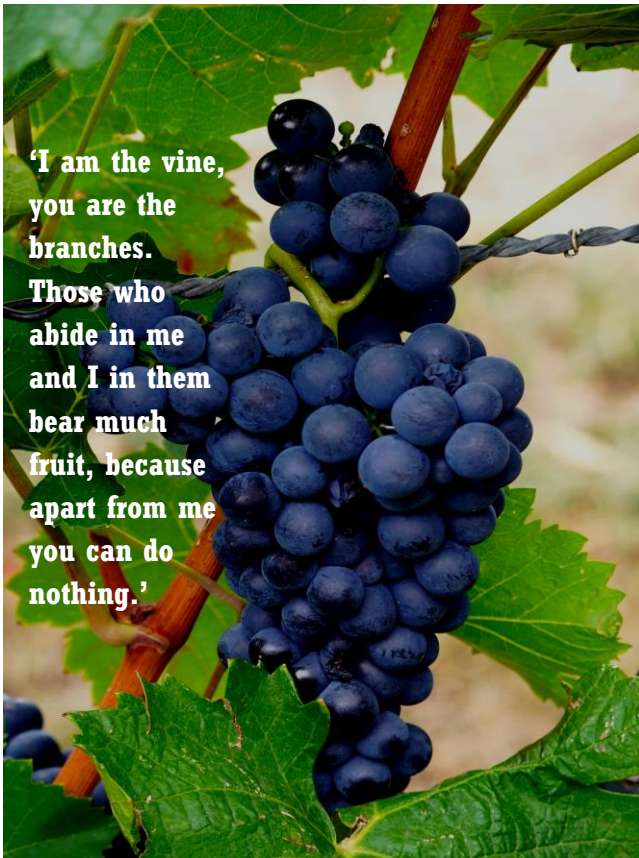




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



May 2, 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: “Allein Gott in Höh sei Herr,” Pachelbel

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*OPENING HYMN: #362 “I Love Thee”

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* RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: Psalm 22:25-31

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

All: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him
shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn
to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall
worship before him.

All: For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.

Leader: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.

All: Posterity will serve him; future generations
will be told about the Lord.

A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC

“Love Overflowing” Performed by Caroline Wolfe

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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 15:1-11

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.”

SERMON: SOLE WORK

REFLECTION HYMN: #163 *“Many Are the Lightbeams”*

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A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

Offertory: “He Walks with Me”, Daniel Jacky

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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 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 #371 *“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Tocatta Festiva”, Daniel Jacky

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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
Zoom Projector
Organist
Scripture Reader

Pastor Arlen G. Vernava
Mary K. Kirsch
Brian Schieferstein
Jennifer Wasilk
Daniel Jacky
Joan Whitman



Strengthen the Church Offering

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. We will be collecting offerings each Sunday in May. *Thank you!*

National Day of Prayer

Join Pastor Paul Werner of St. Paul Lutheran Church & Pre-School to *Pray with Christians* across our city on the National Day of Prayer. They are hosting the Amherst National Day of Prayer observance on **Thursday, May 6, 2021, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** This gathering of believers will occur on the lawn of the Amherst Town Hall, 219 S. Main Street, at five corners in Amherst, OH. Covid protocol will be observed.

Calling All Graduates

If there are any St. Peter's members that are due to graduate this spring from either high school or college, please let the office know by **May 16** at **440-988-4965**. Thank you!

Circle 6 Meeting

Circle 6 will hold a meeting on **Tuesday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m.** at **Amherst Beaver Creek Park, Shelter #1** (weather permitting). Please bring your own bagged dinner and place setting. If the weather does not allow us to meet at the park, a One Call will be made and we will hold the meeting in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Sally Readinger at **sallyreadinger57@gmail.com** or **440-949-6420** if you have any questions.

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.



Help Beautify St. Peter's Landscape this Spring!

If you are able to contribute in helping beautify our church grounds this Spring, please drop off bags of red mulch next to the garage *or* monetary donations can be dropped off at the church office with Kaye, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. *Thank you!*

St. Peter's is on YouTube!

Scripture and Sermon 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-sB4jijkQg>

Share this source of Sunday's 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=aEJEcGhWUHh2dTV4eGJBSDZIUWgwdz09>

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 St Peter's Zoom Prayer Room *every Thursday at 9:00 a.m.*, lasting approximately 20 minutes. Names of those in need of prayer will be read and "Lord here our prayer" will be the response. There will be an opportunity for you to add a name(s) and chat at the end if you would like. We look forward to seeing you on Zoom!

Saint Peter's Prayer Room

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. or before | Every Thursday

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., May 3	MovementWorks 1:30-2:15 PM
Tue., May 4	MovementWorks 4:30-7:25 PM Bible Study 7 PM (Zoom)
Wed., May 5	MovementWorks 4:30-8:15 PM
Thurs., May 6	Zoom Prayer Room 9:00 AM MovementWorks 4:30-8:15 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM
Fri., May 7	MovementWorks 1:00-4:00 PM
Sun., May 9	Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM Mother's Day

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