WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS St. Peter's Lischey's UCC www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932 5th Sunday of Eastertide Sunday, April 28, 2024 10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Blaine Breeden

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "Fantasia on 'Old Hundredth'"

Wilson

Call to Worship

L: God is the true vine.

P: And we are the branches.

L: Connected to God.

P: Connected to bear fruit!

L: We are connected to God or

P: we wither away.

L: Connected to God or we are useless.

ALL: We come to worship God, who is the true vine. Teach us how to remain connected so that we might bear good fruit.

Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" – Red Hymnal #92

Zundel

Confession

L: God sent Jesus to show us the way of love yet we have not loved as God would have us do. Let us pray.

ALL: God, we confess we have hoarded your love instead of sharing it freely. We have set limits instead of sharing your grace. Forgive us for not loving as you first loved us – without condition. Forgive us for determining who is and who is not worthy of your love. By loving those who are different from us, we show our love for You. In the name of Jesus Christ, the true vine, we pray. Amen.

L: The steadfast love of God endures forever. You are forgiven and restored.

P: There is no limit to God's grace. May God's peace reign in all our hearts. Amen.

Men's Chorus: "My Tribute"

Crouch

Children's Message- Diane Breeden

Hymn: "More Love to Thee" - Red Hymnal #363

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Scripture: John 15: 1-8 — *Michele Hamme*

Message: Bearing Fruit and Being Pruned

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostle's Creed (Lent and Easter Praise Booklet- p. 3)

Announcements & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (Lent and Easter Praise Booklet- p. 3)

*Hymn: "May Jesus Christ Be Praised" – Red Hymnal #87

Barnby

*Benediction

*Postlude: "Soli Deo Gloria"

Wilson



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns April 28, 2024

Visitors...

Thank you for joining us today. We are happy to have you here. Please sign the guestbook located at the bell tower. Since you may be unfamiliar with us, below are some housekeeping items to help you find your way around:

- Restrooms are located in the overflow room, in the new section by the office, and down the stairs from the new section.
- Brown offering envelopes are located in the pew backs and also on the cart by the bulletins. The offering plate is located on the cart in the overflow room.

Mystery Lunch April 28th ...

Thanks to everyone who bought tickets to the Mystery Lunch. The lunch is TODAY following the worship service. Proceeds will benefit SPLATT's annual summer trip to Sight & Sound. Thank you so much for helping.

VBS Meeting...

A VBS Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 PM to discuss this year's upcoming vacation bible school, which will be held June 17-21. If you would like to help, please plan on attending the meeting. Thank you!

Geraniums for Pentecost Order Information...

Pentecost geraniums will once again be part of our Pentecost service on May 19th. The cost is \$5.50 per plant, and the **deadline for ordering is May 3rd**. The potted red geraniums will be available to sponsor for honoring a loved one, or as a memorial to a loved one! That information will be printed and shared in the bulletin. The geraniums will be placed in the sanctuary on Pentecost Sunday. Please be sure to pick up your flower/flowers after the service. Some of you might not have a garden, or a spot to keep a geranium at your home. Not to worry...you could still sponsor a flower and leave it at church to be planted in the church flower beds where it will be enjoyed by everyone as we enter the sanctuary each

^{*}Members should rise if able.

Sunday throughout the summer! So, there are several options to participate in this celebratory event!

Please pick up a marked envelope on the cart in the overflow room and write your information on the enclosed form and return it with your money via the offering plate, which is on the table in the overflow room. If you are watching the services on YouTube, and not attending in-person, please mail your sponsorship info, # of plants, cost, and if you are gifting any to the church. Then, call the office to make pick up arrangements. Thank you for supporting this special event. If you have any questions, please contact Darlene Miner.

Interested in Becoming a New Member?

We will welcome new members on Pentecost, May 19th. Please speak to Pastor Cathy if you are interested in joining our faith community.

Alumni Chorus & Ensemble Performance...

The Alumni Chorus & Ensemble will perform at the Spring Grove Area Middle School TODAY, April 28th at 4:00 PM.

Jefferson Homemakers' Meeting...

The Jefferson Homemakers will meet at the church on **Wednesday**, **May 15**th at 10:00 AM to go out to lunch. All are welcome. For questions, see Joan Messinger.

Upcoming Concert Announcement- Get Tickets Now!

The Gaither Vocal Band, along with special guests Ladye Love Smith, Gene McDonald, and Kevin Williams will be bringing their Moments to Remember Tour 2024 to Genesis Church, York New Salem on Sunday, May 12th at 6:00 PM. Tickets can be ordered from the Genesis Church website, or at https://www.eventticketscenter.com. General admission tickets are \$32.00 plus an itickets fee of \$11.32 bringing each general admission ticket to \$43.32.

Mission Project - Hygiene Kits for SGASD...

We have been asked to collect the following items in April for the SGASD Hygiene Kits:

- 35 Toothbrushes- individually wrapped
- 35 Tubes of Toothpaste, individually packaged- 4 oz. or larger
- 30 Bottles of Shampoo- 12.5-16 oz. preferred

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the overflow room. **Items are due TODAY.**

Office Closed Memorial Day...

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.

Thank you to our helpers this week:		Next week's helpers are:	
Acolyte	Sam Wagaman	Grace Mensinger	
Children's Message	Diane Breeden	Pastor Cathy	
Lay Liturgist	Michele Hamme	Diane Breeden	
Greeters	Linda & Jim Freed	Jean Gross & Lois Nelson	
Money Counters	Joanne Hoffman,	Darlene Miner, Elvin Myers,	
	John Klinedinst, & Pat McKowen	& Don Carl	
Sound & Streaming	Diane Breeden & Pat McKowen	Toni O'Neal & Pat McKowen	

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

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Sunday, April 28th	11:30 AM	SPLATT Mystery Lunch
• -	2:00 PM	Bingo at Homewood
	4:00 PM	Alumni Choir & Ensemble Performance-
		SG Middle School
Thursday, May 2 nd	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, May 5th	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Monday, May 13th	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 15th	10:00 AM	Jefferson Homemakers Meeting
Thursday, May 23rd	4:00 PM	Harvest of Hope Volunteer Hours
Monday, May 27th	All Day	Office Closed for Memorial Day

Office Hours...

The office will be open Monday through Thursday this week. See below for hours. 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:

Cathy Sherry, Pastor	Tue/Wed	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music	Mon/Thur	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Pat McKowen, Secretary	Mon/Tue	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
•	Wed	1:00 - 3:00 PM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

April 30	Kimberly Bolden	May 04	*Anna Foreman
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May 01 Barbara Gardner

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE LAST SUNDAY WAS...

Attendance	60-57 Sanctuary/	' 3 YouTube
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Total	\$1,925.00
OCWM	10.00
Current Offering	\$1,915.00