

5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2013

GATHERING

Prelude: “The Holy City”

Adams/Whitworth

Invocation

Announcements and Passing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Because the Lord loves, the world will be renewed.

People: Let us glorify the Lord with our love.

Leader: The Lord loves all that the Lord has made.

People: Let us glorify the Lord with a love without walls.

Leader: The Lord’s love lives in those who love him.

People: Let us glorify the Lord with love for one another.

*Hymn: #111 “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Faithful God, Scripture teaches that you are love. You revealed what love is in Jesus Christ, who gave himself, for love, for his friends. And he calls us to love each other as he has loved us. Forgive us, dear God. For we do not love as we should. We pull away from each other, when we are afraid, when we are hurt, when we find fault. We don’t love well all our sisters and brothers; we do not love well ourselves. Quicken our hearts, oh Lord. Teach us how to love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: 10:30 – “Let His Love Be Found in You”

Don Blessing

Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Acts 11:1-18; (p. 122) Revelation 21: 1-6 (p. 244)

*Hymn: #368 “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

Children’s Sermon

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

Second Scripture Reading: John 13:31-35 (p. 102)

Sermon: **WWJD?**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* **Affirmation of Faith-** from the Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

Raymond Haan

*Doxology (p. 592)

*Hymn: Pg. 43, *Leacock Sings* “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “The Trumpet Shall Sound”

Handel

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. Edwin Margerum

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.): 8:00 – Taryn Shenk
10:30 – Mike Hartmann

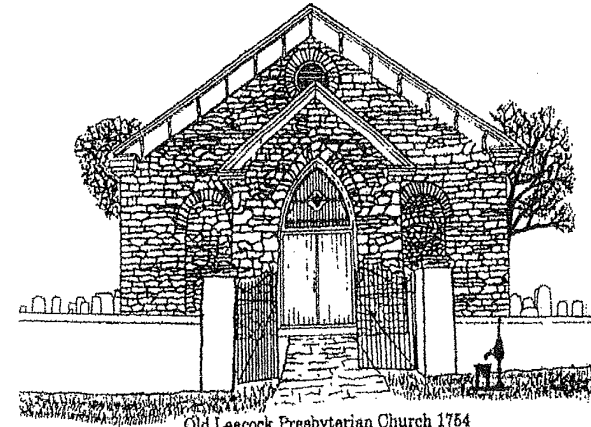
The Sanctuary Flowers are a token of appreciation to Karen Homsher. She has done such a wonderful job at leading our Bell Choir. What a treat it is to hear them on those wonderful occasions. We have been blessed with Karen singing in our choir and her heartfelt solos. Please thank Karen for her years of dedication and leadership to this church.
“Thank You”

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Mary Jane Mowrer
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TODAY:

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

4:00 p.m. Presbytery Meeting @ Bethany PC

MONDAY:

1:00 p.m. Enfield Dr. Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Ridgeview vs. Leacock Softball – field 2

TUESDAY:

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY:

7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer

6:15 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY:

7:00 a.m. National Day of Prayer Breakfast

7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY:

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

IN THE NURSERY: 8:00 – Michele McLaughlin

10:30 – Chuck & Kathy Ankney

7:00 p.m. Hymn Sing at Old Leacock

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last week's offering total was \$3,165.00

Total in Organ Fund is \$74,553.60

Total Building & Facility fund is at \$2350.00 out of the \$6989.00 needed for the Manse roof project.

The Timberline Church is hosting Five Christian Motorcycle Rides in 2013.

All Churches in Paradise Township are invited and encouraged to participate in these rides. The rides are open to all motorcycle riders and their passengers. These rides are titled CHRIST IN PARADISE, and our goal is to simply spread the word of God. Please look for the flyer on the main bulletin board for the details or call the office – 687-6619.

National Day of Prayer – You are invited to the 3rd Annual Community Prayer breakfast at Intercourse Fire Company on Thursday, May, 2, from 7am – 9am. Please see flyer on bulletin board or call the office for more detail.

The Factory Ministries and other participating churches are partnering with IMPACT! Missions to **repair the home of an elderly woman living in our community.** IMPACT! is in **need of volunteers** to assist with this home repair project. The following skill set is needed: **framers, electricians, plumbers, HVAC systems, drywall finishers, flooring installers, and painters.** If you want to learn more about this opportunity a meeting for potential volunteers will be held **Tuesday, April 30 at 7pm** at The Factory House. This work project will be taking place over the next month and a half. Volunteers can contribute time on weekends to work on this project. Please contact kendra@thefactoryministries.com if you plan to attend the information meeting or have more questions.

May's offering will be for the trustees. The money collected will be used for some very much needed repairs to the Paradise Church and to pay for the replacement roof at the manse. Thank you, Your Trustees