

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
United in Love by Divine Love
Sunday, September 27, 2026
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- *Blaine Breeden*

Ringin' of the Bell

Prelude: "More Like the Master"

Rasley

Call to Worship

L: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from His love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy —

P: We come to make our joy complete, being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

L: Let us look not to our own interests, but to the interests of others.

P: With the mind of Christ, we come to worship the One who humbled Himself, who became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

L: Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name above every name.

ALL: At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father! Come, let us worship!

**Hymn:* "We Love Your Realm, O God" - NCH #312 (See last page.)

Bayler

Prayer of Confession:

ALL: Merciful God, You call us to have the mind of Christ—to live in humility, to serve one another in love, to put others before ourselves. Yet we confess that we often seek our own way. We cling to pride, we grasp for status, and we resist the path of self-emptying love. Forgive us, Lord. By Your Spirit, shape our hearts to reflect Your Son. Teach us to walk in obedience, to serve with joy, and to live in unity with our brothers and sisters. Make us a people who shine with Your light, so that in all we do, Jesus Christ is glorified. In His name we pray, Amen.

(Silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon:

L: Friends in Christ, hear the good news: It is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and empowered to live with the mind of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sanctuary Choir: "I Am Your Servant O Lord"

Besig & Price

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7
Philippians 2:1-13

TJ Mensinger

Message: United in Love by Divine Love

Rev. Susan Emmons

Hymn: "God of Change and Glory" (Praise Booklet, p. 16)

Carmines

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed (Praise Booklet, p. 5)

Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Praise Booklet, p. 4)

*Closing Hymn: "Community of Christ" – NCH #314 (See last page.)

Murray

*Benediction

*Postlude: "Hymn of Joy"

Grosvenor

**Members should rise if able.*



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns
September 27, 2026

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, here 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 plates are located on the cart, and at the belltower and middle entrances.

Thank You, Don Carl and Church Family!

Thanks to Don Carl for putting together another great church picnic. Your time, effort, and dedication brought us all together for a day of fellowship, fun, and good food. We truly appreciate all the planning and work that went into making the event a success. We would also like to thank everyone who contributed in so many ways. Thank you to those who brought delicious dishes to share, to the volunteers who helped set everything up, to those who kept the

food tables stocked and flowing smoothly throughout the day, and to everyone who stayed afterward to help clean up. Your generosity and willingness to serve made the picnic enjoyable for all. Church events like this are possible because of the many hands and caring hearts that work together. Thank you all for your kindness, support, and spirit of fellowship. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family.

Worship & Music Meeting- TODAY...

Please join us for the Worship & Music Committee meeting **TODAY** in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the worship service to plan and discuss upcoming worship opportunities. All are welcome.

SPLATT Leaders Stepping Down...

On behalf of the Church Council

The Church Council would like to express its heartfelt gratitude to our SPLATT leaders, Kari & Cody Kauffman, as they step down from their leadership roles within the SPLATT Sunday School program.

We are deeply thankful for the many years of faithful service, dedication, and commitment they have given to our church and its children. Through their leadership, guidance, and enthusiasm, they have helped shape young lives with faith, love, and a deeper understanding of God's Word. Their passion for nurturing the spiritual growth of our children has made a lasting impact on countless families and members of our congregation.

The children have greatly benefited from their care, encouragement, and example, and they will be greatly missed. We thank them for the wonderful contributions they have made to the SPLATT ministry and for the positive influence they have had on so many young hearts.

Please join us in thanking Kari & Cody for their faithful service and in wishing them God's richest blessings in the future.

Parking Lot Line Repainting Notice...

Weather permitting, the church parking lots are scheduled to be restriped on Thursday, **October 8th**. Please plan accordingly, as parking availability will be limited during the work. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Jefferson Area CROP Walk...

The 39th Annual Jefferson Area CROP Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 18, 2026**.

