



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



*"You must be born  
from above."*

**March 14, 2021**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

## A TIME OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

*Announcements*

*Birthdays*

*Anniversaries*

*Prayers*

*Joys*

*Concerns*

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: "Aria from "Goldberg Variations," Bach

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\*OPENING HYMN: #530 "God Our Author and Creator"

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\* RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

**Leader:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**All:** Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble

**Leader:** and gathered in from the lands, from the east and  
from the west, from the north and from the south.

**All:** Some were sick through their sinful ways,  
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

**Leader:** they loathed any kind of food,  
and they drew near to the gates of death.

**All:** Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he saved them from their distress;

**Leader:** he sent out his word and healed them,  
and delivered them from destruction.

**All:** Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.

**Leader:** And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,  
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

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

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## **A TIME OF PRAYER**

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

## **A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING:      JOHN 3:1-16

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our

testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

MESSAGE: INTO WHAT

REFLECTION HYMN: #249 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

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## A TIME OF GIVING

### OFFERING INVITATION

Offertory: "Lead Me to Calvary", Dan Forrest

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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 #277 "The Church's One Foundation"**

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: "Trio no. IV", Rheinberger**

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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  
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Worship Producer  
Zoom Projector  
Organist  
Scripture Reader

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Brian Schieferstein  
Jennifer Wasilk  
Daniel Jacky  
Judy Whitman

*Love • ONE • Another*



## One Great HOUR of Sharing

### DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED EVERY SUNDAY IN MARCH

This year's theme for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is "**Let Love Flow.**" The gifts you give to OGHS are leveraged with others bringing a greater impact to the work being done with local and global partners.

When you share your gifts, you '**Let Love Flow**' and your generosity ensures that, even in the midst of uncertainty, the transforming power of God's love continues to change lives here and around the world.

## 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=aEJEcGhWUUh2dTV4eGJBSDZlUWgwdz09>

**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=ckJ2bURSZHlVW4xdEFLNHVrNn1Zz09>

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

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

# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Mon, Mar. 15	MovementWorks 1:30-2:15 PM Church Council 7:00 PM
Tue, Mar. 16	MovementWorks 4:30-7:25 PM Bible Study 7 PM (Zoom)
Wed, Mar. 17	Zoom Prayer Room 1:00 PM MovementWorks 4:30-8:15 PM
Thurs, Mar. 18	Community/Ecumenical Meeting 11-12:30 PM Girl Scouts 6-7:30 PM MovementWorks 4:30-8:15 PM
Fri., Mar. 19	MovementWorks 1:00-4:00 PM
Sat, Mar. 20	MovementWorks 8:45 AM- 1:45 PM
Sun, Mar. 21	Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM

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