

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 12, 2026
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Sharon Winter

Ring of the Bell

Prelude: "Ode to Our Country"

Johnston/Ward

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 119: 105-112)

L: Source of Life, with delight we gather to worship the Lord who teaches us about life.

P: The decrees of the Lord light up all of life and guide us into the path of true living.

L: Source of Hope, with joy we gather to celebrate the Lord who teaches us about hope.

P: The decrees of the Lord instruct us in the way to life in all of its fullness of joy and hope.

L: Source of Steadfast Love, we gather to give and receive love from the Lord who teaches us to learn more about life, hope, trust, and love – so that we may grow in God's name.

P: The decrees of the Lord reveal to us the true beauty of loving in communion with the Lord, our God; and to walk each day along the pathway of obedience and loyalty to our God.

*Hymn: "God of Our Fathers" – Red Hymnal #573

Warren

Prayer of Confession:

L: Let us make our confession.

ALL: Loving and merciful God, when we are ungrateful, remind us of your grace. When we are oblivious, open our eyes. When we are harsh, gentle our spirit. When we are apathetic, show us your suffering children. When we demean ourselves, whisper we are created in your image. When we lose all hope, show us the empty tomb. Dear God, shape us and turn us around that we will live with blessing, grace, and light. Help us to be living examples of your good news.

Assurance of Pardon:

L: Sisters and brothers in Christ, we are forgiven, reconciled, loved, and changed in Jesus Christ.

Scripture: Genesis 25:19-34
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Beth Mensinger

Message: Adversity As a Tool for God

Rev. Susan Emmons

Hymn: "O for a World" (See below.)

Winter

Affirmation of Faith: United Church of Christ Statement of Faith (Praise Booklet, p. 5)

Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn: "America, the Beautiful" – Red Hymnal #572

Ward

*Benediction

*Postlude: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

Smith

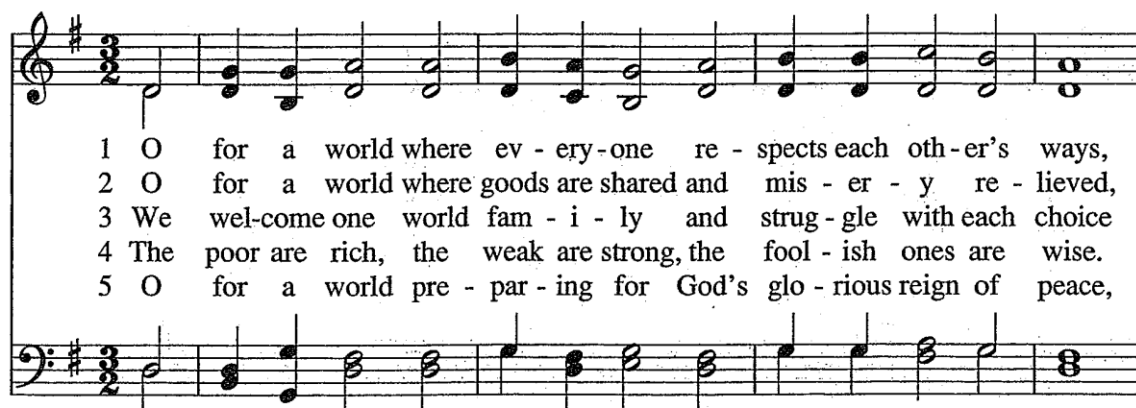
*Members should rise if able.

O for a World

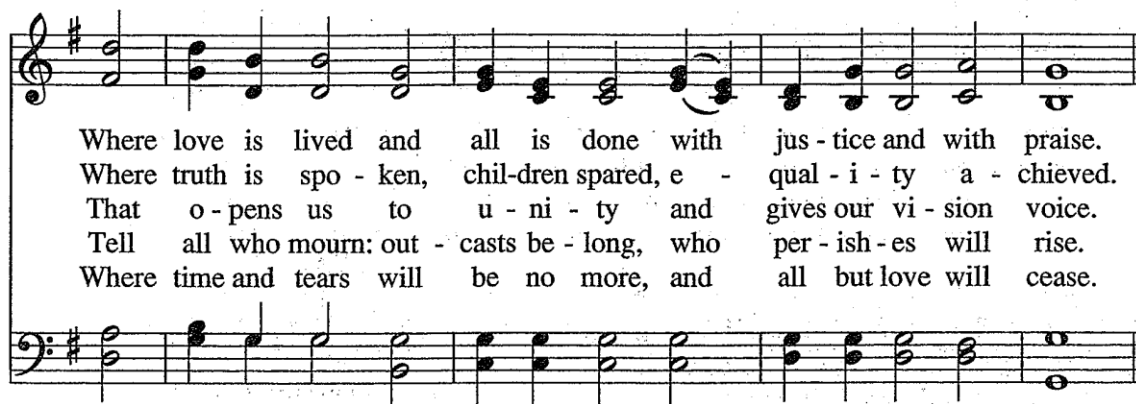
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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32–35; 1 Cor. 1:26–31; 1 Pet. 3:8–12



1 O for a world where ev - ery-one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

Tune: AZMON C.M.

Carl G. Gläser, 1828

Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns
July 12, 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.

A Special Thank You...

We extend a big thanks to **Don Carl, Blaine Breeden, and Joy Spangler** for sharing their musical talents as instrumentalists during this morning's worship service. Your willingness to use your gifts to glorify God and enrich our time of worship is greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping lead us in praise through your beautiful music.

SPLATT Sight & Sound Bus Trip Reminder...

A reminder to everyone attending the SPLATT bus trip to see *Joshua* at Sight & Sound on **Thursday, July 16**. The bus will depart from the church promptly at **9:15 AM**. Following the matinee performance, the group will enjoy a late lunch at Golden Corral before returning home. If you have any questions before the trip, please see **Bud Hamme**. We look forward to a wonderful day of fellowship together!

Thank you to our helpers this week:

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Sharon Winter
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Beth Mensinger
<i>Greeters</i>	Joan Messinger & Lois Nelson
<i>Money Counters</i>	Joanne Hoffman, Tammy Wetzel, & Pat McKowen
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Ryan & Pat McKowen

Next week's helpers are:

Michele Hamme
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Linda & Jim Freed
Lisa Crisamore, Don Carl, & Pat McKowen
Cole & Pat McKowen

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Thursday, July 16 th	9:15 AM	Sight & Sound bus trip to <i>Joshua</i>
Sunday, August 9 th	9:30 AM	SPLATT & Children's Sunday School
Monday, August 10 th	11:00 AM	Harvest of Hope Summer Lunch Program- 9 Volunteers still needed
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 11 th	3:45 PM	Harvest of Hope Volunteer Hours- 4 more volunteers needed

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	Mon/Thur	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Pat McKowen, Secretary	Mon-Wed	8:30 AM – 11:30 PM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

July 05	Kira Bakner	July 11	Delani Tomlinson
July 07	Jeffrey Flickinger	July 12	Tyler Orchowski
July 08	Easton Kessler	July 12	Jean Weidler
July 08	Billy Waltersdorff	July 13	Rachel Althoff
July 09	Julie Waltersdorff	July 13	Kelli Linker
July 10	William Bakner	July 14	Janet Brown
July 11	Jessica Fuhrman	July 17	*Dolores Kraft

Our Response to God's Love June 28th was...

Attendance	47- 44 Sanctuary/ 3 YouTube
Current Offering	\$2,225.00
OCWM	20.00
Vacation Bible School (Loose Change Jar)	153.00
Building for Service	10.00
Total	\$2,408.00