

*Ash Wednesday*



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

**February 17, 2021**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

## A TIME OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

**PRELUDE:** “These Forty Days” Robert J. Powell  
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**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *from UCC Book of Worship and from Psalm 51, Robert Alter translation.*

**Leader:** God speaks – “Come back to me! Change your life...  
Come back to God, your God!”

**All:** Grant me grace, God, as befits your kindness,  
with Your great mercy wipe away my crimes.

**Leader:** God speaks – “Break the chains of injustice, get rid of  
exploitation, free the oppressed, cancel debts.”

**All:** Thoroughly wash my transgressions away, God,  
and cleanse me from my offence.

**Leader:** God speaks – “Share your food with the hungry, invite the  
homeless poor into your homes, put clothes on the  
shivering ill-clad, be present to your loved ones.”

**All:** Purify me with a hyssop, that I be clean. O God, wash me,  
that I be whiter than snow. O Master, open my lips, that my  
mouth may tell Your praise.

**\*OPENING HYMN: #381 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”**  
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\*CONFESSION AND PROMISE from the UCC Book of Worship

Unison: We confess to you, O God.

Pastor: We confess to you, O God, our

pride,

hypocrisy,

impatience

self-indulgence,

exploitation of others,

envy,

dishonesty,

negligence,

uncharitable thoughts towards others,

prejudice,

contempt,

wastefulness.

**Unison:** For I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight...

Have mercy on me O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

## Receiving Ashes

**Unison:** “Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see; open my eyes – open my ears – open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!”

**Pastor:** *Turn away from sin and receive the good news*

**Pastor:** Dear friends and St. Peter’s Community of Faith, take up the way of Christ Jesus, take up your life, and live.

## A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-20a

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

## MEDITATION

## A TIME OF GIVING

### OFFERING INVITATION

Offertory “Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”,  
Johann Gottfried Walther

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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)*

# 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: #177 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

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## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE:** "Voluntary in A Minor", John James

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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  
Camera Operator  
Organist  
Scripture Reader

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



# 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).

## Circle Six Meeting

Circle Six will have a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, February 16 @ 7:00. The dial in number is **535 560 9323** and the Passcode is **Circle6**. I look forward to seeing all of you. -Sally Readinger

## 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/UCdljVHzTXlluJ-sB4IjIkQg>

Feel free to share our Sunday message with your friends!

## Congregational meeting

A Congregational meeting will be held on February 28 after the church service to vote on the following motion brought by Church Council:

“Amend the definition of membership and change the review of membership in the Constitution and By-Laws as follows: Constitution, Article V – Membership, Section 3; By-Laws, Section 3.B. and 3.E. and Section 4.A.”

## 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=aEJcGhWUhh2dTV4eGJBSZDIUWgwdz09>

**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.

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**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

Wed, Feb. 17	Zoom Prayer Room 1:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM MovementWorks 4:30-8:15 PM
Thurs, Feb. 18	MovementWorks 4:30-8:15 PM
Fri., Feb. 19	MovementWorks 1:00-4:00 PM
Sat, Feb. 20	MovementWorks 8:45 AM- 1:45 AM
Sun, Feb. 21	Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM

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