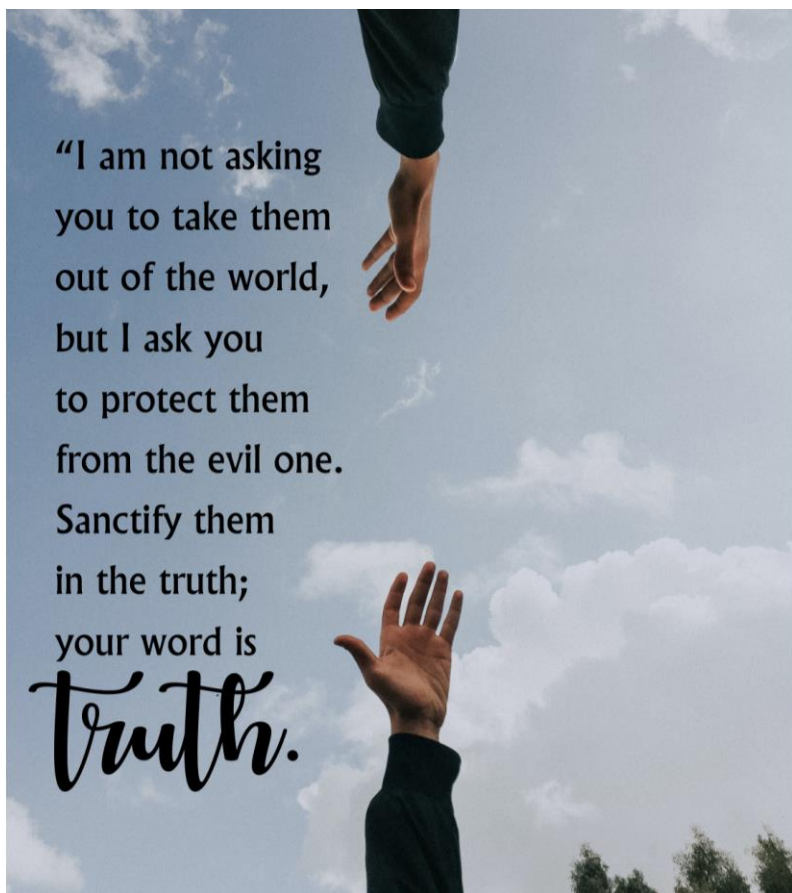




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



"I am not asking
you to take them
out of the world,
but I ask you
to protect them
from the evil one.
Sanctify them
in the truth;
your word is
truth.

May 16, 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: "Adagio from Symphony no. 4", Widor

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*OPENING HYMN: #372 "God, You Have Set Us"

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* RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: Psalm 1

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

All: but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

All: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

All: for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC

“Praise the Lord My Soul” Performed by Caroline Wolfe

“Praise the Lord My Soul”, Hermina Boyle, Psalm 146 (Not published). Used by/with permission CCLI No. 20182679 streaming.

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 17:6-8, 11B, 15, 17, 20-21

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

SERMON: THEY FIT!

REFLECTION HYMN: #468 *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

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A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

Offertory: "Verset in C", Boellman

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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 #404 *"The Solid Rock"*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Praise to the Lord Who Reigns Above", Wagner

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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
Kaye Koler



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!*

Pastor Arlen Farewell

"You are invited to "farewell" Pastor Arlen - Sunday the 23rd - beginning at 11:45 and ending no later than 1:30. We will gather in the Church Sanctuary and on Zoom. If you are worshipping at home and can drive in for the festivities, great! Know that you can also participate fully on Zoom.

After-worship festivities include... A little food and refreshment, opportunity for all to tell a story on Pastor Arlen. (Gently roasting Pastor is encouraged!) A presentation of gifts. Time and opportunity to give thanks for the ministry and mission St. Peter's people and Pastor Arlen have shared. Well-wishes and blessing for Pastor Arlen's future ministry. Please plan to join after worship on the 23rd, beginning 11:45 - and - don't miss Pastor Arlen's final Sunday with us on May 30th.

Thank-you Jessie Kubuske and your planning Team!
For Church Council: Mary-K Kirsch, President.

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.

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!*

Circle 6 Meeting June 8

Circle Six will hold it's next meeting on **June 8 at 6:00 p.m.** at **Beaver Creek Reservation on North Lake Street**. This is our annual picnic so please bring a covered dish to share as well as your own place setting and beverage. If you are unable to attend in person, you may join us on **Zoom** at **535-560-9323** and the **Passcode** is **Circle6**.


A Welcoming Event for Pastor Chris!

We are looking forward to the arrival of Pastor Chris! A committee is planning a "welcome" for him. We are planning an outdoor service at Lakeview Park in Lorain on **June 13**. We have the gazebo reserved, from **9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** and hope to have the service outside and then move to the gazebo to eat afterward. Instead of hotdogs and a picnic, we are planning a "breakfast buffet" and would like contributions from the congregation. Due to Covid restrictions, things will need to be individual servings, not casseroles, or things that need cut and divided. Suggestions include: individual yogurts, individual juices and waters, fruits such as apples, oranges and bananas, granola bars, muffins, donuts, breakfast rolls (all individual, please), hard boiled eggs, individually wrapped cheese sticks/string cheese. You may want to bring your own coffee or tea if you so desire! If the weather is so inclement that even the gazebo won't help, we will be back in the sanctuary, and have grab and go after the service.

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=ckJ2bURSZHlVW4xdEFLNHVrNnI1Zz09>

OR Call in with phone: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 940 8487 2220 | Passcode: 022121



This Week's Events

Mon., May 17	Council Meeting 7:00 PM
Tue., May 18	Bible Study 7:00 PM (Zoom)
Thurs., May 20	Zoom Prayer Room 9:00 AM Girl Scouts 6–7:30 p.m.
Sun., May 23	Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM

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