

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 8, 2026
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Sharon Winter

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "The Cross of Christ"

Trusselle

Call to Worship

L: O come, let us worship the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

P: We have come to give thanks and to sing songs of praise!

L: We are the people of God's pasture; we trust that God will bring us through the wilderness.

P: We seek God's living water and praise God's holy name!

Hymn: "O, How He Loves You and Me" - Red Hymnal #513

Kaiser

Confession:

L: God does not wait for us to be righteous, pure, or perfect. Christ died for us while we were still sinners. We do not have to hide our sin from God, but can face it with Jesus, who heals us and leads us to new life.

ALL: Jesus, friend of all, once again we come to you knowing our words have stung, our actions have harmed, and our indifference has let evil have its day. Our hearts yearn for you, our souls' thirst for you, yet we do not imitate you in our lives. We scorn those who are different from us and relish our own comfort. Once again, forgive us O God. Give us your living water, that we may tell the world all you have done for us.

Words of Assurance:

L: Our God moves with power and grace in our lives, forgiving us and freeing us, and loving us always.

Children's Message- Melisa Altland

Sanctuary Choir: "Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart"

Martin

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7

Jean Weidler

Message: Egypt, the Promised Land, and Being Present In-Between Places

Hymn: "Fill My Cup, Lord" - Red Hymnal #398

Blanchard

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)

Extinguish Lenten Candle

L: Today, we observe the third week of Lent, and we are three weeks away from Easter. 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. Today we extinguish the candle of worry, so that we might feast on faith.

ALL: Psalm 23 reminds us, "The Lord is my shepherd. Even though I may walk through the darkest valley, I fear not, for you are with me."

L: As we extinguish a third candle - the candle of worry, let us fast from lives consumed by fear and worry, that we might live the full and abundant life God desires for all His children. Let us pray:

ALL: Dear God, you are the Good Shepherd. You provide for us daily. You walk with us daily. You are the giver of all good and perfect things. May our worries be displaced by gratitude and faith that you are always with us. In the name of your Son we pray. Amen.

Extinguish one candle.

*Benediction

*Postlude: "Praise, O Christ, To Thee"

Trusselle

**Members should rise if able.*

Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns
March 8, 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 & Thank You, Rev. McLemore...

We are pleased to welcome Rev. **Kevin J. McLemore** as he leads us in worship today. We are grateful for his presence among us and for the gifts of leadership and experience he shares with our congregation. Rev. McLemore serves as the new Regional Conference Minister for Region 1 of the Keystone Conference. Prior to this role, he served for four years as Associate Conference Minister for Search and Call in the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference. Ordained in 1998, Pastor McLemore has faithfully served churches of many sizes and settings – large and small, urban and rural – and has even helped start a new church. His breadth of experience in ministry and in the search and call process will be a valuable resource to our congregation as we begin the journey of seeking a new settled pastor. Rev. McLemore lives in Pottstown with his spouse, three dogs, and two cats – who certainly keep life lively and full at home!

Please plan to stay after worship today if you are able, for an opportunity to visit with Rev. McLemore. As our new Penn Central Conference representative, he will be spending time getting to know us better and learning what we hope for in our next pastor. He will have questions for us, and we encourage you

to bring your own as well. This will be a meaningful time of conversation as we move forward together in faith.

Congregational Meeting TODAY- March 8th ...

There is a Congregational Meeting today following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to go over the Annual Report. The Annual Report has been emailed and there are printed copies on the table in the overflow room.

Forty Forty Lent Challenge Has Started...

If anyone is interested in joining me for a Forty Forty challenge during Lent, please let me know. It will involve walking 40 miles over the 40 days and having a scripture for each day, February 25th to April 5th. You can call or text me at 717-818-6922. ~Melisa Altland

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.

Mission Committee Meeting...

The Mission Committee will meet Sunday, March 15 after our worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your ideas of how we can serve others for the remainder of 2026. All are invited to join us or give us new ideas to serve others in our community, country, or world. Any questions or ideas, please talk to Jean Weidler or others on the team.

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 16th. 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 29th...

An Easter Egg Hunt is being planned by SPLATT for Palm Sunday, March 29th, 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!

A Whimsical Gift from Pam Kiser...

We are delighted to share that three whimsical mouse paintings by Pam Kiser have been lovingly placed on the table in the overflow room. They are free of charge to anyone who would enjoy having a keepsake from Pam, or whose heart is simply delighted by the subject. If one of these sweet paintings "tickles your fancy," please feel free to take it home and treasure it.

Easter Sunday Breakfast- April 5th...

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 5th 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.

Prayer Chain Procedures Announcement...

Members who would like to serve on our Prayer Chain participate are asked to respond to the email invitation, or call the church office (717) 225-3932 indicating their desire to be part of the Prayer Chain by March 8th. Once responses are received, both an email group and a text message group will be formed to

help us share requests quickly and efficiently. When a Prayer Chain member receives a prayer request, he or she will send the request out to the group by email or text so that others may immediately lift the concern in prayer.

Thank you to our helpers this week:

Next week's helpers are:

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Sharon Winter	Michele Hamme
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Jean Weidler	Jenell McKowen
<i>Acolyte</i>	TJ Mensinger	Will Bakner
<i>Children's Message</i>	Melisa Altland	None
<i>Greeters</i>	Joanne Hoffman & John Klinedinst	Darlene & Steve Miner
<i>Money Counters</i>	Elvin Myers, Don Carl, & Janet Brown	Joanne Hoffman, Don Carl, & Tammy Wetzel
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Cole & Pat McKowen	Blaine Breeden & Cole McKowen

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Monday, March 9 th	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 11 th	6:00 PM	Mid-Week Lenten Soup-Supper & Community Service- St. Paul's UCC in Stoverstown
Thursday, March 12 th	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, March 15 th	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Confirmation Class/ Joyful Singers Practice (They will perform during the service)/ Children's Sunday School/ SPLATT
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Wednesday, March 18 th	10:00 AM	Jefferson Homemakers' Meeting
	6:00 PM	Mid-Week Lenten Soup-Supper & Community Service- St. Paul Zeigler's Lutheran in Seven Valleys

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 08 Blakelyn Sanders March 09 Stephanie Brand

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

Attendance 69- 64 Sanctuary/ 5 YouTube

Current Offering	\$2,305.00
Loose Offering	18.00
Initial Offering	30.00
OCWM	105.00
SPLATT- Sight & Sound	125.00
Memorial Offering	100.00
Building for Service	60.00
Total	\$2,743.00