

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
Sunday, March 10, 2024
4th Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Sharon Winter

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "Wondrous Love"

Landon

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 138)

L: Lord, all of the earth shall praise you, for great is the glory of our God.

P: We come to give thanks to God, for his steadfast love and faithfulness.

L: Though God is on high, he regards the lowly.

P: When I call upon you, you answered and the strength of my soul increased.

L: Though I may walk in the midst of troubles, I know God is with me.

P: God will fulfill his purpose for me. My trust is in God.

Hymn: "Amazing Grace" – Red Hymnal #202

Excell

Confession:

Call to Confession:

L: During this time of Lent, may we be steadfast in seeking our Lord in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Confession:

ALL: God, we suffer from the sin of indecision. You have made clear the way in Jesus Christ, yet we have avoided that way and have sought to justify our choices with endless rationales. We have a way of making big things small and small things big. We are torn apart knowing the way, yet wanting to avoid it. By your mercy, shown fully in the death and resurrection of Christ, forgive our indecision, and lead us on the way to the cross, that when Easter dawns upon us, we may be reassured of your eternal decision for us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

L: Friends, hear the Good News: No burden of the past is stronger than the power of love to forgive, heal, and bless. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Children's Message- Pastor Cathy

Sanctuary Choir: "Softly and Tenderly"

Drennan

Scripture: Ezekiel – Portions of Chapter 8 – The Message — Jean Weidler

Message: The Idolatry God Detests

Hymn: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" – Red Hymnal #376

Thomas

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostle's Creed (Lenten Praise Booklet- p. 3)

Announcements & Prayer Requests

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

Extinguishing of One Lenten Candle

L: Today, we observe the fourth week of Lent. We have extinguished the candles of judgement, so that we might feast on acceptance. We have extinguished the candle of worry so that we might feast on faith and we have extinguished the candle of self-concern so that we might feast on compassion. This week as we extinguish the fourth candle, we fast from problems that overwhelm us, and feast on prayer that sustains us.

ALL: It is written in Isaiah 41: "Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."

L: Let us pray.

ALL: Dear God, help me shape the problems that overwhelm me into prayers, and my prayers into practices that serve your purposes and serve others. Amen.

Extinguish one Lenten candle.

***Hymn:** "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" (Lenten Praise Booklet- p. 20)

Sleeth

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** "Sing Praise, O Christ, to Thee"

Truselle

**Members should rise if able.*



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns
March 10, 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 sections.
- 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.

Thank You from the Sextons...

We would like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts as we transition from being the Church Sextons. We feel very blessed to have had the opportunity to serve these past 6 years. We truly appreciate all the kinds words. We look forward to seeing you in church.

Thank You...

Dear Members of Lischey's Church, Thank you so much for the amazing hygiene kits! They are always so appreciated by the students and families! We currently have more students in the Backpack Program than we have had in a long time – almost 170 kiddos! Your generosity touches so many families! Thank you! Sincerely, Teresa Weaver, SGASD Counselor

Spaghetti Dinner...

The Spring Grove Indoor Color Guard is hosting a spaghetti dinner to help raise money for the color guard. It will be held here in the fellowship hall on Sunday, March 17th at 4:00, 5:00, and 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$10. Dinner also includes salad, breadsticks, and dessert. You can dine-in or take out. Please see Ellie, Sierra, or Abby for tickets.

Easter Lilies...

Easter Lily time is here again. The price is \$8.50, and the deadline to order is March 20th. Call Carol Brown to place your order, 717-891-1440. Fill out the dedication forms found on the cart by the bulletins in the overflow room. Put them, along with your payment, into the offering plate.

Midweek Lenten Season Worship Options & Meals...

Please pick up a copy of the *Lenten Season Community Services & Meal Schedule* for the time and locations of the midweek community services. St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 4767 Lehman Rd., Spring Grove, 17362, is hosting this **Wednesday, March 13th**. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM, and the worship service will follow the dinner at 6:30 PM. Lischey’s UCC is hosting the Maundy Thursday service on March 28th. Combined choir practice is at 5:30. Dinner is at 6:00, and the worship service is at 6:30 in the sanctuary. A signup sheet for attendance and to volunteer to bring food is on the table in the overflow room.

Harvest of Hope Volunteers Needed ...

Our next day to volunteer for the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry Thursday, March 14th, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. **Three (3) volunteers are still needed.**

Easter Egg Hunt...

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be March 24th at 1:00 PM. There will be snacks and crafts in addition to the Easter egg hunt. On the back table there is a box for **donations** of bags of **candy** or small treats that will fit inside plastic eggs. Thank you in advance! Spread the word to your friends and family! It will be a Hoppy time!

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering TODAY, March 10th...

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries. Envelopes are on the cart by the bulletins.

Jefferson Homemakers’ Meeting...

The Jefferson Homemakers will meet in the church fellowship hall on **Wednesday, March 20th** at 10:00 AM for a Civil War presentation by Curt Weber followed by lunch. All are welcome. For questions, see Joan Messinger.

Spring Fling Tea Party...

There will be a Spring Fling Tea Party on Saturday, April 20th, from noon until 2:00 PM at Salem UCC in Dover. It is a joint effort with Mt. Zion UCC in Spring Grove. Some of the proceeds from the \$15 tickets will be supporting a mission project. To reserve tickets, please see Nancy Cherry.

Harvest of Hope Announcement...

We have one week left to collect approximately **200** individual boxes of stuffing mix for the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry for Easter. We have collected 50 so far. If you can help, please place your donations in the food pantry box located at the entrance. Thank you.~ Joy

Thank you to our helpers this week:		Next week’s helpers are:
Acolyte	TJ Mensinger	Sam Wagaman
Children’s Message	Pastor Cathy	Melisa Altland

Lay Liturgist	Jean Weidler	Jenell McKowen
Greeters	Darlene & Steve Miner	Toni & Abigail O'Neal
Money Counters	Lisa Crisamore, Darlene Miner, & Lois Nelson	Darlene Miner, Tammy Wetzel, & Pat McKowen
Sound & Streaming	Diane Breeden & Pat McKowen	Blaine Breeden & Toni O'Neal

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Monday, March 11 th	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 13 th	6:00 PM	Midweek Lenten meal at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
	6:30 PM	Midweek Lenten service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Stoverstown
Thursday, March 14 th	4:00 PM	Harvest of Hope Volunteer Hours
	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, March 17 th	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Children & Youth Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	4:00 PM	Spaghetti dinner to benefit SG Color Guard in the fellowship hall. Dine-in or take out.
	5:00 PM	
	6:00 PM	
Wednesday, March 20 th	10:00 AM	Jefferson Homemakers' Meeting
Sunday, March 24 th	10:30 AM	Palm Sunday
	1:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday, March 28 th	5:30 PM	Combined Choir Practice
	6:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Supper- St. Peter's Lischey's
	6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service- St. Peter's Lischey's

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	1:00 PM – 3:00 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 PM – 3:00 PM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

March 16	Evelyn Walker	March 17	Sandra Lehman
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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE LAST SUNDAY WAS...

Attendance	62- 56 Sanctuary/ 6 YouTube
Current Offering	\$1,700.00
Initial Offering	5.00
OCWM	20.00
Harvest of Hope	25.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	30.00
Total	\$1,780.00