

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS  
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC  
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932  
Palm Sunday  
Sunday, March 29, 2026  
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Blaine Breeden

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "Ride on in Majesty!"

Broughton

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 24, Zechariah 9)

L: Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**P: Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

L: Let us open our hearts to the King of kings and praise his mighty name!

**P: We open our hearts to you, O Lord. Blessed are you, who came in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Hymn: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!" - Red Hymnal #174

Greer

Confession:

L: Join together in confession to God and each other.

**ALL: Loving God, you have given us everything that we have. Yet there have been times when we have not offered it back to you when you have asked. Forgive us for not loving your kingdom and your work more than our own plans and desires. Make us a grateful and generous people, for the sake of your name, we ask. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance:*

L: God is gracious and generous in love and forgiveness. Let us live as God's children with changed and grateful hearts.

Children's Message- SPLATT

Sanctuary Choir: "Palm Branches"

Nolan

Scripture: Matthew 21: 1-11      Don Carl

Message: "The Lord Has Need of It"

Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be" - Red Hymnal #379

Malan

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: "His Name is Wonderful" – Red Hymnal #101

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Extinguish Lenten Candle (A responsive reading of *Holy Week* by Ann Weems)

L: As we leave today, let us be reminded of the week before us.

L: Holy is the week...

**P: Holy, consecrated, belonging to God...**

L: We move from hosannas to horror  
with predictable ease  
of those who know not what they do.  
Our hosannas sung,  
our palms waved,  
let us go with passion into this week.

**P: It is time to curse fig trees that do not yield fruit.  
It is time to cleanse our temples of any blasphemy.  
It is time to greet Jesus as the Lord's Anointed One,  
to lavishly break our alabaster  
and pour perfume out for him  
without counting the cost.**

L: It is a time for preparation...  
The time to give thanks and break bread is upon us.  
The time to give thanks and drink of the cup is imminent.  
Eat, drink, remember:  
On this night of nights, each one must ask,  
as we dip our bread in the wine,  
"Is it I?"

**P: And on that darkest of days, each of us must stand  
beneath the tree  
and watch the dying  
if we are to be there  
when the stone is rolled away.**

L: The only road to Easter morning  
is through the unrelenting shadows of that Friday.  
Only then will the alleluias be sung;  
only then will the dancing begin.

*Extinguish one candle.*

## \*Benediction

\*Postlude: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Teschner/Wilson

*\*Members should rise if able.*



## Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

March 29, 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 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.

### Welcome Back & Thank You, Rev. Susan Schmidt...

We are delighted to welcome back Rev. Susan Schmidt to St. Peter's Lischey's Church. We are grateful for her continued willingness to share her time, gifts, and leadership with us, and we thank her for joining us in worship today. We also look forward to her leading worship with us again on Good Friday and Easter.

Rev. Schmidt brings many years of pastoral ministry experience. She and her husband, Dan, began their journey in ministry by starting a church in Maryland in the 1980s and later served overseas in expatriate churches in Costa Rica and Chile. After returning to the United States, they settled in Pennsylvania, where Sue served as pastor at Salem United Church of Christ in Harrisburg from 2020 until her retirement this past May.

Sue and Dan have three grown daughters and six grandchildren. In their free time, they enjoy kayaking, traveling, and working on house projects. Sue also enjoys quilting and gardening.

We are thankful for Rev. Schmidt's presence among us once again and for the many ways she enriches our worship life.

### Thank You...

Thank you to everyone who contributed boxed stuffing and mashed potatoes for Harvest of Hope's Easter distribution. Your generosity made a wonderful impact! Our final totals were 96 boxes of stuffing and 75 packages of potatoes.

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

An Easter Egg Hunt is being held by SPLATT **Today**, Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, immediately after the church service. The day includes a light luncheon, crafts, and egg hunt.

### **Pastoral Care & Supply Ministry Update...**

We are pleased to share that Pastor Susan Emmons will serve as our supply pastor from April 12 through August 30. During this time, she will lead worship and provide pastoral care, including shut-in communion and hospital visitation. **Please note that any requests for hospital visits should be directed through the church office.**

### **Change in Choir Rehearsal This Week...**

Please note a one-time schedule change: choir rehearsal will be on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Chime Choir will meet at 6:30 PM, followed by Sanctuary Choir at 7:00 PM. And no – this is not an April Fool's joke... we really will be there, and yes, we still expect you too!

### **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.

### **Lischey's Lunchers - Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at Noon...**

Join us for Lischey's Lunchers on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM at Genova's – because even Lunchers have to adjust their schedule for Easter! Come enjoy good food, great fellowship, and the joy of not having to cook. Please let Jean Weidler know if you're coming so we can make sure there's a seat for everyone.

### **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.

<b><u>Thank you to our helpers this week:</u></b>		<b><u>Next week's helpers are:</u></b>
<i>Gathering Music</i>	Blaine Breeden	Don Carl
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Don Carl	Blaine Breeden
<i>Acolyte</i>	Grace Mensinger	Sage Freed
<i>Children's Message</i>	SPLATT	Don Carl
<i>Greeters</i>	Connie & Mike Neiderer	Diane Patterson & Elvin Myers
<i>Money Counters</i>	Darlene Miner, Janet Brown, & Pat McKowen	Elvin Myers, Don Carl, & John Klindedinst
<i>Sound &amp; Streaming</i>	Don Carl & Cole McKowen	Cole & Pat McKowen

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

Tuesday, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	3:45 PM	Harvest of Hope Volunteer Hours
Wednesday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
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
Sunday, April 12 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 PM	Lischey's Lunchers at Genova's
Monday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	Council Meeting

### 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 30      Tammy Wetzel      April 05      \*Thomas King

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

Attendance      68- 63 Sanctuary/ 5 YouTube

Current Offering	\$1,725.00
Initial Offering	20.00
OCWM	55.00
Harvest of Hope Food Pantry	100.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	55.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,955.00</b>