

**WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS**  
**St. Peter's Lischey's UCC**  
**www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day**  
**Sunday, May 10, 2026**  
**10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)**

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Sharon Winter

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: Chime Choir- "A Suite for Bells"

Althouse

Call to Worship

L: We gather today called by the faithfulness of Ruth, who showed us the power of love and loyalty.

**P: We come to worship the God who sees our struggles and hears our pleas.**

L: Just as Ruth stepped out in faith, let us also step forward, trusting in God's provision.

**P: We open our hearts to the stories of hope and redemption.**

L: Come, let us worship together, remembering the promises of God that guide us.

**P: We are here to celebrate the love that binds us and the grace that sustains us.**

\*Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" - Red Hymnal #556

Cruger

Confession:

**ALL: Gracious God, we come before you acknowledging our shortcomings and the ways we have strayed from your path. Like the Athenians we often seek meaning in the unknown, forgetting that you are the source of all creation and life. We confess that we have placed our trust in idols of our own making, neglecting the call to worship you alone. Forgive us for the times we have failed to recognize your presence in our lives and in the world around us. Help us to turn our hearts back to you, to seek your truth, and to live in a way that reflects your love and grace. In the name of Jesus who calls us to repent we pray.**

*Words of Assurance:*

L: Be assured that God hears our prayers and forgives us.

Children's Message- Melisa Altland

Scripture: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 Don Carl  
Acts 17:22-31

Message: Ruth, a Mother of our Faith Rev. Susan Emmons

Hymn: "A Christian Home" - Red Hymnal #535

Sibelius

Affirmation of Faith: Affirmation of Faith (Praise Booklet, p. 4)

Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns

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

\*Closing Hymn: "Happy the Home When God is There" - Red Hymnal #536

Dykes

\*Benediction

\*Postlude: "A Mother's Bouquet"

Moore

\*Members should rise if able.

### Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

May 10, 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, 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 plates are located on the cart, and at the belltower and middle entrances.

#### A Mother's Day Blessing...

Today with joy, our hearts proclaim,  
We honor mothers in Jesus' name –  
Those who gave life, who helped us grow,  
And those whose love we've come to know.

These carnations, bright and fair,  
Are given with remembrance and care –  
By Bob Strausbaugh, in love so deep,  
For his wife, Norma and her mother, Margaret,  
memories we keep.

For strength and grace, for faith so true,  
For quiet prayers and all you do,  
For guiding hands and hearts so kind,  
Your Christ-like love in all we find.

A faithful tradition, year by year,  
A tribute held so close and dear –  
With gratitude, we warmly say,  
God bless our mothers this holy day.

Through family ties or friendship dear,  
Through gentle words that draw us near,  
Your nurturing spirit lights the way –  
God bless you richly on this day.

*Thank you, Bob, for continuing this twenty plus year tradition of honoring the ladies of our congregation.*

#### Pentecost & Memorial Day Geranium Celebration

Today – **May 10<sup>th</sup>** – is the final day to place your order!

We will decorate the church with red geraniums on Pentecost Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, also Memorial Day weekend. These flowers honor the gift of the Spirit while remembering those who have served or are serving in our military.

Geraniums may be given in honor or memory of a loved one. Cost is \$5.75 per plant, and you may order as many as you wish. Order envelopes are on the offertory table – please return them with payment **today**.

Donated flowers will be planted in the church beds; others may be picked up after the May 24<sup>th</sup> service. Volunteers are also needed to help with planting that week.

Questions? Contact Darlene Miner.

### **Celebrating Our Confirmands – Join Us May 17<sup>th</sup>...**

Join us on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> for a special and meaningful time in the life of our church as we celebrate and support our confirmands: Kira Bakner, Sage Freed, and Delani Tomlinson. This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage these young members of our faith family as they take this important step in their journey. We are also blessed to welcome back Pastor Cathy, who will be with us to lead the worship service. All are invited to come, share in this joyful occasion, and show your support!

