friends!

Operation Christmas Child

I want to thank all of you for your support for the Christmas Shoeboxes.

What a joy it was when the final count went way beyond what I had hoped for. Your generosity will bless 35 children this year.

Well done! Just think what we might do next year.

Linda Gatz

"BREATH OF HEAVEN"

*Live Nativity Presentation
23rd Anniversary*

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
15617 MASON ROAD, VERMILION

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12th & SUNDAY DECEMBER 13th
4:00 PM THROUGH 8:00 PM

Walk-through presentations approximately every 15 minutes



Please join the members of St. Matthew, Bethany and Grace Lutheran Churches as we share our 23rd presentation of "Breath of Heaven."

It is our honor to share a portrayal of that Holy Night when Jesus was born. The presentation is free to the public.

Please bring non-perishable food items to be donated to local food banks.

Performances by the Firelands High School Select Choir.

*****Please be advised that even though this is an outdoor event, facemasks will be required for the safety of our cast and guests. Social distancing guidelines will be in effect and groups will be limited in size.***

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, Nov. 23	MovementWorks 2:30-3:15 PM
Tue, Nov. 24	MovementWorks 6:15-8:30 PM Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
Wed, Nov. 25	Zoom Prayer Room 1 PM MovementWorks 4:30-7:30 PM Preschool Dine to Donate at Soul on Fire
Sat, Nov. 28	MovementWorks 9 AM- 12 PM Decorating Sanctuary 10AM
Sun, Nov. 29	Sunday Worship Service 10 AM (Sanctuary/ Zoom)

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