

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
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Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Don Carl

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude- "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Smith/Steffe

Call to Worship

L: Come, all who carry heavy burdens: grief, loss, or the invisible wounds of the heart. Today, we gather to honor those who gave their lives in service and to support one another in the journey toward wholeness.

P: We come seeking healing, hope, and peace.

L: Jesus asks, "Do you want to be made whole?" In our weariness, in our struggles, in our longing to move forward, He meets us with compassion.

P: We come, ready to rise and walk in newness of life.

L: As we remember the sacrifices of those who served, may we also remember our call to love, to heal, and to journey together toward peace.

P: We come, grateful for those who gave of themselves, and ready to take up our mats and walk with courage and faith.

L: Let us worship the one who makes all things new!

Hymn: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (Praise Booklet, p. 17)

Founds

Confession

L: God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their life for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Empower us to work for your Kingdom in this world, and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the next. Amen.

L: Friends, hear the good news: In Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

All: Thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Scripture: John 5: 1-9 — Don Carl

Message: Do you want to be made whole?

Hymn: "You Are My All in All" (Praise Booklet, p. 23)

Jernigan

Announcements, Joys, & Prayer Concerns

Litany of Remembrance with The Lord's Prayer (Praise Booklet- p. 3)

L: In memory of those who've made the ultimate sacrifice – those who have gone, as well as family left behind. We remember you:

L: In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

P: we remember them.

L: In the blowing of the wind, and the calm of its stillness,

P: we remember them.

L: In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,

P: we remember them.

L: In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

P: we remember them.

L: In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

P: we remember them.

L: In the midpoint of the year, and at its beginning and end,

P: we remember them.

L: When we are weary and in need of strength,

P: we remember them.

L: When we are lost and sick at heart,

P: we remember them.

L: When we have joys, we yearn to share,

P: we remember them.

L: So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now part of us,

P: we remember them.

*Closing Hymn: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" (Praise Booklet, p. 28)

Colvin

*Taps- Don Carl

*Benediction

*Postlude- "Ye Nations, Praise the Lord"

O'Donnell












Pentecost Geranium


























Dedications

















In Honor of:

-  In honor of my children & their families, presented by Lois Nelson
-  In honor of my mother, Kelli Spangler, presented by Jami Tomlinson
-  In honor of my grandpa, Larry Spangler, Sr., presented by Jami Tomlinson
-  In honor of our grandkids, Carson, Kylie, and Raylinn, presented by Bill & Karla Waltersdorff
-  In honor of our mother, Delphine Waltersdorff, presented by Bill & Karla Waltersdorff
-  In honor of my family, presented by JoAnn Kirkwood
-  In honor of Lois Nelson, presented by Cole & Ryan McKowen
-  In honor of Mitzi Perry, presented by Cole & Ryan McKowen
-  In honor of Royce Messersmith for all of his planting tips, presented by Jenell McKowen

In Memory of:

-  In memory of Linda J. Spangler, presented by Larry Spangler, Sr.
-  In memory of Grace L. Spangler Tarlton, presented by Larry Spangler, Sr.
-  In memory of Clyde & Ruth Staub, presented by Larry Spangler, Sr.
-  In memory of Ed Warner, presented by Pat Warner
-  In memory of Kate Warner, presented by Pat Warner
-  In memory of William & Clairbel Miner, presented by Cynthia & Donald Elicker
-  In memory of Lindy & Constance Elicker, presented by Cynthia & Donald Elicker
-  In memory of Norman & Mary Lau, presented by Cynthia & Donald Elicker
-  In memory of my parents, grandparents, husband, sister, & brother, presented by Lois Nelson
-  In memory of Brenda Kessler, presented by Jeff & Kathy Flickinger
-  In memory of Dennis Kramer, presented by Anne Bakner & Beth Mensinger
-  In memory of Rev. Kenneth Cherry, presented by Nancy Cherry
-  In memory of my parents, Gerald & Betty Thomas, presented by Chris DeGroft
-  In memory of my loving husband, Kim DeGroft, presented by Chris DeGroft
-  In memory of my nephew, Zachary Neiderer, presented by Chris DeGroft
-  In memory of my grandma, Linda Spangler, presented by Jami Tomlinson
-  In memory of my father, Brad Tomlinson, presented by Jami Tomlinson
-  In memory of Rev. Dennis Weidler, presented by Jean Weidler
-  In memory of Robert & Phyllis Gingrich, presented by Jean Weidler
-  In memory of Earl & Elva Weidler, presented by Jean Weidler
-  In memory of all of the veterans, presented by Darlene & Steve Miner
-  In memory of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. William Miner and Mr. & Mrs. Allen Haar, presented by Darlene & Steve Miner
-  In memory of Lee & Bob McKowen and Don Nelson, presented by Cole & Ryan McKowen
-  In memory of Jane Chapman, presented by Larry & Joy Spangler
-  In memory of Linda Spangler, presented by Larry & Joy Spangler

