

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 20, 2012

## *GATHERING*

Prelude: "In Faith I Quiet Wait"

J. S. Bach

Invocation

Announcements and Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We know God, for we know Christ.

**People: Let us live in the knowledge of the Lord.**

Leader: We are known by the God who loves us.

**People: Let us be grateful for the grace we have been shown.**

Leader: We are chosen to bring healing to the world.

**People: Let our worship be lives of love and mercy.**

\*Hymn: #476 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" (vs. 1-4)

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Merciful God, you speak to our hearts the way of Christ. You are one with the Son, and you will that we too be one. Yet, we remember the bad, while forgetting the good. We glory in judgment, when we should forgive. We hurt, when we should heal. Forgive us, kind God. Speak to our hearts, again and again. Show us the way to love. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

## *PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD*

Anthem: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

arr. S.K. Tucker

Bell Choir

This anthem is dedicated to the glory of God and played in memory of Eunice Robinson and Doris Brown, who taught it to many decades of Sunday School Children.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Psalm 31: 1-5 (p. 478); Acts 17: 1-6 (p. 128)

\*Hymn: #276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Children's Sermon

Children may leave for God's Place for Boys and Girls

Second Scripture Reading: Acts 17: 6b (p. 129)

Sermon: "**JOURNAL OF 50 YEARS OF GOD'S ACTION**"

"These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here"

## *RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*

\*Apostles Creed (p. 14)(Ecumenical Version)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "I Love to Tell the Story"

William Fisher

\*Doxology (p. 592)

\*Hymn: #397 "O for a Closer Walk with God"

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Trumpet Voluntary"

Gordon Young

The End of Worship

The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

VISITORS AND MEMBERS: WELCOME! During the offertory the Friendship Book will be passed from the end of the pew. Please sign it and indicate other information as appropriate. Pass the book back down the pew and notice the names of the other worshippers. Greet one another warmly after the service.

### WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:

It is an ancient Scottish custom for the pulpit Bible to be brought into the sanctuary and placed by a layperson before the service begins.

8:00 a.m. Janet Huffman

10:30 a.m. Mike Hartmann

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.): 8:00 – Sue Funk  
10:30 – Bob and Margy Hershey

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of  
Charles and Fern Danner and Walter and Margaret Turner, Our Parents  
Given by Charles and Ethel Danner

We welcome Rev. William E. Forman to our worship this morning. Bill and Elaine Forman returned after at least 50 years when Bill's ordination exam included a sermon during a Donegal Presbytery meeting held in this special church. The Forman's have served in the U.S. Army for 20 years as Chaplain and wife. They returned to the Civilian Parish at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington DC; then First Presbyterian Church in Orlando; First Presbyterian and Covenant Church, Erie and finally 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church, Alexandria. They now reside at Brethern Village, Lancaster. Their family is scattered with Karen in Atlanta and William Kurt and spouse Julie and 4 children in Shreveport, LA.

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Shirley Harsh  
1001 E. Oregon Road  
Lititz, PA 17543

In the hospital: Peter Conway, Lancaster General, Room 6609  
Gloria Bernelius, Lancaster General, Room 7014  
G. Dale Rice, Lancaster General, Room 6802

**TODAY:**

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults  
11:30 a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singles Group

**MONDAY:**

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7:45 p.m. Softball – Leacock vs. Grace Point – field #1

**TUESDAY:**

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

**WEDNESDAY:**

6:00 p.m. Leacock Movers and Shakers

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY:**

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

**NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost**

9:30 a.m. Service of Worship

IN THE NURSERY: 9:30 - Shirley Bernard and Valerie Ruhl

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Last week’s offering total was \$3,938.00

Total in Organ Fund is \$53,260.82

**The Community Meal** will be Thursday, May 31st. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. Sign-up sheets for helping with the meal are in the Narthex.

Thank you. Mission Committee

<u>Sunday School Elective-- Winter Quarter---9:20AM each Sunday—Up-Coming</u> Sunday School Adult Elective Topics			
<u>Elective</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>May 20</u>	
Bible Study Discussion	Library	Righteousness by Faith	
Current Issues Discussion	Fellowship Hall	God’s Creation/Food	

**FOOD BANK IN NEED:** The heavy demand on the Paradise Area Food Bank has made it necessary to ask our members to collect food at this time. The items for our congregation are instant rice, canned tuna and chicken, canned stew and chili, and soups. Please place your donations, throughout the month of May, in the “Food Bank” box in the Narthex. We thank you, in faith, for your generosity. If you would prefer to make cash gifts, which are also needed, please contact Karen Homsher. (Checks may be made out to Paradise Area Food Bank.)

**May is Trustee Special Offering month.** In a continued effort, we are still trying to raise funds for the Narthex flooring project. Please give as you can to help us reach this goal. Building Fund Offering envelopes will be available in the pews thru the month of May. Many thanks from all the Trustees.

**Find Out Who Your Neighbors Are!**

Don't forget to map yourself on the caring family map on the bulletin board behind the Sunday school classrooms. Take a look at who lives near you.

**DINNER AND A MOVIE**

Come join the members of the Leacock book discussion group for a potluck dinner and a viewing of the movie "The Help" on Sunday evening May 27th at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome, so bring your friends, too. Sign-up sheet for the potluck is in the narthex. Any questions? Please call Emily Birch: 687-7734.

**BOARD GAME NIGHT**

Board game night is coming up, Tuesday May 29th at 6:30 p.m. Bring your favorite game and your desire to have fun!