



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



"This is my commandment, that you  
**love one another**  
as I have loved you."

**May 9, 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: "Prelude no. II", Fanny Mendelssohn

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\*OPENING HYMN: #556 "Now Thank We All Our God"

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\* RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: Psalm 98

**Leader:** O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.

**All:** The Lord has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

**Leader:** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**All:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

**Leader:** Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**All:** With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

**Leader:** Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.

**All:** Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for 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 15:12-17

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

SERMON:      STOCKING FEET

REFLECTION HYMN:    #450    “*Lord, Speak to Me*”

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# A TIME OF GIVING

## OFFERING INVITATION

Offertory: “Vor deinen Thron tret ich hiermet”, J. S. Bach

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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 #372 “Living for Jesus”

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## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Hornpipe”, Handel

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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  
Neil Wasilk

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### Happy Mother's Day

We want to wish all the Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, and those special people who provide mothering, regardless of biological relations, a very Happy Mother's Day. Thank you for your unconditional love, self-sacrifice, and wisdom. *God bless you!*

### 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!*

### 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!

## 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.

And, as always, *thank you* for all you do to help feed those in need.



## Help Beautify St. Peter's Landscape this Spring!

If you are able to contribute in helping beautify our church grounds, please drop off bags of red mulch and leave next to the garage.

*Thank you!*

## Vacation Bible School-Volunteers needed!

Plans for Vacation Bible School are in the works! It is tentatively scheduled for the week of **July 12**. We are looking for volunteers to work in the classrooms. We need 2 leaders per classroom. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 440-988-4965 or send an email to **dir.ed@stpetersamherst.org**. *We can't do it without 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=aEJcGhWUHh2dTV4eGJBSDZlUWgwdz09>

**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**

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Mon., May 10	Executive Council Meeting 6:30 PM
Tue., May 11	Bible Study 7 PM (Zoom)
Thurs., May 13	Zoom Prayer Room 9:00 AM Preschool Board Meeting 6:30 PM
Sat., May 15	Boy Scouts 8:00 AM
Sun., May 16	Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM

## **How To Reach Us**

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