WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 18, 2026
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- *Blaine Breeden*

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "Morning Supplications" Dexter

****Call to Worship***

L: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

P: We come to worship the living and true God.

L: We give thanks for the faith that works, the love that labors, and the hope that endures in Christ.

P: We come to celebrate God's work among us and within us.

L: God's Word comes not only in speech, but in power, through the Holy Spirit.

P: We open our hearts to receive God's Word with joy and thanksgiving.

L: As the Thessalonians became examples of faithful discipleship, we are called to follow Christ in our daily lives.

P: We seek to live as witnesses to God's love and grace.

L: Let us turn from all that distracts us from God and serve the living and true God.

P: We wait with hope for Jesus Christ, who saves and redeems us.

ALL: Let us worship God!

****Hymn:*** "Holy Ground" (Praise Booklet, pp. 20-21) Speer

Prayer of Confession:

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

ALL: Faithful God, You have called us to lives of faith, love, and hope. Yet we confess that we do not always trust You fully or serve You faithfully. Too often we turn our attention to the idols of this world, seeking security, approval, and comfort apart from You. Merciful God, forgive us when our faith grows weak, when our love grows cold, and when our hope grows dim. Forgive us for the ways we fail to bear witness to Your grace. Turn our hearts back to You, that we may serve You with sincerity, follow Christ with joy, and share Your love with the world. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon:

L: Hear the good news: God has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead and who delivers us from sin and death. The God who calls us is gracious and faithful. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Children's Message- *Rev. Susan Emmons*

Sanctuary Choir: "Sparrows and Lilies" Nolan

Scripture: Acts 17:1-7 *Jean Weidler*
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Message: Jesus: Greater Than a King *Rev. Susan Emmons*

Hymn: "How Majestic is Your Name" – Red Hymnal #30 Smith

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

Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns

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

****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 God, we thank You for the shower of blessings we receive each day. Bless these gifts for the work of Your realm here on earth. Pour out Your grace on each of us and this congregation as we rededicate ourselves to service in Your son's name, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

****Closing Hymn:*** "Trust and Obey" – Red Hymnal #349 Towner

****Benediction***

****Postlude:*** "Sing a New Song of Joy" Livingston, Jr.

**Members should rise if able.*

Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns
October 18, 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.

CROP Hunger Walk is Today!
Today is the day for the CROP Hunger Walk! Join members of our community as we walk to help fight hunger locally and around the world. Proceeds from the walk support hunger relief efforts through Church World Service, with a portion of the funds remaining in our local community to assist neighbors in need. Even if you are not walking, please keep the participants and the mission of ending hunger in your prayers. Thank you to everyone who has supported this important ministry through donations and encouragement. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of those facing food insecurity.

"*For I was hungry and you gave me food...*" Matthew 25:35a.

Altar Guild Meeting—October 20th…
The Altar Guild will meet on Tuesday, October 20th, at 6:00 PM in the church. The Altar Guild plays an important role in preparing the sanctuary for worship services and special occasions throughout the church year. Whether you are a current member or simply interested in learning more about this ministry, you are warmly invited to attend. No prior experience is necessary. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve behind the scenes and help create a welcoming and meaningful worship environment for our congregation. If you have been considering becoming involved in this ministry, we encourage you to join us on October 20th and see how you can be a part of the Altar Guild team. We look forward to welcoming new members!

Homemakers Gathering this Wednesday…
Everyone is warmly invited to attend the Homemakers Gathering on Wednesday, October 21, at 10:00 AM. Join us for a movie presentation, followed by a potluck lunch and fellowship. We hope you will come and enjoy this time of fun, food, and friendship with us!

New Hope Ministries Visit - October 25th…

We are pleased to welcome **Leah Miller, Business Manager of New Hope Ministries**, to our worship service on **October 25**. Leah will be sharing about the ministry during our service.

As part of New Hope Ministries' visit, we will be collecting much-needed household and personal care items to support individuals and families in our community. If you are able, please bring one or more of the following items with you to church on October 25:

- Laundry Detergent
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Toilet Paper
- Bars of Soap

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us support the important work of New Hope Ministries. We look forward to hearing from Leah, and partnering together to serve those in need.

All Saints' Sunday Remembrance…

On **Sunday, November 1st**, we will observe **All Saints' Sunday**, a special time of worship as we remember and give thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us. If you have a loved one who has passed away during the past year, whether they were a member of our church family or not, and you would like their name to be remembered during the service, please complete the form available on the table in the overflow room. You are also invited to share one or two photographs of your loved one. These photos will be included in a special slideshow presentation during the service. All photographs will be carefully scanned and returned to you. To help us avoid any confusion, please attach your name to the back of each photo. Please place the completed form and any photos in the secretary's mailbox no later than **Sunday, October 25th**. As we gather in gratitude and hope, we look forward to honoring and celebrating the lives and memories of those who continue to hold a special place in our hearts.