### **Celebrating Our Graduates**

Do you have a family member or loved one graduating this spring? We would love to celebrate their accomplishment! Please share their name, the school they are graduating from, and your relationship to them so we can recognize and honor them in an upcoming bulletin. Kindly submit your information to the church office at your earliest convenience. Let's come together to lift up and celebrate this special milestone!

### **Collecting Funds for Harvest of Hope Summer Lunch Program...**

Harvest of Hope is excited to continue the tradition of providing chocolate milk as a special treat for the kids participating in their Summer Lunch Program. We have set a goal of \$600. Monetary gifts will be collected from now through Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> to help fund this program. If you'd like to contribute, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Chocolate Milk." Thank you for your continued generosity and support in sharing joy with the children in our community!

### **SPLATT Bus Trip to Sight & Sound – SOLD OUT!**

The SPLATT bus trip to Sight & Sound to see *Joshua* is now officially sold out. Thank you to everyone who signed up. We're looking forward to a wonderful day together. If you have already purchased tickets, please be sure to **save the date** – Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. The bus will depart from the church at 9:15 AM. The group will attend the matinee performance of *Joshua* at Sight & Sound, followed by a late lunch stop at Golden Corral before returning home. Reminders about the trip will begin appearing in the bulletin in June, so please keep an eye on upcoming announcements. If you have any questions, please see Bud Hamme.

### **Jefferson Homemakers Meeting – May 20<sup>th</sup>...**

The Jefferson Homemakers will meet on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the church. The morning will begin with a special presentation on butterflies, offering an opportunity to learn more about these fascinating creatures. Following the program, the group will enjoy lunch together at Genova's. All are encouraged to attend for a morning of learning, fellowship, and good food.

### **Neighboring VBS Invitation – June 8-12...**

Our neighbors at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jefferson are hosting their Vacation Bible School, *The Warrior Challenge: Building a Stronger Faith*, from June 8-12, 6:00-8:00 PM. This action-packed week is open to all ages and will include faith-filled lessons, games, activities, and fun for everyone. They are also currently seeking volunteers for several roles and would greatly appreciate any help you can offer. If you're interested in lending a hand or would like more information, please consider signing up or reaching out. Registration and details are available online – come be part of a great week of faith, fun, and adventure!

**Thank you to our helpers this week:****Next week's helpers are:**

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Sharon Winter	Michele Hamme
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Don Carl	Melisa Altland
<i>Acolyte</i>	Joy Spangler	TJ Mensinger
<i>Children's Message</i>	Melisa Altland	Melisa Altland
<i>Greeters</i>	Michele Hamme & Darlene Miner	Darlene & Steve Miner
<i>Money Counters</i>	Lisa Crisamore, Darlene Miner, & Jean Weidler	Joanne Hoffman, Tammy Wetzel, & Janet Brown
<i>Sound &amp; Streaming</i>	Joy & Larry Spangler	Don Carl & Cole McKowen

**Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...**

Monday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Thursday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School/ SPLATT/ Confirmation Class
	10:30 AM	Confirmation Sunday- Pastor Cathy will lead the service.
Wednesday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 AM	Jefferson Homemakers' Meeting
Sunday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 AM	Pentecost Sunday with Communion
Sunday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	10:30 AM	Music Appreciation Sunday

**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	Tue- Thur	8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

**Upcoming Birthdays (\*Designates Over 80)**

May 10	Alex Brown	May 14	Jami Tomlinson
May 10	Myles Brown	May 16	Leah Myers
May 12	*Anna Mae Mummert	May 16	Susan Sanders
May 13	*Helen Klinedinst	May 17	Gary Kyp
May 14	Meggie Byers	May 19	Linda Pentz

**Our Response to God's Love Last Week was...**

Attendance 55- 53 Sanctuary/ 2 YouTube

Current Offering	\$1,110.00
OCWM	20.00
SPLATT- Sight & Sound Bus Trip	625.00
Pentecost Geraniums	17.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,772.00</b>