

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS  
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC  
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, March 22, 2026  
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Blaine Breeden

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "The Old Rugged Cross"

Bennard/Hughes

Call to Worship

L: Some of us come to worship today, weary and worn, heavy with all the circumstances that are too much to bear alone.

**P: We gather to travel God's redemption road together.**

L: Some of us come to worship today, dry and thirsty, longing for relief and peace from the troubles that surround us.

**P: We gather to travel God's redemption road together.**

L: Some of us come to worship today with stories to tell of little resurrections, moments of new life that sprang up when we least expected them.

**P: We gather to travel God's redemption road together.**

L: Beloved, whatever we bring with us to worship today, God welcomes us and calls us to work together as we travel God's redemption road together.

**P: We gather to be truth-tellers and life-bringers as we travel God's redemption road together.**

Hymn: "Trust and Obey" - Red Hymnal #349

Towner

Confession:

L: Loving and sustaining God, we offer this prayer with humble hearts.

**ALL: Out of the depths of despair, we cry to you, O God. We are lost in a world of pain and suffering. When we put our trust in weapons of war, we find no peace. When we put our faith in our own resources, we feel the ache of our true needs. When we put our hope in the health of our bodies, we suffer pain and find no healing. Come to us, O God. Forgive our doubts and fear. Heal our brokenness, that we may rejoice in your steadfast love. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance:*

L: It is by God's grace, we know forgiveness, mercy, and love. We are forgiven.

Children's Message- Michele Hamme

Sanctuary Choir: "Sanctuary of Grace"

Martin

Scripture: Psalm 130            Nancy King  
Ezekiel 37:1-14

Message: "Can The Bones Live?"

Hymn: "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" - Red Hymnal #249

Atkinson

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

Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns

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

\*Closing Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" – Red Hymnal #259

Jackson

Extinguish Lenten Candle

L: Today, we observe the fifth week of Lent. We have extinguished the candles of judgement, so that we might feast on acceptance. We have extinguished the candle of discontent, so that we might feast on gratitude. We have extinguished the candle of worry, so that we might feast on faith, and we have extinguished the candle of stereotyping, so that we might feast on the spirit of truth. This week as we extinguish the fifth 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 candle.*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude: "Praise and Sing"

Smith

*\*Members should rise if able.*

### Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

March 22, 2026

#### Welcome Back & Thank You, Rev. Eva O'Diam...

We warmly welcome back Rev. Eva O'Diam and thank her for leading us in worship today. Rev. O'Diam is a retired pastor in the United Church of Christ with more than 40 years of ordained ministry. During her years of service, she pastored Dover UCC and served as interim pastor at Hayshire UCC. She also spent 17 years as pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. In addition to her congregational ministry, Rev. O'Diam has been active in outreach and service beyond the church. She worked with Alder Health Services supporting individuals living with HIV/AIDS, and with Prisoner Visitation and Support as a recruitment coordinator, helping connect volunteers across the country with individuals in federal and military prisons for one-on-one visits. Throughout her life and ministry, Rev. O'Diam has been guided by the words of Micah 6:8: "Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God." We are grateful for her faithful witness and are thankful to welcome her back to share her gifts with us in worship today.

#### New Address- Jean Gross...

Homewood at Plum Creek, 425 Westminster Ave., Hanover, PA 17331, c/o Jean Gross, Rm. 340

### Harvest of Hope Food Collection...

From March 1 to March 22, Lischey's will be gathering items to help provide Easter meals for those in need. Our goal is to collect 100 of each of the following: boxes of stuffing and boxes of potatoes. Thank you for your continued support of Harvest of Hope.

### A Special Offering through April 12<sup>th</sup>...

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is part of the UCC church's wider mission, and through this special offering, lives are literally changed daily. Your support provides clean water, food, medicines, shelter, healthcare, education, and so much more. This is the special mission offering that carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis at home and abroad.

The UCC works with international partners to provide sources for the needs listed above, as well as small business micro-credit advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response. On average, of every dollar given to OGHS, 95 cents is used directly for mission programming; and 5 cents for interpretation materials. The associated administrative costs are paid by gifts of OCWM national basic support. With the current political climate in the US, funding for such programs as USAID has been cut so the need for assistance for those in crisis is at an all-time high. It is up to organizations such as churches to step up to the plate and fill that need. That means we members of St. Peter's Lischey's need to be especially generous this year. Please feel free to make your donation anytime from this Sunday through April 12<sup>th</sup>. Envelopes are on the offering table. Bless you for your generosity!

### Sight & Sound Bus Trip- Reserve Your Spot Today...

A bus trip to Sight & Sound is once again being coordinated by SPLATT. A new show is being presented this year - Joshua. The bus will depart from the church at 9:15 AM on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. We'll be stopping for a late lunch at Golden Corral following the matinee performance. Please see Bud Hamme to reserve your spot. This year's cost is \$125 per person which includes coach bus transportation, show tickets, and lunch. Cash or check payments can be given to Bud by June 1. Checks should be made to St. Peter's Lischey's UCC with a note indicating it's for the SPLATT trip.

### Easter Egg Hunt- March 29<sup>th</sup>...

An Easter Egg Hunt is being planned by SPLATT for Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, immediately after the church service. The day will include a light luncheon, crafts, and egg hunt. Please support us by placing **candy donations** in the bin in the overflow room. Thank you!

### Easter Sunday Breakfast- April 5<sup>th</sup>...

SPLATT is proud to announce the return of Easter breakfast this year! A pancake and sausage breakfast, together with fresh fruit, sides, and drinks, will be offered on Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-10 AM, as a fundraiser for their upcoming bus trip to Sight & Sound. Monetary donations will be collected in baskets as you enter the fellowship hall. Please come hungry and support the youth of our church.

#### Thank you to our helpers this week:

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Blaine Breden
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Nancy King
<i>Acolyte</i>	Olivia Godfrey

#### Next week's helpers are:

Cynthia Elicker
Don Carl
Grace Mensinger

<i>Children's Message</i>	Michele Hamme	SPLATT
<i>Greeters</i>	Melisa Altland & Michele Hamme	Connie & Mike Neiderer
<i>Money Counters</i>	Lisa Crisamore, Jean Weidler, & Pat McKowen	Darlene Miner, Janet Brown, & Pat McKowen
<i>Sound &amp; Streaming</i>	Joy & Larry Spangler	Don Carl & Cole McKowen

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

Wednesday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	Mid-Week Lenten Soup-Supper & Community Service- Trinity Roth's UCC in Spring Grove
Thursday, March 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, March 29 <sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday)	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Joyful Singers' Practice/Children's Sunday School/ SPLATT
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Easter Egg Hunt at church
Tuesday, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	3:45 PM	Harvest of Hope Volunteer Hours
Thursday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Meal and Service at Bethlehem UMC in Jefferson
Friday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service at St. Peter's Lischey's UCC- No Meal
Sunday, April 5 <sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday)	9:00 AM	Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at the Church
	10:30 AM	Easter Sunday Service

### 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	11:00 AM - 2 PM

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

March 22	Dennis Kimball	March 25	Donald Carl
March 22	Samuel Wagaman	March 28	Michael Neiderer
March 24	Cameron Freed	March 30	Tammy Wetzel

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

Attendance 64- 60 Sanctuary/ 4 YouTube

Current Offering	\$940.00
Initial Offering	20.00
OCWM	20.00
Fellowship Hall Rental	160.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,140.00</b>