Greetings from Boot Camp…

Hello everyone,

I wanted to let you all know that I am currently in Marine Corps boot camp. Before making this decision, I spent a great deal of time in prayer and careful contemplation, and I feel confident in the path God has led me to take.

I also want to express my sincere appreciation for the support, encouragement, and guidance I have received from the congregation throughout my years growing up. Your influence has helped guide my decisions.

Thank you for your prayers and support as I begin this new chapter. I look forward to seeing everyone again in January.

With gratitude, *Ryan McKowen*

Veterans Sunday Meal Participants Signup—November 8th…

Following our Veterans Sunday celebration, we will gather for a special meal and time of fellowship. The church will provide hot dogs, sandwiches, and drinks. If you are able, please help make the meal even more enjoyable by bringing an item to share. Suggested contributions include **soups, side dishes, fruit, or desserts**. Please sign up to let others know what you plan to bring. Thank you for helping us honor our veterans and for sharing in this time of food, fellowship, and gratitude.

October Council Meeting Highlights…

- The parking lot project is now complete, featuring newly lined spaces that enhance its appearance.
- Council is still looking for two members for the new term in January, if interested in filling one of these slots, or to just get more information please speak with a member of Council.
- The Annual Budget meeting will be held after the service on November 15th, please plan to attend.
- Council will be looking for an individual to fill the Office Administrator's (formerly Secretary) position as it will become vacant at the end of the year. Please refer any interested parties to a member of the Council.

Thank you to our helpers this week:		**Next week's helpers are:**
Gathering Music	Blaine Breeden	Michele Hamme
Acolyte	Olivia Godfrey	Sage Freed
Children's Message	Rev. Susan Emmons	Open
Lay Reader	Jean Weidler	Nancy King
Greeters	Darlene Miner & Olivia Godfrey	Joanne Hoffman & Melisa Altland
Money Counters	Lisa Crisamore, Darlene Miner, & Pat McKowen	Darlene Miner, Janet Brown, & Jean Weidler
Sound & Streaming	Blaine Breeden & Cole McKowen	Cole & Pat McKowen

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church…

Sunday, October 18th	1:00 PM	Crop Walk- Hanover Junction
Thursday, October 22nd	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, October 25th	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	SPLATT and Children's Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Sunday, November 1st	10:30 AM	All Saints Sunday
Sunday, November 8th	10:30 AM	Veterans Sunday
	11:30 AM	Veterans Sunday Fellowship Meal
Sunday, November 15th	11:30 AM	Congregational Meeting- Budget

