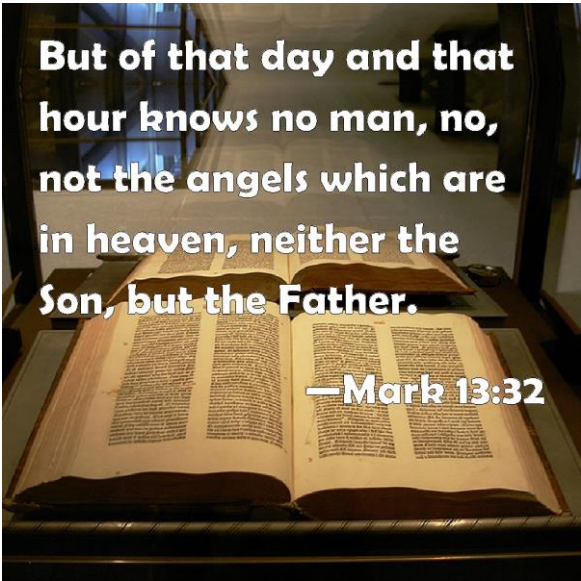




**ST. PETER'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

An open book with two pages visible, resting on a dark surface. The text is overlaid in white, bold font. The background shows a dimly lit room with a window and some furniture.

**But of that day and that  
hour knows no man, no,  
not the angels which are  
in heaven, neither the  
Son, but the Father.**

**—Mark 13:32**

**November 29, 2020**

**1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent**

# 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:** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Gilbert M. Martin  
*The Day Spring, Advent Meditations for Organ* ©2007 The Sacred Music Press. Use by/with permission. CCLI No. 20182679 Music: Gilbert M. Martin.

**\*OPENING HYMN:** #1 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"  
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**\* RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVOCATION:** Psalm 80: 1-7, 14a

### Prayer for Israel's Restoration

**Leader:** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

**All:** before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.  
Stir up your might, and come to save us!

**Leader:** Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**All:** O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

**Leader:** You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

**All:** You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

**Leader:** Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**All:** Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,

## **A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC**

“Will There Really Be a Morning” Emily Dickinson, Ricky Ian Gordon  
Performed by Caroline Wolfe

*Will There Really Be a Morning* © 2009 Carl Fischer LLC. Use by / with permission CCLI No. 20182679. Poem: Emily Dickinson Music: Ricky Ian Gordon

## **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: Mark 13: 32-37

### **The Necessity for Watchfulness**

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

MESSAGE: TEAM!

REFLECTION HYMN: #111 “O Loving Founder of the Stars”

*The New Century Hymnal* © 1995 The Pilgrim Press. Used by/with permission One License # A-724594 streaming CCLI No. 20182679 Text: Latin, 9th c., transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1993 Music: Sarum plainsong, mode IV, in public domain.

# A TIME OF GIVING

## OFFERING INVITATION

Offertory: "*Adagio*" John Bennett

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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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2411660 / 20182679 Text: T. Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551. Both in public domain.

## 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 #123 "*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*"

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2411660 / 20182679 Text: Latin, trans. John M. Neale and Henry S. Coffin Music: Plainsong,  
adapted Thomas Helmore

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "*Flute Piece*" William Hine

*Old English Organ Music for Manuals* © 1966 Oxford University Press. Use by/with permission.  
CCLI No. 20182679. Music: William Hine



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  
Janet McGinnis



## **Church News**

### **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.

## **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](mailto: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.

## 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](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/UCdljVHzTXlluJ-sB4IjIkQg>

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

# **"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**

# Hope



# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Mon, Nov. 30	MovementWorks 2:30-3:15 PM
Tue, Dec. 01	MovementWorks 6:15-8:30 PM Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
Wed, Dec. 02	Zoom Prayer Room 1 PM MovementWorks 4:30-7:30 PM
Thurs, Dec. 03	MovementWorks 5:30-7:30 PM Girls Scouts 6:00- 7:00 PM
Sat, Dec. 05	MovementWorks 9 AM- 12 PM
Sun, Dec. 06	Sunday Worship Service 10 AM

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