

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
5th Sunday of Lent - The Way of the Cross
Sunday, March 21, 2021 - 10:30 AM

Prelude: In the Peaceful Garden
Garden of Gethsemane

Baptiste/Troutman
Davenport

Ringing of the Bell

Announcements

Joyful Ringers: We Are the Church

Avery/Marsh

Call to Worship

L: Sisters and brothers, believe this – God so loved the world!

P: May the truth of God's great love shine through our worship this day.

L: So, come with your longings, come with your doubts, come to discover yet again how Jesus reveals God's love and mercy.

P: God loves the world and we are the beloved! Let us worship!

Music Interlude: Go to Dark Gethsemane

Prayer of Confession...

L: God has set before us the ways of life and death but we have wandered on our own. Let us make our confession to God.

ALL: God, sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear your call and come back. Other times we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back. And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be set free, not knowing how much we still need your wisdom and guidance. Then there are times as adults, we think we have it all figured out and know what is best from experience. Forgive us God, and help us to return to your path, to your way. Amen.

Time of Silence

Assurance of Pardon: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Scripture: Mark 14: 32 - 42

Message: In the Garden – “Not What I Want, But what You Want.”

Music Interlude: In the Garden

The Apostles' Creed

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Extinguish One Candle

Benediction

Postlude Be Thou Exalted

Nordman

St. Peter's Lischey's United Church of Christ Weekly Announcements, Updates and Concerns March 21, 2021

Thank you, thank you!...

Was it really 17 years? Well, then I guess it's true that time flies when you're having fun! And I'm sorry this thank you is a bit late, but I've never had a bulletin deadline before and I keep missing it!!

What an emotional "send-off" you gave me... the tears started flowing as soon as I turned the page and saw that something was going down. I certainly wasn't expecting anything after the tons of cards that have been showing up in our mailbox since the end of January, many with hand-written notes that already caused tears. Thank you for all the appreciation you've shown... the cards, the beautiful paintings that will look great in my craft room, the gift certificates to Sight & Sound and the ones for meals out that were included with your cards, the monetary gifts, both in the card from the congregation and in the cards from individuals... just... WOW!! I've always felt appreciated, but this was over the top! So, once again, thank you, thank you, THANK YOU!! I love you all! *Michele*

Adult Sunday School...

Adult Sunday School will return live to the church beginning Palm Sunday, March 28th at 9:15 AM. We will meet in the lobby area by the offices. We will still practice social distancing and wear masks. If you haven't been with us for a while or have never joined us before, please consider joining in our Bible study talks! It's a great time of fellowship as we journey together to better understand the Bible and how it relates to God's people today!

Our last Zoom session will be on Sunday, Mar. 21st! Zoom will no longer be an option for Sunday School!

The Box People have been freed! Hallelujah!

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. . . .

Thank you for your generous support. We received \$645 in this special All Church Offering.

Easter Egg Hunt – NEXT SUNDAY

Our Easter Egg Hunt will follow Palm Sunday Service on Sunday, March 28th. There is a list for donations of bags of candy or small treats that will fit inside plastic eggs. You can also just place things in the box in the back of the church. Thank you in advance to our Confirmation Class for helping with this fun event and for any donations! Spread the word to your friends and family! It will be an egg-citing time! Don't forget to **sign up on the church website**. See Crystal Freed if you have any questions.

Mid-Week Lenten Services ...

Join us at 3 PM for Solace in the Sanctuary and at 7 PM as we continue the series, "Hands of Passion." This week we focus on Pilate and "The Hands of Self-Preservation" This service will be offered in the sanctuary and via Zoom.

Good Friday, April 2nd . . .

The sanctuary will be open from noon to 3 PM for you to spend some quiet time with God on this holy day. At 12:15, 1:15 and 2:15, Pastor Cathy and Nancy Cherry will offer a brief time of music, scripture and prayer. Friday evening, we will meet at 7 PM (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) as the story continues with the burial of our Lord. Please consider joining us for some part of this day.

"Lent In A Bag" Returns...

Each bag contains a short devotional and activity for you to share as a family each week in Lent. Bags for weeks 5 & 6, are available on the table in the overflow area. Thank you to Darlene Miner, Nancy Cherry, Jenell McKowen, and Beth Mensinger for preparing the bags.

Messy Church ...

Thank you to Nancy Cherry, Darlene Miner, Michele Hamme, Beth & TJ Mensinger and Jean Gross for helping make this event possible. The next Messy Church will be in May.

Caring Ministry Update . . .

Since the beginning of the year, at least 8 - 10 baskets of soup, applesauce, turkey pies, breads, and cookies have been delivered to members. Currently we are in need of replenishing our supply of applesauce and are requesting macaroni & cheese. Cookie

dough is available in the freezer for someone to take home and bake for the baskets. Containers for soup are in the kitchen for you to use. Questions – speak to Nancy Cherry.