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 20	Brynlee Althoff	October 29	Abagail O'Neal
October 22	Debra Brooks	October 30	Joanne Hoffman
October 26	Jennifer Luckenbaugh	October 30	*Marie Luckabaugh
October 29	Tammy Ballard	October 30	Brooke Tomlinson
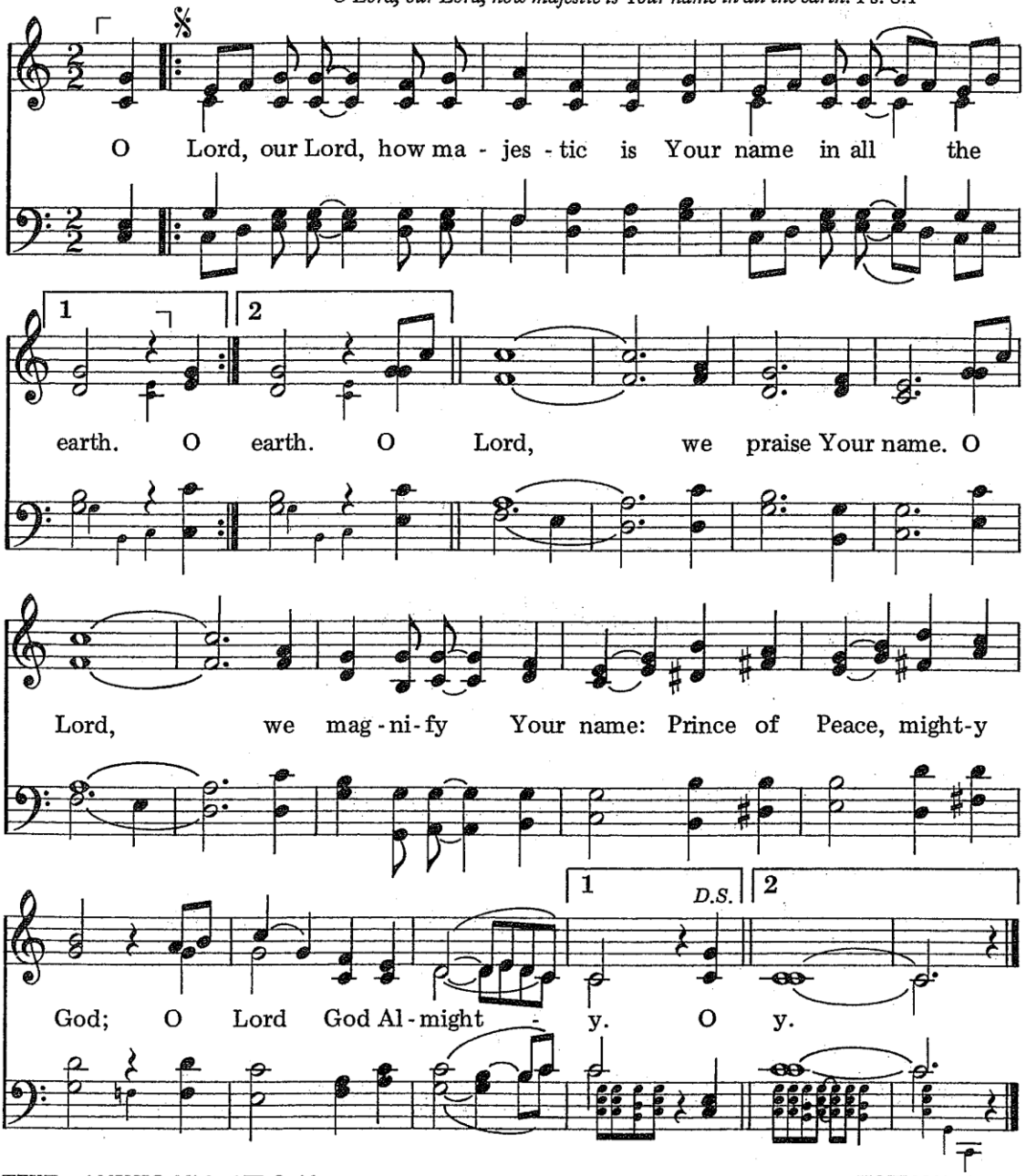
Our Response to God's Love last week was…

Attendance 50: 46 Sanctuary/ 4 YouTube

Current Offering	$1,305.00
Loose Offering	20.00
OCWM	110.00
Crop Walk	90.00
Sexton House Rental	800.00
Total	**$2,325.00**

