



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



**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**January 31, 2021**

# A TIME TO GATHER AND WELCOME

*\*(Stand as you are able.)*

*Gathering Music    Announcements*

*Birthdays    Anniversaries*

*Prayers    Joys    Concerns*

Let Us Prepare for Worship as we listen to the Prelude.

PRELUDE:    "Prelude", George Dyson

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*Please use this time to center yourself in God's holy presence.*

## A TIME TO PRAISE OUR GOD

\* RESPONSIVE LITANY OF PSALM 111

Leader: Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

**People: In the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Leader: Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.

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

Leader: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

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

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

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

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

**All: 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;**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE: #66 *"To God Be the Glory"*

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## **A TIME TO SPEAK AND A TIME TO LISTEN**

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

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed, Ecumenical Version*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION: #463 *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

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# A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MARK 1:21-28

## The Man with an Unclean Spirit

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

"Nearer, My God, to Thee", Performed by Rev. Chris Buckingham-Taylor  
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Genesis 28:10-22. MUSIC: Lowell Mason. Bethany 6.4.6.4.6.6.6.4. Use by/with permission,  
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SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION: "THE SCREAM OF LIFE"

## A TIME TO OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory: "Tierce en taille", Louis Marchand

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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)

## PRAYER OF BLESSING

### A TIME FOR SENDING FORTH

**\*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH: #601 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"**

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## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE: "Postlude", George Dyson**

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to you, dear friend.

**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

## WORSHIP TEAM

Interim Senior Pastor  
Zoom Director  
Worship Producer  
Zoom Projector  
Organist  
Scripture Reader

Pastor Arlen G. Vernava  
Mary K. Kirsch  
Brian Schieferstein  
Jennifer Wasilk  
Daniel Jacky  
David Rice



# Church News

## Sunday School Noisy Collection

Thank you to all that donate to Noisy Collection. As you know, we try to do things for local charities, if we can, with the proceeds. We are gathering several months of noisy collections and will donate this time to the Amherst Leo Club's "Backpack Project" which sends home ready to eat foods with kids that might not have food to eat over weekends and breaks. We will donate in March so that they have plenty to send home for Spring Break.

February Noisy Collection is February 28. Thank you all so much!  
**Also side note:** the Leo Club is collecting plastic bags again this year to make a bench for Amherst. You can drop off clean, used bags at the Main Street Amherst office lobby (255 Park Avenue).

### Food Pantry

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

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.

### 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/UCdljVHzTXllu\]-sB4Ij\]kQg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdljVHzTXllu]-sB4Ij]kQg)

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



## **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**



### **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**

1:00 - 1:30 or before | Every Wednesday

**Join from Zoom app:**

**Meeting ID: 940 8487 2220 | Passcode: Prayer**

**Join Zoom Meeting from computer:**

<https://zoom.us/j/94084872220?pwd=ckJ2bURSZHlVW4xdEFLNHVrNnl1Zz09>

**OR Call in with phone: 1 929 205 6099**

**Meeting ID: 940 8487 2220 | Passcode: 022121**

# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Mon, Feb. 1	No meetings
Tue, Feb. 2	MovementWorks 4:30-7:25 PM Bible Study 7 PM (Zoom)
Wed, Feb. 3	Zoom Prayer Room 1:00 PM MovementWorks 4:30-8:15 PM
Thurs, Feb. 4	Girl Scouts MovementWorks 4:15-8:55 PM
Sat, Feb. 6	MovementWorks 8:45 AM- 11:55 AM
Sun, Feb. 7	Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM

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