Council Highlights for March...

- The Council hired Pat McKowen as our Church Secretary to work 12 hours a week.
- The request received from the County Election Board to use the church as a polling place in 2021 on May 18 and November 2 was approved.
- Worship Committee's plans for Holy Week were approved and are noted in the Calendar for Lent (**The Church Events Calendar is available on the Website: lischeysucc.org**).
- The installation of the A-V equipment for streaming worship services from the sanctuary will begin on or soon after March 30.
- The Search Committee will provide timely updates to the congregation.
- Donations placed in the wooden box at the tower entrance have been designated by the Mission Committee to go to the child sponsorship.
- **Looking ahead:** Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021. Outdoor Summer Worship will begin on June 6 at 8:30 am. The second service at 10:30 will be inside and streamed.

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Wednesday, March 24	7:00 PM	Mid-Week Worship –in the sanctuary & via Zoom
Thursday, March 25	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, March 28	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School in person
	10:30 AM	Worship – in person & via Zoom
		Egg Hunt following Worship

Upcoming Zoom Assistants. . .

March 21	Joy Spangler	April 11	Ryan McKowen
March 28	Pat McKowen	April 18	Toni & Abby O'Neal
April 4	Pat McKowen	April 25	Don Carl

Upcoming Counters

Monday, March 22, 2021	Darlene Miner	Elvin Myers	Lois Nelson
Monday, March, 29, 2021	Carol Brown	Darlene Miner	Joanne Hoffman
Monday, April 5, 2021	Joanne Hoffman	Sandy Lehman	Pat McKowen
Tuesday, April 13, 2021	Lisa Crisamore	Carol Brown	Sandy Lehman

Harvest of Hope Food Pantry...

Lischey's is scheduled to provide support for the Easter Distribution on Monday, March 29th from 1:15 PM to about 5:30 PM. Joy Spangler, Larry Spangler and Pat McKowen have offered to help on the 29th. Please contact Joy Spangler if you are able to help.

Office Hours...

Pastor Cathy, Nancy Cherry, and Pat McKowen will be in the office Monday through Thursday. Doors will be locked for security; therefore, we ask that you call (717) 225-3932 to let us know you are coming. Staff will be there at the following times:

Tues/Thurs	1 PM - 3 PM	Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music
Mon/Wed	1 PM - 3 PM	Cathy Sherry, Pastor
Mon - Thurs	1 PM - 4 PM	Pat McKowen, Secretary

Bulletin Announcements...

Please have any announcements that you would like included in Sunday's bulletin into the secretary (either hand delivered or via email, lischeys@gmail.com) by Wednesday at noon. Thank you.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE LAST SUNDAY (MARCH 14) WAS...

Attendance	58 (45 Sanctuary + 13 via zoom)
Current	\$1,782.00
Building for Service	65.00
<u>OCWM</u>	<u>135.00</u>
TOTAL	1,982.00

Upcoming Birthdays (*designates Over 80)

March 17	Sandy Lehman	March 24	Cameron Freed	April 10	Kari Hamme
March 18	William Hersh	March 25	Donald Carl	April 16	Lillia Messersmith
March 20	Grace Mensinger	March 28	Michael Neiderer	April 18	McKayla Linker
March 22	Dennis Kimball	March 30	Tammy Wetzel	April 23	Carol Brown
March 22	Beverly Kiser	April 05	Thomas King	April 24	Elizabeth Luckenbaugh

LENT

Worship during the Season of Lent 2021

Mid Week Worship Opportunities

We will offer “Solace in the Sanctuary” services at 3 PM beginning February 17th. These services are times of music and quiet reflection in the sanctuary.

In the evening, at 7 PM we will offer a brief service around the theme: *Hands of Passion*. This will be held in the sanctuary and via Zoom.

Sunday Mornings During Lent

The 10:30 service theme is *The Way of the Cross* and each week we will focus on one of the events of Holy Week. A calendar of these worship opportunities is listed below.

Sunday, March 21st

Worship 10:30 AM – *The Garden*

Wednesday, March 24th

Worship 7 PM – *The Hands of Self-Preservation*

Sunday, March 28th

Worship 10:30 AM – *Trial and Denial*

Thursday, April 1st

Dinner..... 6 PM – Fellowship Hall – Bring Your Own Dinner

Worship and Communion..... 7 PM – Sanctuary

Friday, April 2nd

Time of Reflection. Noon to 3 PM – Sanctuary- Stop in at your convenience for quiet reflection as we acknowledge this time when Christ was crucified.

Worship. 7 PM – Joseph of Arimathea and the Burial

Easter, Sunday, April 4th

Worship and Communion..... 8 and 10:30 AM

*Masks are to be worn at all services and there will be no singing.
Sunday and Wednesday evening services will be offered via Zoom.*