Registration begins at **1:00 PM** at Hanover Junction, followed by announcements and prayers at **1:30 PM** before the walk starts. Participants may walk the full 10-mile route or turn around at any point. A "Toe" truck will be available along the route to provide rides back to Hanover Junction as needed. Water and snacks will be available at the Larue Road and Glen Rock turnarounds. This community event helps fight hunger locally and around the world. **Twenty-five percent of all funds raised remain in our area**, supporting five local food pantries, including **Harvest of Hope Food Pantry**. If you would like to walk or support a walker, sign-up sheets are available on the table in the overflow room. Please make checks payable to **St. Peter's Lischey's UCC** and return donations by **October 25, 2026**. Thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of those facing food insecurity.

Thank you to our helpers this week:

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Blaine Breeden
<i>Acolyte</i>	Olivia Godfrey
<i>Children's Message</i>	Rev. Susan Emmons
<i>Lay Reader</i>	TJ Mensinger
<i>Greeters</i>	Connie & Mike Neiderer
<i>Money Counters</i>	Darlene Miner, Janet Brown, & Pat McKowen
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Cole & Pat McKowen

Next week's helpers are:

Don Carl
TJ Mensinger
Rev. Susan Emmons
Melisa Altland
Darlene & Steve Miner
Elvin Myers Don Carl, & Deb Brooks
Amanda Godfrey & Joy Spangler

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Sunday, September 27 th	11:30 AM	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 1 st	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, October 4 th	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	SPLATT and Children's Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service – World Communion Sunday
Monday, October 12 th	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Thursday, October 15 th	3:45 PM	Harvest of Hope Volunteer Hours- 2 Volunteers still needed
Sunday, October 18 th	1:00 PM	Crop Walk- Hanover Junction

Office Hours...

The office will be open during the hours listed below. 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:

Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music	Wed/Thur	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Pat McKowen, Secretary	Tue-Thur	8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

September 30	*Adrienne Messinger	October 05	Dennis Runk
October 05	Jill Neiderer	October 07	Blair Byers

Our Response to God's Love last week was...

Attendance	58: 55 Sanctuary/ 3 YouTube
Current Offering	\$2,410.00
Loose Offering	20.00
OCWM	40.00
Crop Walk	30.00
Total	\$2,500.00

