

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 17, 2023
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

****Welcome and Gathering Songs**

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "Jesus is All the World to Me"

Hughes/Thompson

Call to Worship

L: We worship God who created our world and dwells in our lives. We need not look up to find God.

P: We need only look around: within ourselves and in the eyes of one another.

L: We need not listen for distant thunder to find God.

P: We need only to listen to the music of life, the words of children, the questions of the curious.

ALL: We worship God who inhabits our world and who indwells in our lives.

Hymn: "Fairest Lord Jesus" - Red Hymnal #88

Willis

Confession

Call to Confession: God does not disappoint those who come in hope, nor does God turn away those who approach in faith. Let us make our confession to God with hope and faith.

Confession:

ALL: God, you are the giver of life. You are the giver of all good and perfect gifts, yet we confess we have a hard time putting you first. Every day, we are flooded with advertisements to entice us to buy newer electronics, more clothes, or fancier vehicles. We like to give, but only when our stomachs are full and our wants are fulfilled. Forgive us we pray. Teach us to respond to your love and generosity to the church and to the world. Help us to give to you first instead of last. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

L: Because God's love is so great, we receive His forgiveness and He strengthens us to try better in the week ahead.

ALL: The experience of forgiveness makes our hearts more like God's and more loving to others.

Special Music: "I Worship You" - Sanctuary Choir

Barrett/Showalter

Children's Message- Pastor Cathy

Scripture: Luke 5: 27-32 – Jenell McKowen

Message: Levi and God's Amazing Grace

Hymn: "Amazing Grace" - Red Hymnal #202

Excell

Affirmation of Faith - UCC Statement of Faith (Praise Booklet- p. 4)

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

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

*Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" - Red Hymnal #560

Kocher

*Benediction

Postlude: "How Firm a Foundation"

Broughton

**Members should rise if able.*

***Thank you to Blaine Breeden, Don Carl, Michele Hamme, and Sharon Winter for leading us in the Welcome and Gathering Songs in the coming weeks.*



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns September 17, 2023

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.

Thank You...



A belated birthday Thank You to Dolores Kraft! She has become our weekly follower, gifted to lucky birthday recipients! My daughter's TLC has caused my Miniature Rose Bush to explode with beautiful blooms! Thanks Again Dolores! Pat Warner

SPLATT Classroom Change & Redecoration...



The SPLATT Sunday School class fixed up and moved to a new classroom for the new SS year. They spruced up the blue walls, added some storage, repainted the trim, and "splatted" the cross. Some teenage-friendly chairs were purchased and a versatile table that we can fold up and push against the wall or expand to fit our large class was added. The kids are very excited to be in our new room and proud to have played a part in the decorating. If you get a chance, go down and see it. The pictures don't do it justice! Pictures of the redecorating can be found on our website, www.lisceysucc.org.

Perfect Attendance...

Congratulations to the following teachers and students on their perfect Sunday School attendance: Cameron Freed, Crystal Freed, Sage Freed, Cody Kauffman, Kari Kauffman, Jenell McKowen, Beth Mensinger, Grace Mensinger, and TJ Mensinger.

Choir Rehearsals...

The SPLATT group will resume their rehearsals during Sunday School every other week at 9:30 AM starting on September 24th. The Joyful Singers will begin the next week on October 1st. Please consider joining the fun and fellowship, even if it's just for a season. *Nancy Cherry*

Plastic Recycling at CRDC Collection Day...

The next collection day at the church for your plastic recyclables to take to CRDC is **Sunday, October 1st**. CRDC accepts all clean plastics, Styrofoam, and plastic bags. Bring your plastic recycle bags to the church on August 20th. **Please don't bring your recycling bags early as we are unable to store them at the church.** If you have questions about what can be recycled, please contact the church office.

The Church Council Could Use a Few Good Members...

At least 2 people are needed for Council to replace the members going off of Council this year. If interested, speak to a Council member or say, "Yes!" when you receive the phone call.

Donations for the Projector and Parking Lot Projects...

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Projector and Parking Lot projects so far. If you have any questions about how to donate to these projects, you can contact the office. Thank you for considering a donation.

September Council Meeting Highlights...

- Council has decided to continue with CRDC collections of plastics and Styrofoam for October and November. Dates for collections will be announced, please only bring donations on the dates that will be posted.
- We have several council members whose terms will be completed and we are in need of volunteers to serve.
- Contact has been made with H&H for potential dates to start our parking lot project. We are very close now to have all the funds necessary to begin.
- In the overflow room you will soon see a large clear plastic container on one of the tables. This has been given to us in the hope of having a continuing build-up of funds to help defray the cost of VBS. Please consider giving your spare change, either coin or paper to this worthwhile fund.

Thank you to our helpers this week:

Next week's helpers are:

<i>Acolyte</i>	Will Bakner	Sierra Godfrey
<i>Children's Message</i>	Pastor Cathy	Melisa Altland
<i>Lay Liturgist</i>	Jenell McKowen	Blaine Breeden
<i>Greeters</i>	Melisa Altland & Michele Hamme	Connie & Mike Neiderer
<i>Money Counters</i>	Darlene Miner, Lois Nelson, & Tammy Wetzel	Joanne Hoffman, Darlene Miner, & John Klinedinst
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Diane Breeden & Toni O'Neal	Joy Spangler & Steve Miner

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Thursday, September 21	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, September 24	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School/ SPLATT Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Worship Service in Sanctuary and via YouTube
Thursday, September 28	4:15 PM	Harvest of Hope Volunteer Hours
	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, October 1	9:30 AM	Joyful Singers Rehearsal/ Communion

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

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

September 19	Raylinn Waltersdorff	September 23	Matthew Kessler
September 22	Diane Patterson	September 30	Adrienne Messinger

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

Attendance	62- 54 Sanctuary/ 8 YouTube
Current Offering	\$3,535.00
Loose	20.00
OCWM	165.00
Parking Lot Project	5,100
Total	\$8,820.00