

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Sunday, October 4, 2026
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Don Carl

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "Panis Angelicus"

Franck

*Call to Worship

L: From north and south, from east and west, we gather at Christ's table.

P: One body, one Spirit, one hope in God's call to us.

L: Across languages, cultures, and nations, we are one in Christ Jesus.

P: We come to share in the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

L: Come, for all is ready.

All: Let us worship God together!

*Hymn: "In Christ There Is No East or West" (See last page.)

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Prayer of Confession:

L: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have ignored the cries of the hungry, and turned away from the stranger. Forgive us, O Lord. Renew us in your Spirit, that we may walk in your ways and live as one body in Christ. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon:

L: Hear the good news: In Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made whole.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Children's Message- Rev. Susan Emmons

Sanctuary Choir: "Welcome to Grace"

Martin

Scripture: John 6:24-35

Melisa Altland

Meditation: Jesus: Bread of Life

Rev. Susan Emmons

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

Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*Presentation of the Morning Offering:

L: With grateful hearts and in a spirit of Thanksgiving, I invite the usher to bring forward the morning offering.

Offering Response (sung): “We Bring a Sacrifice of Praise” (Praise Booklet, p. 39)

Prayer of Dedication (unison):

ALL: Gracious and Loving God, on this World Communion Sunday, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude. We thank You for the gift of the table — a table that stretches beyond walls, borders, and oceans, uniting Your people in every land and language. As we dedicate these gifts — the offerings of our hands, our resources, and our lives — we pray that You would bless them for the work of Your kingdom. May they bring hope where there is despair, peace where there is conflict, and love where there is division. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion:

Invitation

Communion Prayer:

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise. It is right, and a joyful thing, to give you thanks, O God, for you created the world in love, and in love you sent Jesus Christ to redeem it. On this day, we join with believers around the globe — in grand cathedrals and humble homes, in open fields and crowded cities — to proclaim your goodness and grace.

Words of Institution:

L: For in the night of betrayal Jesus took bread...Do this as often as you drink in remembrance of me.

ALL: Christ had died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration

Lord's Prayer (Praise Booklet, p. 4)

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring Cup

Call to Supper

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

ALL: We thank you, O God, for uniting us with Christ and with all who share this meal around the world. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work for your kingdom, until the day when we feast together in glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Closing Hymn:** "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" (See last page.)

Thomas

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** "Glory and Majesty"

Wilson

**Members should rise if able.*

***Portions of the Liturgy adapted from PCUSAworshipresources2026 for World Communion Sunday.*



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

October 4, 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.

Thanks to Our Worship and Music Committee...

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Worship and Music Committee meeting. I am deeply appreciative of your time, thoughtful contributions, and commitment to helping us continue to provide well-planned and participatory worship for our congregation each Sunday, as well as during special services throughout the year.

I truly value our lay leaders and all who contribute their gifts, ideas, and energy to creating meaningful worship experiences. Your dedication and partnership are a blessing to our faith community, and I am grateful for all that you do.

Thank you again for your faithful service and support.

Blessings,

Susan

World Communion Sunday & Neighbors in Need Offering...

This Sunday, we join Christians around the world in celebrating **World Communion Sunday**, a special occasion that reminds us of our unity in Christ across nations, cultures, and denominations. As we gather at Christ's table, we celebrate the gift of God's love that connects us with brothers and sisters in faith around the globe.

We will also receive the **Neighbors in Need Offering**, a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion, helping communities overcome poverty, homelessness, and systems of inequality. A portion of this offering also supports programs that nurture the leadership and voices of youth and young adults.

As we share in Holy Communion and contribute to the Neighbors in Need Offering, we are reminded that Christ calls us not only to fellowship with one another, but also to care for our neighbors near and far. Please prayerfully consider giving as we celebrate our shared faith and extend God's love into the world.

"For we, though many, are one body, because we all share in the one bread." (1 Corinthians 10:17)

Hygiene Kit Collection Update...

