22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2, 2012

GATHERING

Prelude: "Bouree"

Georg Phillip Telemann

Invocation

Announcements and Passing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Worker God, whose hands built the earth,

People: molded our bodies, and sowed the stars across the sky, we gather in your presence this morning with praise and

thanksgiving for your mighty deeds.

People: Let us worship God

*Hymn: #230 "This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We are workers, God, just like you. But we confess that our work is not always done in a manner that affirms and honors each other. Our work is not always done in a spirit that is pleasing to you. We confess that, on some occasions, we have blindly bought goods made by people who are paid too little or work in unsafe conditions. We admit that we have failed to end an unjust system in which some workers have jobs that provide good wages and benefits while other may have no job, or one that pays little and provides few benefits.

Creator God, help us to be your people, working for a world where all workers are valued-- a world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance that you have given us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Assurance of Pardon *Gloria Patri (p. 579)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "In Remembrance of Me"

Buryl Red

Duet - Jenny Keenan and Harold Yuninger

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "Little Rondo"

Richard Blake

Leon Boelmann

*Doxology (p. 592)

First Scripture Readings: Psalm 67:1-4 (p. 500); Romans 13:8-14 (p. 152)

*Hymn: #343 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Children's Sermon

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:15-20 (p. 19)

Sermon: A LABOR OF LOVE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Affirmation of Faith- from the Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

*Hymn: #415 "Come, Labor On"

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Postlude"

The End of Worship

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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.

9:30 a.m. Janet Huffman

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Honor of the Leacock Softball Team. Congratulations for a wonderful season with your 2nd place finish. You made it very enjoyable for the fans, not only with such a winning season, but with your great sportsmanship and team camaraderie. For this, the fans would like to thank you and honor you!

We welcome Rev. Alicia Conklin-Wood to our pulpit this morning. She is a Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Jan & Janet Huffman 5353 S. View Drive New Holland, PA 17557

TODAY:

9:30 a.m. Service of Worship at Old Leacock 10:30 a.m. Picnic 7:00 p.m. Hymn Sing at Old Leacock

TUESDAY:

7:00 p.m. Congregational Life Meeting 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. Christian Ed. Committee Meeting