

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS  
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC  
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932  
Third Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 19, 2026  
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Michele Hamme

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "Fantasia on 'Old Hundredth'"

Wilson

Call to Worship

L: O God, you come to us in unexpected places, in isolation, behind closed doors, on dusty roads as we go place to place.

**P: In video chats with friends and telephone conversations with loved ones.**

L: You come bringing us peace, where there is no peace.

**P: You come bringing us hope when everything seems hopeless. You come bringing us courage when we are afraid.**

L: Come and be among us now, in every place where we are.

**P: Open our eyes to see you. Open our hearts to know you.**

Hymn: "Majesty" - Red Hymnal #74

Hayford

Confession:

L: As we continue our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are called to repent, remembering that the promise of Jesus is for us, for everyone called to God. In confidence, let us confess our sin.

**ALL: Eternally patient God, we ask again "What shall we do?" And again, you tell us "Repent and return to me." Yet we have not changed our ways. We fall into old habits, cling to our own ways, and take for granted the grace you have given us. Once again, we ask you for forgiveness. Show us the way forward and help us to return to you.**

Assurance of Pardon:

L: Beloved, hear the good news. Through Christ you have come to trust in God who raised Christ from the dead and gave him glory.

**P: We are born anew through the living and enduring word of God. Alleluia!  
Praise for the Risen Christ!**

Children's Message- SPLATT

Sanctuary Choir- "Softly and Tenderly"

Drennan

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35 Grace Mensinger

Message: Continuing the Emmaus Journey Rev. Susan Emmons

Hymn: "Open Our Eyes, Lord" - Red Hymnal #383

Cull

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed (Praise Booklet, p. 5)

Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns

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

\*Closing Hymn: "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone" (Praise Booklet, pp. 8-9) Tomlin/Giglio

\*Benediction

\*Postlude: "Be Thou Exalted"

Nordman

\**Members should rise if able.*

### Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

April 19, 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 the belltower and middle entrances.**

#### Creating a Peaceful and Worshipful Space...

As we gather for worship, we invite everyone to help us create a peaceful and reflective atmosphere in the sanctuary. Quiet conversation before and after the service is always welcome, and we kindly ask that we keep talking to a minimum during the service itself so that all may fully hear, reflect, and worship without distraction. Thank you for your care, consideration, and for helping make this a meaningful time for everyone.

#### Habitat Action Day @ John Rudy Park - April 25<sup>th</sup> (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM)...

Join us for a Habitat Action Day at John Rudy Park on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to help remove invasive shrubs and vines along the paved path. Work will include digging, uprooting, and sawing invasive woody plants. Please bring your own work gloves – all other equipment will be provided. A signup sheet is available on the table in the overflow room. Thank you for helping care for our local environment!

#### Hygiene Kits for SGASD...

We are collecting items for the May distribution of hygiene kits for students in the Spring Grove Area School District now through April 26. Requested donations include: 20 bottles of shampoo (12-18 oz.), 20 bars of soap, 20 tubes of lip balm, and 40 packets of 5 bandages each. A signup sheet and collection container are available in the overflow area. This shared mission includes several local churches: St. Peter's Lischeys, St. Paul's Lutheran (Stoverstown), St. Paul's UCC

(Stoverstown), Christ UCC (Jefferson), and Zeigler's Lutheran (Seven Valleys). Thank you for your continued support of this shared mission to our local children and youth!

### **Spring Grove Alumni Chorus Concert...**

The Spring Grove Alumni Chorus will present *"This is Our Country"* on Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at the Spring Grove Area Middle School. The concert will also feature the Alumni Instrumental Ensemble. All are invited to attend and enjoy an afternoon of inspiring and patriotic music.

### **Pentecost & Memorial Day Geranium Celebration...**

We will once again adorn our church with beautiful red geraniums on Pentecost Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. As this day also falls on Memorial Day weekend, the color red will serve as a meaningful tribute to honor and remember loved ones who have served or are currently serving in our military.

Geraniums may be given in honor or in memory of a loved one, a veteran, or someone currently serving. The cost remains \$5.75 per plant, and you are welcome to order as many as you wish. This special weekend offers a wonderful opportunity to celebrate both the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost and the sacrifice and service of those who have served our country.

Any flowers designated as donations to the church will be planted in our outdoor flower beds and enjoyed by all throughout the summer months. If you plan to take your flowers home, please be sure to pick them up following the service on May 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to do so, kindly indicate this on the order form so your flowers are not mistakenly planted.

Order envelopes are available on the offertory table in the overflow room. Please complete your order and return it with payment in the offering plate by Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

We will also need volunteers to help plant the geraniums during the week of May 24<sup>th</sup> – another great way to take part in this meaningful tradition!

If you have any questions, please contact Darlene Miner.

### **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.

### **April Council Meeting Highlights...**

- There will be no summer outdoor services held for the Summer 2026 season.

### **New Song Community Choir Gospel Concert...**

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ invites you to a special afternoon of music as the New Song Community Choir presents a gospel concert on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 PM. The program is free to the public, and a love offering will be accepted. A reception will follow the concert. Come and enjoy an uplifting time of praise and fellowship as we welcome the choir and celebrate their gift of music!

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

**Next week's helpers are:**

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Michele Hamme	Blaine Breeden
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Grace Mensinger	Michele Hamme
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sage Freed	Will Bakner
<i>Children's Message</i>	SPLATT	Michele Hamme
<i>Greeters</i>	Joanne Hoffman & Amanda Godfrey	Diane Breeden & Joan Messinger
<i>Money Counters</i>	Lisa Crisamore, Darlene Miner, & Pat McKowen	Darlene Miner, Janet Brown, & Jean Weidler
<i>Sound &amp; Streaming</i>	Blaine Breeden & Cole McKowen	Pat & Cole McKowen

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

Thursday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School/ SPLATT
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	4:00 PM	Spring Grove Alumni Chorus Concert- SG Middle School
Sunday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30 AM	Confirmation Class
Tuesday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>	3:45 PM	Harvest of Hope Volunteer Hours

**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)**

April 23	*Carol Brown	April 27	Jayden Myers
April 24	Elizabeth Luckenbaugh	April 27	Sharon Winter
April 26	Larry Spangler, II	April 30	Kimberly Bolden

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

Attendance 57- 54 Sanctuary/ 3 YouTube

Current Offering	\$2,435.00
Loose Offering	150.00
Initial Offering	20.00
OCWM	45.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	265.00
One Great Hour of Sharing Endowment Fund	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,940.00</b>