Thank you to everyone who has generously supported our Hygiene Kit Collection for students in the Spring Grove Area School District. Your kindness and willingness to help ensure that local students have access to essential personal care items is truly appreciated.

We are grateful to share that most of the requested items have already been pledged. Your response has been outstanding and demonstrates the caring spirit of our church family.

At this time, we have only one remaining need: **5 bottles of shampoo (12-18 oz.)**

If you would like to help complete our collection, please consider donating. Donations may be placed on the table in the overflow room at the church. Items are due by October 18th.

Thank you again for your generosity and support of the students and families in our community. Together, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of local children.

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

Parking Lot Line Repainting Notice...

Weather permitting, the church parking lots are scheduled to be restriped on Thursday, **October 8th**. Please plan accordingly, as parking availability will be limited during the work. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Jefferson Area CROP Walk...

The 39th Annual Jefferson Area CROP Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 18, 2026**. Registration begins at **1:00 PM** at Hanover Junction, followed by announcements and prayers at **1:30 PM** before the walk starts. Participants may walk the full 10-mile route or turn around at any point. A “Toe” truck will be available along the route to provide rides back to Hanover Junction as needed. Water and snacks will be available at the Larue Road and Glen Rock turnarounds. This community event helps fight hunger locally and around the world. **Twenty-five percent of all funds raised remain in our area**, supporting five local food pantries, including **Harvest of Hope Food Pantry**. If you would like to walk or support a walker, sign-up sheets are available on the table in the overflow room. Please make checks payable to **St. Peter’s Lischey’s UCC** and return donations by **October 25, 2026**. Thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of those facing food insecurity.

Thank you to our helpers this week:

Gathering Music Don Carl

Acolyte TJ Mensinger

Children’s Message Rev. Susan Emmons

Lay Reader Melisa Altland

Greeters Darlene & Steve Miner

Money Counters Elvin Myers Don Carl,
& Deb Brooks

Sound & Streaming Amanda Godfrey & Joy Spangler

Next week’s helpers are:

Sharon Winter

Grace Mensinger

Melisa Altland

Don Carl

Diane Patterson & Elvin Myers

Joanne Hoffman, Tammy
Wetzel, & Pat McKowen

Cole & Pat McKowen

Upcoming Events at Lischey’s Church...

Thursday, October 8 th	All Day	Parking lot line restriping
	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, October 11 th	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	SPLATT and Children’s Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Monday, October 12 th	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Thursday, October 15 th	3:45 PM	Harvest of Hope Volunteer Hours- 2 Volunteers still needed
Sunday, October 18 th	1:00 PM	Crop Walk- Hanover Junction
Sunday, November 1 st	10:30 AM	All Saints Sunday
Sunday, November 8 th	10:30 AM	Veterans 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	Wed/Thur	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Pat McKowen, Secretary	Tue-Thur	8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

October 05	Jill Neiderer	October 09	Marley Hay
October 05	Dennis Runk	October 09	Cole McKowen
October 07	Blair Byers		

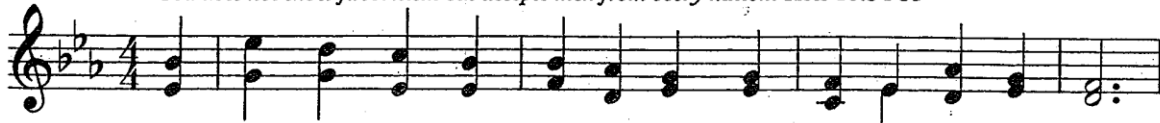
Our Response to God's Love last week was...

Attendance 63: 61 Sanctuary/ 2 YouTube

Current Offering	\$980.00
Loose Offering	25.00
OCWM	30.00
Crop Walk	55.00
Total	\$1,090.00

285 In Christ There Is No East or West

God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation. Acts 10:34-35



1. In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North;
2. In Him shall true hearts ev - 'ry-where Their high com-mu-nion find;
3. Join hands then, broth-ers of the faith, What - e'er your race may be;
4. In Christ now meet both East and West; In Him meet South and North.