-  In memory of our parents, Norman Waltersdorff, Norman Zartman, and Elaine Zartman, presented by Bill & Karla Waltersdorff
-  In memory of Hattie Myers, presented by Elvin Myers & Diane Patterson
-  In memory of Dee Hildebrand, presented by Elvin Myers & Diane Patterson
-  In memory of Elmer Myers, presented by Elvin Myers & Diane Patterson
-  In memory of Mabel & Phil Baer, presented by Diane Patterson & Elvin Myers
-  In memory of Darlene Patterson, presented by Diane Patterson & Elvin Myers
-  In memory of Bill Patterson, presented by Diane Patterson & Elvin Myers
-  In memory of our loved ones, presented by Jim & Joan Messinger
-  In memory of Raymond & Pauline King, presented by Tom & Nancy King
-  In memory of Walter & Edna Klinefelter, presented by Tom & Nancy King
-  In memory of my husband, presented by JoAnn Kirkwood
-  In memory of my husband, Brian Altland. I miss him every day. Love, Melisa
-  In memory of Carole Walker & Emma Altland. Thank you for your love.
presented by Melisa Altland
-  In memory of my mother, Norva Sherberger. I was fortunate to have her as my mother.
presented by Melisa Altland



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns
May 25, 2025

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.

Patriotic Arrangement...

This Patriotic Arrangement is placed in loving memory of Ed Warner, a proud Army veteran. We lost him ten years ago, and today would have marked his 85th birthday. He is deeply loved and missed every day by his family, and his memory lives on in our hearts forever.

Welcome & Introduction...

We are delighted to welcome **Equilla L. Curry** – a visionary minister, advocate, and servant leader – into our worship and fellowship today. Equilla brings a deep commitment to justice, inclusivity, and spiritual formation within the United Church of Christ.

A devoted member of Faith UCC in York, PA, Equilla has faithfully served in various ministry and leadership roles. She brings a rich background in management,

finance, policy development, and church governance, helping to shape vibrant and accountable faith communities.

Equilla is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry (DMin) at St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute, where she continues to sharpen her theological insight and leadership capabilities. She also holds a Master of Divinity from Lancaster Theological Seminary and a Bachelor's in Business Administration (CPA track) from Bucknell University. Her training includes certifications in both Design Thinking and Spiritual Direction, equipping her with a unique blend of innovation and deep listening to accompany others on their spiritual paths.

With extensive experience in chaplaincy and spiritual direction, Equilla has provided pastoral care in hospital settings, non-profit organizations, corporate spaces, and congregational life. For over seven years, she has hosted a corporate prayer line connecting individuals from the U.S. to Africa in shared prayer and community. Equilla has also walked alongside clergy, seminarians, and church leaders, offering mentorship that supports both spiritual well-being and professional growth.

Currently, she serves as Secretary for the York Association of the Penn Central Conference and has participated on key committees supporting pastoral transitions and broader leadership shifts within the denomination. Her ministry particularly uplifts and empowers LGBTQ+ clergy, people of color, and those in discernment – creating space for spiritual nurture, liturgical support, and intentional mentoring. She has recently been nominated to serve on the United Church of Christ's National Setting Board of Directors.

Beyond her ministry, Equilla is a dedicated mentor in the R.I.S.E. Together Mentorship Network, where she encourages and uplifts women of color in ministry, fostering meaningful connections and leadership development.

When not engaged in ministry, Equilla enjoys spending time with family, reading, and traveling.

We are blessed by her presence and inspired by her faithful witness. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Equilla!

Thank You for Your Generosity...

We extend our sincere thanks to all who purchased geraniums in observance of **Memorial Day**. The vibrant red blooms will add beauty to our sanctuary and serve as a meaningful tribute to the brave veterans who gave their lives in service to our country. We are also grateful to those who donated geraniums to be planted outdoors in celebration of **Pentecost Sunday**, commemorating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and all believers.

Geranium Planting Day – Weather permitting, the geraniums will be planted on **Tuesday, May 27th, beginning at 8:30 AM**. Volunteers are welcome – bring a shovel, gloves, and a willing spirit! Your help in beautifying the church grounds is truly appreciated. Many hands make light work!

Help the Harvest of Hope Children This Summer!

Harvest of Hope is excited to continue the tradition of providing chocolate milk as a special treat for the kids participating in our Summer Lunch Program. To help make this possible, we've set a fundraising goal of **\$600 by June 14th**. If you'd like to contribute, please place your donation in an envelope marked "**Chocolate Milk.**" Thank you for your continued generosity and support in sharing joy with the children in our community!