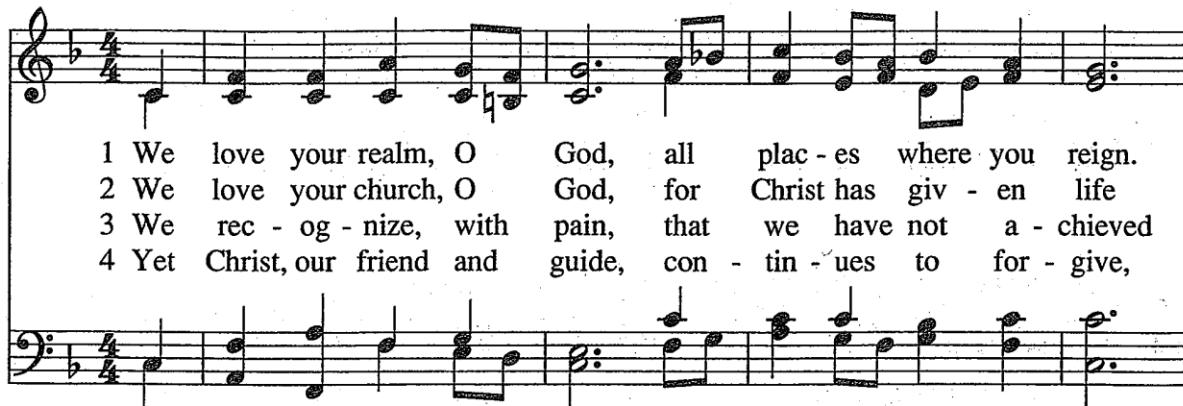
We Love Your Realm, O God

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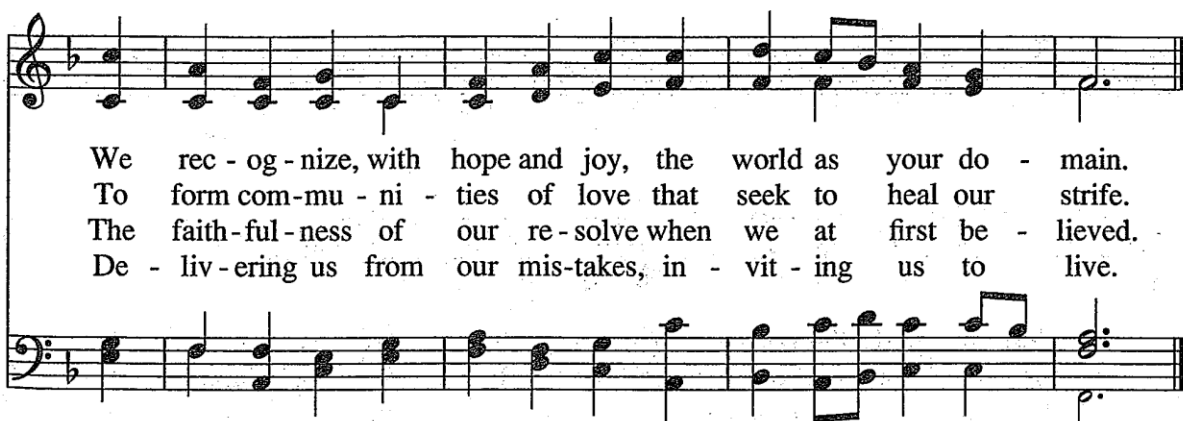
Timothy Dwight, 1801

Adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992

Ps. 26:8



1 We love your realm, O God, all places where you reign.
2 We love your church, O God, for Christ has given life
3 We recognize, with pain, that we have not achieved
4 Yet Christ, our friend and guide, continues to forgive,



We recognize, with hope and joy, the world as your domain.
To form communities of love that seek to heal our strife.
The faithfulness of our resolve when we at first believed.
Delivering us from our mistakes, inviting us to live.

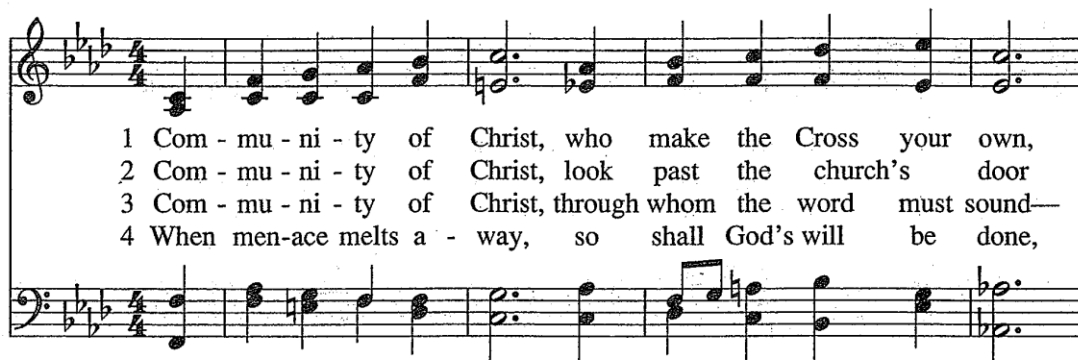
5 Beyond our broken-ness,
we seek to know your ways
Of deep communion, solemn vows,
and hymns of love and praise.

6 We know your truth will last.
We trust your reign is sure.
Equip us for those daily tasks
that help your world endure.

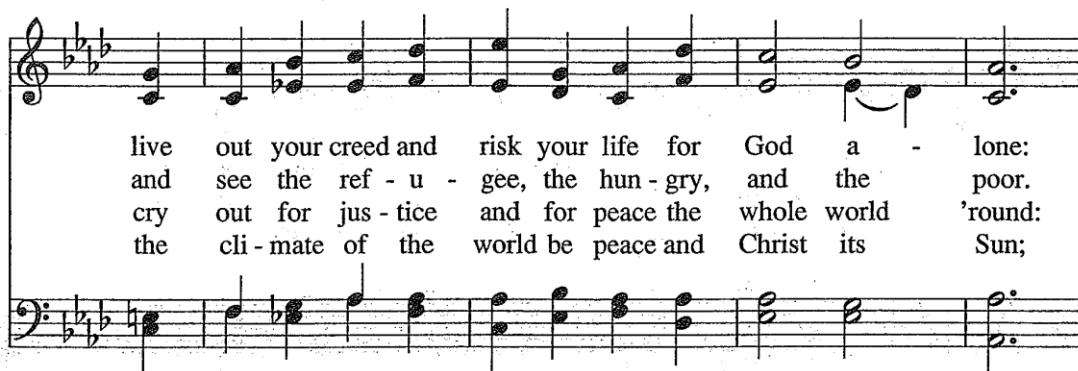
This poem by Lavon Bayler, a United Church of Christ minister, was inspired by and modeled after the oldest commonly used American hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom" by Timothy Dwight.