But one great fel - low - ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
 His serv - ice is the gold - en cord Close bind - ing all man - kind.
 Who serves my Fa - ther as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.
 All Christ-ly souls are one in Him Through-out the whole wide earth.



TEXT: John Oxenham

MUSIC: Alexander R. Reinagle

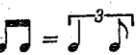
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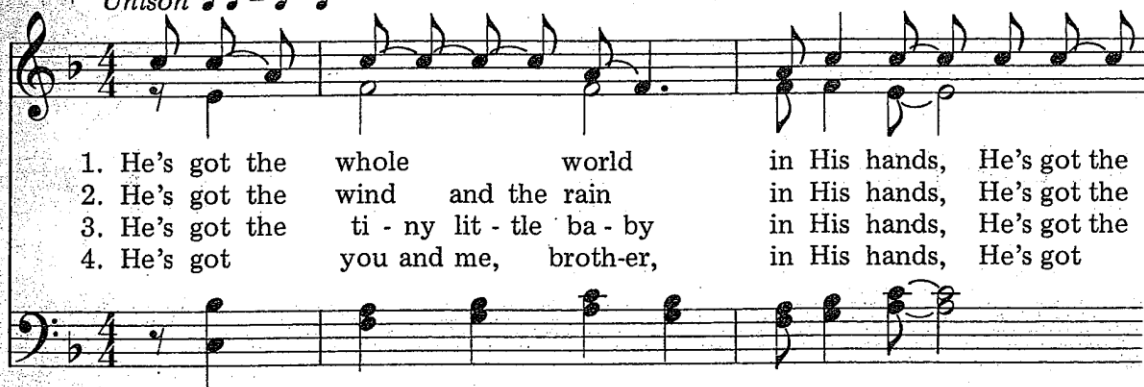
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He's Got the Whole World in His Hands 344

In His hand is the life of every creature. Job 12:10

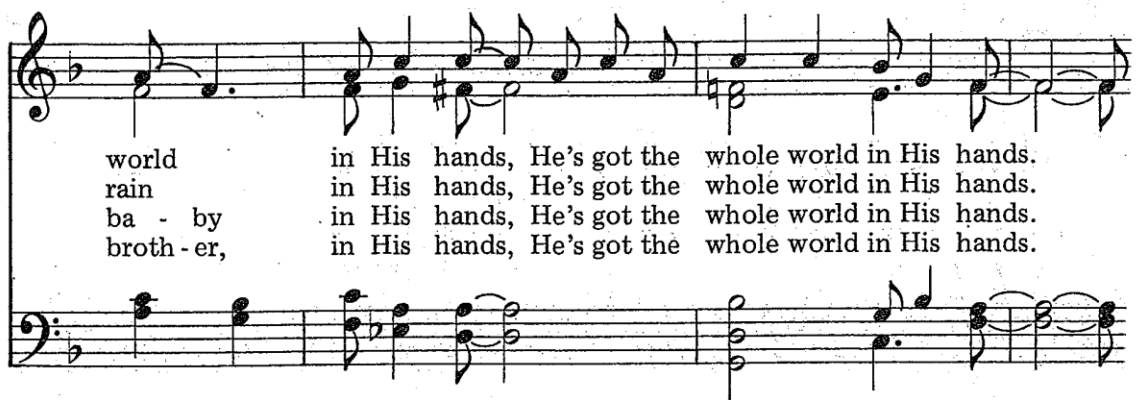
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 3. He's got the ti - ny lit - tle ba - by in His hands, He's got the
 4. He's got you and me, broth-er, in His hands, He's got



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 you and me, sis - ter, in His hands, He's got you and me,



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 rain in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.
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TEXT and MUSIC: Traditional Spiritual; arranged by Eugene Thomas

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