How Majestic Is Your Name 30

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! Ps. 8:1



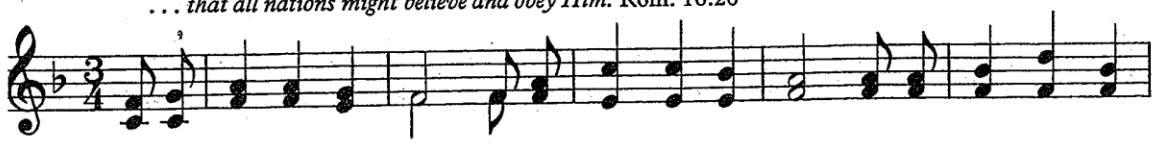
TEXT and MUSIC: Michael W. Smith

HOW MAJESTIC
Irregular meter

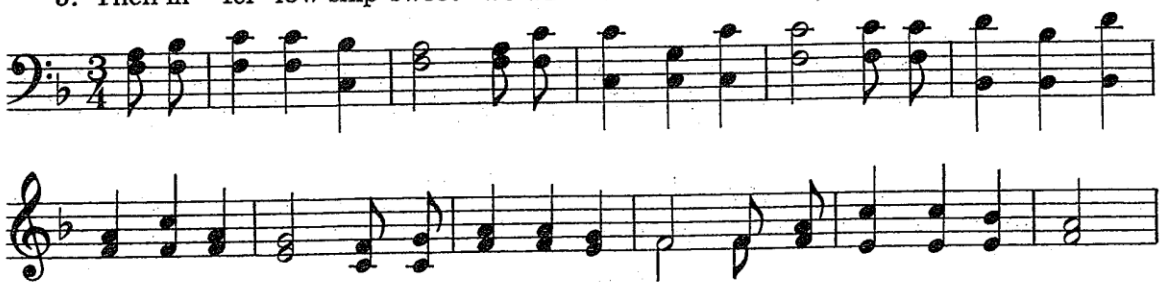
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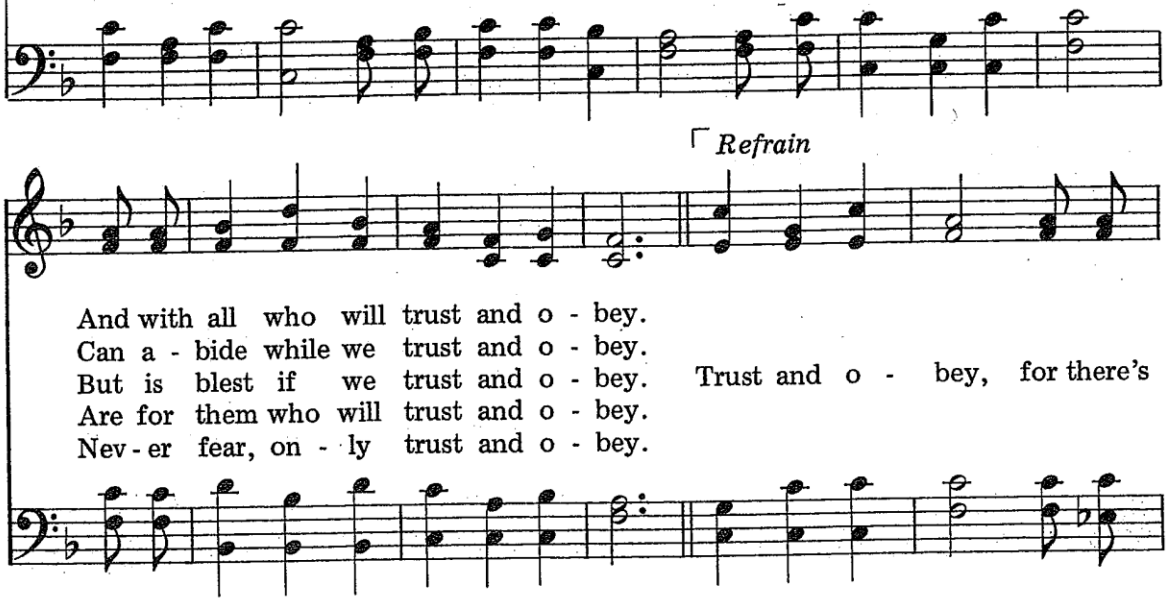
. . . that all nations might believe and obey Him. Rom. 16:26



1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, What a glo - ry He
2. Not a shad - ow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quick-ly
3. Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share, But our toil He doth
4. But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of His love Un - til all on the
5. Then in fel - low-ship sweet we will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His
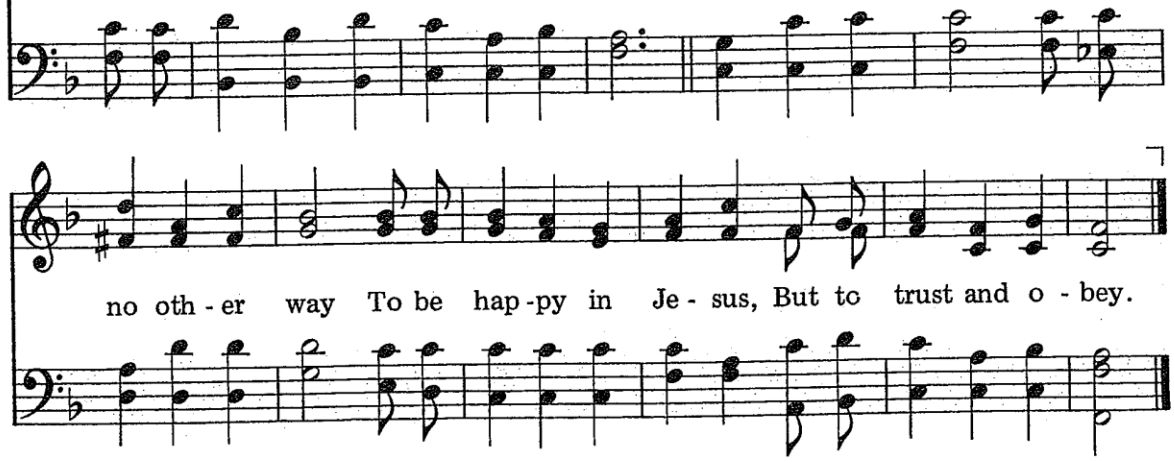


sheds on our way! While we do His good will He a - bides with us still,
drives it a - way; Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross,
al - tar we lay; For the fa - vor He shows and the joy He be - stows
side in the way; What He says we will do, where He sends we will go—



Refrain

And with all who will trust and o - bey.
Can a - bide while we trust and o - bey.
But is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's
Are for them who will trust and o - bey.
Nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.



no oth - er way To be hap - py in Je - sus, But to trust and o - bey.

TEXT: John H. Sammis
MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner

TRUST AND OBEY
6.6.9.D. with Refrain