Summer Mission & Outreach Opportunities...

We're excited to offer several ways to serve our community this summer! To help us plan and organize teams, please indicate your interest by signing up on the sheet located on the table in the overflow room.

You'll have the chance to:

- Visit and encourage our homebound members
- Prepare a meal for the local homeless shelter
- Host a fun Bingo event at Sharon's Personal Care Home

Final dates and details will be set at the end of May, based on interest and availability.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ this summer!

Summer Worship Schedule: June 1st - August 31st...

Join us on Sunday mornings this summer for worship in two settings:

- **8:30 AM Outdoor Service** – Gather with us under the open sky as we worship in God's creation. Bring a chair!
- **10:30 AM Indoor Service** – A traditional service held in the sanctuary.

Please Note: On **Sunday, June 22**, we will have **one combined service** in celebration of **Vacation Bible School**. Details will be shared closer to the date.

We look forward to worshipping with you this summer – come as you are, and bring a friend!

Attention SPLATT Bus Trip Participants!

If you've reserved a spot for the SPLATT Bus Trip to see *Noah* on **July 16th**, please note that **payment is due by June 8th**.

The **total cost is now \$115**, which covers:

- Your ticket to the show
- Round-trip transportation
- A group lunch at Golden Corral (including drink and gratuity)

Golden Corral has generously provided a group rate of \$15 for the meal, which is now included in the total cost.

To make a payment:

Please give your payment to **Bud Hamme** and include a note specifying it's for the SPLATT trip. Checks can be made out to **Bud Hamme** or **St. Peter's Lischey's UCC**. The bus will depart from the church at **9:30 AM on July 16th**. After the show, we'll enjoy a late lunch together at Golden Corral.

Vacation Bible School at St. Peter's Lischey's!

Join us for an exciting week of fun, faith, and adventure at **Vacation Bible School** from **June 16th to June 20th**, each evening from **6:00 PM to 8:15 PM** at **St. Peter's Lischey's Church!**


This year's theme: "True North"


Embark on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where the northern lights dance above towering mountains, rushing rivers, and shimmering glaciers. As kids journey across the tundra, they'll discover how easy it is to lose their way in today's wild and ever-changing world. But through it all, *True North VBS* points them to Jesus – the constant, faithful friend they can always trust. He is our guiding light. He is our *True North*.

Light supper served nightly from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Come early, grab a bite, and get ready for an evening filled with joy and discovery. This event is **open to all** – Bible Study will also be offered to the adults. We can't wait to see you there! Bring your friends and let's follow True North together!

 *St. Peter's Lischey's Church*

 *June 16–20*

 *5:30 PM supper | 6:00–8:15 PM VBS*

Thank you to our helpers this week:

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Blaine Breeden	Don Carl
<i>Lay Liturgist</i>	Don Carl	None
<i>Children's Message</i>	None	None
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sam Wagaman	Olivia Godfrey
<i>Greeters</i>	Joy & Larry Spangler	Lois Nelson & Jean Gross
<i>Money Counters</i>	Lisa Crisamore, Tammy Wetzel, & Pat McKowen	Elvin Myers, John Klinedinst, & Pat McKowen
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Blaine Breeden & Joy Spangler	Diane Breeden & Toni O'Neal

Next week's helpers are:

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Sunday, June 1 st	8:30 AM	Outdoor Service
	10:30 AM	Indoor Service
Tuesday, June 3 rd	4:00 PM	Harvest of Hope Volunteer Hours – Joy Spangler, Jenell McKowen, & Cheryl Albright. 2-3 more volunteers needed.
Sunday, June 8 th	8:30 AM	Outdoor Service with Communion
	10:30 AM	Indoor Service with Communion
Monday, June 9 th	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Monday, June 16 th	6:00 PM	VBS begins
Sunday, June 22 nd	10:30 AM	VBS Celebration and Church Picnic
Wednesday, July 16 th	9:30 AM	Bus leaves for SPLATT bus trip to Sight & Sound

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:

Cathy Sherry, Pastor	Tue/Wed	10:00 AM - Noon
Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music	Mon/Thur	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Pat McKowen, Secretary	Mon-Thur	Noon – 2:00 PM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

May 29	Lily Bakner	May 30	Darlene Miner
May 29	Amanda Henning	May 31	Todd Kramer

Our Response to God’s Love for Last Week was...

Attendance	69- 65 Sanctuary/ 4 YouTube
Current Offering	\$1,935.00
Loose Offering	40.00
SPLATT Sight & Sound Trip	1,730.00
OCWM	80.00
Pentecost Geraniums	34.00
Carnations	92.00
Building for Service	10.00
Total	\$3921.00