

**WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS**  
**St. Peter's Lischey's UCC**  
**www.lisceysucc.org (717) 225-3932**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**Sunday, March 17, 2024**  
**10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)**

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Michele Hamme

Ring of the Bell

Prelude: Chime Choir- "Two Meditations on the Cross"

Kinyon

Call to Worship

L: The day of the Lord is coming!

**P: The day of the Lord is near!**

L: The time is fulfilled!

**P: The reign of God is at hand!**

L: O people, repent! Believe in the gospel!

**ALL: Come, let us turn and follow the Lord!**

Hymn: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" – Red Hymnal #184

Conkey

Confession:

L: Jesus has taught us we must forgive. We come before our Lord asking him to help us forgive as we have been forgiven. Let us pray.

**ALL: God, we confess there are times we find it too hard to forgive. We have been hurt, or we have hurt others. At times we have been angered by the actions of another to the point that we carry a grudge, and sometimes, this grudge can define who we are. Forgive us for our shortcomings; for our sin. As we journey with our Lord toward the cross, help us to let go of our grudges, and to forgive as we have been forgiven. Amen.**

L: God hears the confession of sincere and contrite hearts. Go forth knowing your relationship with God has been restored.

**P: Glory to God and His Son for their sacrifice and grace. Amen.**

Hymn: "Ah, Holy Jesus" (Lenten Praise Booklet- p. 21)

Heerman

Children's Message- Melisa Altland

Scripture: Ezekiel 37 – Jenell McKowen

Message: Can These Bones Live?

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostle's Creed (Lenten Praise Booklet- p. 3)

Announcements & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (Lenten Praise Booklet- p. 3)

Extinguish Lenten Candle

L: Today we observe the fifth week of Lent and we move closer to Holy Week.

**P: May we focus on forgiveness, acceptance, compassion, and prayer.**

L: This week we extinguish the candle of anger so that we might focus on patience. The psalmist writes:

**ALL: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me."**

L: Let us pray:

**ALL: Dear God, help us put down our stones and use our hands to bless and heal our broken world. Amen.**

*Extinguish one Lenten candle.*

**\*Hymn:** "The Old Rugged Cross" – Red Hymnal #186

Bennard

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude:** "A Song of Praise"

Blake

*\*Members should rise if able.*



**Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns**  
**March 17, 2024**

**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 plate is located on the cart in the overflow room.

**Thank You...**

Thank you everyone for your kind words, cards, and gifts. They were very appreciated. It has been my honor to serve as your Treasurer for the past 18 years. Blessings, *Jean Gross*

**Spaghetti Dinner...**

TODAY is the spaghetti dinner. If you bought tickets, don't forget to come at your designated time.

**Harvest of Hope Stuffing & Thank You...**

This is the last Sunday that we are collecting for the boxes of stuffing. Thank you to all those that donated, Harvest of Hope if very grateful. ~ *Joy*

**Easter Lilies...**

Easter Lily time is here again. The price is \$8.50, and the deadline to order is March 20<sup>th</sup>. Call Carol Brown to place your order, 717-891-1440. Fill out the dedication forms found on the cart by the bulletins in the overflow room. Put them, along with your payment, into the offering plate.

**Midweek Lenten Season Worship Options & Meals...**

Please pick up a copy of the *Lenten Season Community Services & Meal Schedule* for the time and locations of the midweek community services. Trinity Roths UCC, 6417 Church Rd., Spring Grove,

17362, is hosting this **Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM, and the worship service will follow the dinner at 6:30 PM. Lischey’s UCC is hosting the Maundy Thursday service on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Combined choir practice is at 5:30. Dinner is at 6:00, and the worship service is at 6:30 in the sanctuary. A signup sheet for attendance and to volunteer to bring food is on the table in the overflow room.

**Easter Egg Hunt...**

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be next Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. There will be snacks and crafts in addition to the Easter egg hunt. On the back table there is a box for **donations** of bags of **candy** or small treats that will fit inside plastic eggs. Thank you in advance! Spread the word to your friends and family! It will be a Hoppy time!

**Jefferson Homemakers’ Meeting...**

The Jefferson Homemakers will meet in the church fellowship hall on **Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 AM for a Civil War presentation by Curt Weber followed by lunch. All are welcome. For questions, see Joan Messinger.

**Church to Sponsor Homewood Bingo Event...**

Our church will be sponsoring a bingo event at Homewood in April. Donations of prizes and food are appreciated and due by Easter, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Ideas for prizes are listed on the bulletin board in the overflow room, and include items such as word search books, over the head necklaces, small hand sanitizers, decorative scarves, small stuffed animals, window clings, a variety of greeting cards, costume jewelry, Dove soap bars, and small hand lotions. A donation box is located in the overflow room by the table. All donated food must be professionally prepared and individually wrapped. See Nancy Cherry for more information. Thank you!

**March Council Meeting Highlights...**

- There is an immediate need to fill the Treasurer position which is currently vacant. Anyone interested in the position can talk to a member of council. Please prayerfully consider.
- The Sexton position with job description is currently active on our website, Facebook page, and has been sent to other local churches. Please share with anyone interested in this position.
- Ryan McKowen has agreed to fill in with the Sexton duties until someone is hired. Thank you, Ryan, for being willing to help your church congregation in the interim.

<b><u>Thank you to our helpers this week:</u></b>		<b><u>Next week’s helpers are:</u></b>
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sam Wagaman	Olivia Godfrey
<i>Children’s Message</i>	Melisa Altland	Diane Breeden
<i>Lay Liturgist</i>	Jenell McKowen	Nancy King
<i>Greeters</i>	Toni & Abigail O’Neal	Melisa Altland & Michele Hamme
<i>Money Counters</i>	Darlene Miner, Tammy Wetzels, & Pat McKowen	Joanne Hoffman, Darlene Miner, & John Klinedinst
<i>Sound &amp; Streaming</i>	Blaine Breeden & Toni O’Neal	Joy & Larry Spangler

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

Sunday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 PM	Spaghetti dinner to benefit SG Color Guard in the fellowship hall. Dine-in or take out.
	5:00 PM	
	6:00 PM	
Wednesday, March 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 AM	Jefferson Homemakers' Meeting
	6:00 PM	Midweek Lenten meal at Trinity Roths UCC
	6:30 PM	Midweek Lenten service at Trinity Roths UCC, Spring Grove
Thursday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Children & Youth Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service- Palm Sunday
	1:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday, March 28 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	Combined Choir Practice
	6:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Supper- St. Peter's Lischey's
	6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service- St. Peter's Lischey's
Friday, March 29 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service at Bethlehem Church, Jefferson
Sunday, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 AM	Easter Service
	10:30 AM	Easter Service

### Office Hours...

The office will be open Monday through Thursday this week. See below for hours. 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	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music	Mon/Thur	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Pat McKowen, Secretary	Mon-Tue	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
	Wed	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

### Upcoming Birthdays (\*Designates Over 80)

March 17	Sandra Lehman	March 22	Dennis Kimball
March 18	William Hersh	March 22	Samuel Wagaman
March 20	Grace Mensinger	March 24	Cameron Freed

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE LAST SUNDAY WAS...

Attendance	72- 70 Sanctuary/ 2 YouTube
Current Offering	\$2,580.00
Loose Offering	40.00
OCWM	95.00
Harvest of Hope	100.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,915.00</b>