Tune: ST. THOMAS S.M.
Williams' New Universal Psalmist, 1770

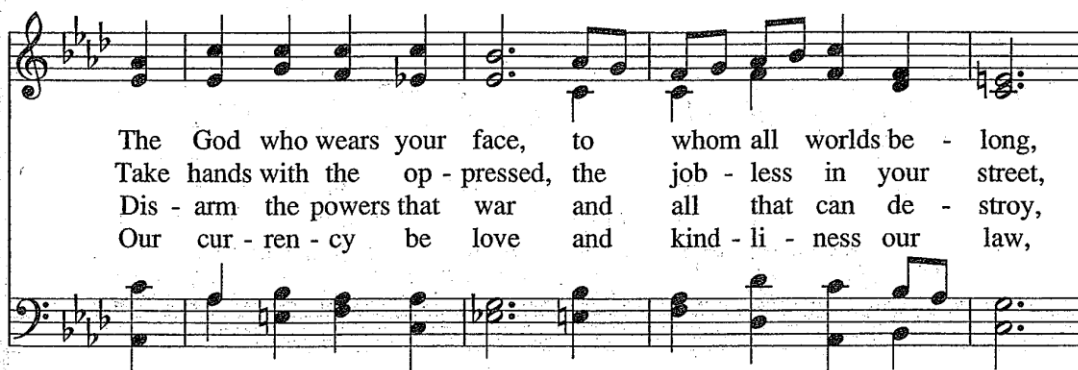
Shirley Erena Murray, 1985



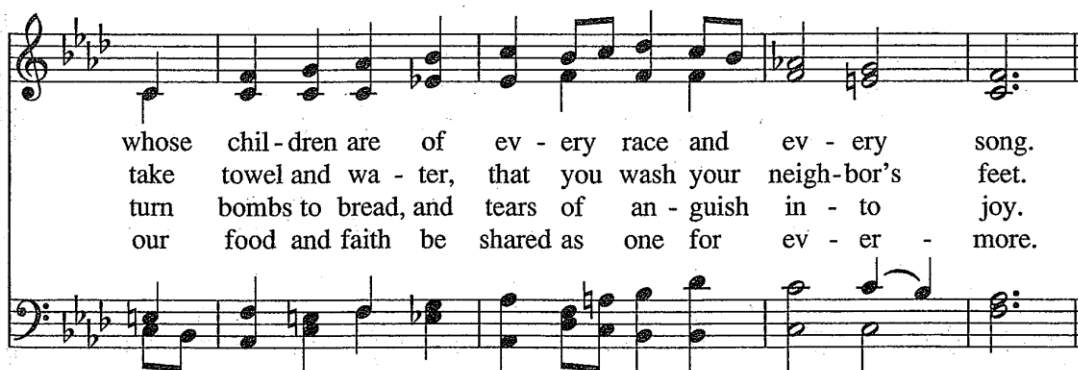
1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the Cross your own,
 2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church's door
 3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—
 4 When men-ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,



live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:
 and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.
 cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world 'round:
 the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun;



The God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,
 Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,
 Dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,
 Our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,



whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
 take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
 turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.
 our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

Shirley Erena Murray has grown up within the Ecumenical Movement and addresses related themes such as Christian unity and social justice in her hymnody. This text was first sung at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

Tune: LEONI 6.6.8.4.D.
 Traditional Hebrew melody
 Adapt. Meyer Lyon, 1770