



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*“So if the Son makes you Free,
You will be free indeed.”*

John 8:36



July 4, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

A TIME OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

Announcements

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Psalm 118

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice
and be glad in it! Worship has begun.

PRELUDE: “Purple Mountain Majesties”, Dennis Eliot

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***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Judy McCurdy, Leader)*

Leader: Great is our God and greatly to be praised.
Worship the One whose grace covers
all our needs.

People: **The God of hosts is with us here.**
We praise, with joy, God's holy name.

Leader: Ponder God's steadfast love in the temple.
Practice sharing that love while we are together.

People: **God's love is amazing, beyond our understanding.**
We seek to share the love we are receiving.

Leader: We are here to be equipped for the journey of life.
We have gathered that our daily witness
might be empowered.

People: **Sometimes we are not strong enough to love.**
We pray that God will use our weakness
for good.

***HYMN OF PRAISE: #571 “My Country, Tis of Thee”**

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THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION (*Unison*)

God of faithful elders and lowly followers, our sure defense and faithful guide, we invoke your presence among us in this time of praise. Your name is proclaimed through all the earth, and by your hand we are made victorious over the unclean spirits and unbeliefs that stalk our paths. When we ponder your greatness, we are filled with awe. When we come to your holy mountain, we are amazed. Who are we to approach your majesty? How can we fulfill the covenant you offer us? Come, Spirit of truth, to show us the way. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI #622

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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PSALTER LESSON PSALM 130 (*Judy McCurdy*)

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense.

Then the kings assembled, they came on together.

As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic, they took to flight; trembling took hold of them there,

pains as of a woman in labor, as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes forever. *Selah*

We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory. Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments.

Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers, consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will be our guide forever.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #572 “America, the Beautiful”

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Pastoral Prayer The Lord’s Prayer

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 6:1-13 *(Judy McCurdy)*

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their

own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC

“Battle Hymn of the Republic” Performed by Caroline Wolfe

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SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION: SPIRITUAL ANTHEM

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY: “Lobe den Herren (Praise to the Lord, the Almighty)”, Max Reger

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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

SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(Pastor Chris)*

A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(We offer one another the peace of Christ for the week ahead.)

*HYMN SENDING FORTH #573 *“God of Our Fathers”*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “God Bless Our Native Land”, Daniel Jacky

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*“Great is our God and greatly to be praised.
Worship the One whose grace covers all our needs.”*



**Everyone is Welcome! 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

Senior Pastor
Zoom Director
Worship Producer
Zoom Projector
Organist
Scripture Reader

Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor
Mary K. Kirsch
Brian Schieferstein
Jennifer Wasilk
Daniel Jacky
Judy McCurdy



From Compassionate Care

May Poor has been moved to another care facility. She is still under Hospice care but is doing ok. She still does not eat much but enjoys milkshakes and Pringles when her family visits. She says she wishes she would have worked harder on her PT, but she never thought she would live this long. She enjoys the cards she gets. If you call her, do it between 4-6:00 p.m. She is starting to have trouble remembering people from the past so don't be surprised if she is not sure who you are.

Heritage Corner

May Poor Laule Rm 122
1069 Klotz Rd
Bowling Green, OH 43402
419-728-0137 (between 4-6)

Karin Andy is no longer able to live alone. She will be moving in with her son in Kentucky. So far she is scheduled to leave this coming Wednesday. She is emotional about leaving but is accepting of it and anxious to see her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her house will be sold. Please keep her in your prayers.

Karin Andy
C/O Eric Roesch
1513 Woodcreek Court
LaGrange, Kentucky 40031
440-985-8891

“Backyard VBS” *Totally Tubular!*

We will be heading back to the 80s this year with a “backyard VBS” where participants do the activities in their own backyard and/or home. Information on the parent portal for the videos, songs, and information will be sent to participants in early to mid July and supplies will be provided during a “drive up” at the portico in early July. Once adults register their children, they will receive further information and dates! Parents/grandparents/guardians can email the church at dir.ed@stpetersamherst.org or call the church office at **440-988-4965** and leave information for us to contact them including name and an email address.

Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris Everyone Invited!

Everyone is invited to join together at Arabica's, 254 Park Ave., Amherst, **every Wednesday** from **9-11:00 a.m.** This will be a great time for socializing with others, and getting to know Pastor Chris a little better! Come for breakfast, coffee, or just to catch up. *We hope to see you on Wednesdays!*

New CDC Guidelines for Church

Council has made the decision to open slowly and carefully with precaution, guided by the CDC and the state of Ohio guidelines. Based on science and local Covid data we will make determinations on how to proceed while keeping our congregation safe.

Beginning June 27th, vaccinated people may enter the sanctuary without a mask; unvaccinated individuals are asked to continue to wear a mask. We will continue to social distance in the marked pews, with families allowed to sit together. Hymnals, pew cards, passing of the collection plate and communion may be reintroduced at a later date. *Please wear your mask if you want to sing aloud.* Elbow bump and the peace sign are acceptable forms of greeting; no hand shaking. We ask that you socialize outside in the parking lot. This is a fluid situation and may possibly change from week to week.

Thanks to Council and ALL members of the church, named and unnamed, who work so hard behind the scenes to keep St Peters running smoothly; it is truly a group effort and a labor of love of God and of the Church!

And thanks to all of you for your continued patience and generosity of spirit as we work together in these challenging times to do our part in God's ministry.



FOOD PANTRY – “If We Can Conquer Outer Space, Why Not Hunger?”

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.

Thank you for all you do to help others!



*“For freedom
Christ has set us
free; stand firm
therefore, and do not
submit again to a
yoke of slavery.”*

Galatians 5:1




June 13, 2021 - Outdoor Service

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Please be sure to visit our YouTube channel ~ **St Peters UCC Amherst** ~ and be sure to click the SUBSCRIBE button. Then share our channel with your friends! The more subscribers we have, the greater our visibility on YouTube and the more we share the good news! 

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=aEJEcGhWUUh2dTV4eGJBSDZIUWgwdz09>

OR Call in with phone: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 | Passcode: 379205



This Week's Events

Mon., July 5	Independence Day Observed, Office Closed
Tue., July 6	Bible Study 7 PM (Zoom)
Wed., July 7	Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris 9-11 AM Arabica Coffee in Amherst
Sun., July 11	Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM

How To Reach Us

Office Hours: Monday–Friday 8:30 AM–12:30 PM
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