

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2014

GATHERING

Prelude: "Russian Easter"

Rimsky-Korsakov

Invocation/Call to Worship

O God from whom every gift derives, we gather to worship You this day. You are an awesome God, greater than our comprehension or our imagination. You are beyond any word we could ever use to describe You. And yet, through Jesus, we know the intimacy of Your vast Love. We have come to You in thanksgiving and praise, to know that You are God and to place our lives anew into Your perspective. Enlarge our vision this hour with Your Word. Instill in us, again, Your hope in place of our despair, Your peace where our hatred threatens, Your joy amidst our depression, Your love overwhelming our apathy. May Your Holy Spirit surround and indwell this congregation now, and forevermore. In Jesus we pray. Amen.

*Hymn: #108 "Christ Is Alive!"

Prayer of Confession (**Unison**)

We confess before you gracious God that we sometimes lack compassion. We think it is important to help the poor, but then we forget them as we fill our thoughts with our own concerns. Awaken us to the pain of those in poverty, the distress of those around us who lack the resources they need to live a proper life. May we discover our common humanity with them and learn the art of finding Jesus in each sister and brother. Help us to see injustices clearly, the way Jesus did. We want to be awakened from our apathy and enraged by injustice as Jesus was. Bind us together as a community to work for equality and justice and any form we can. This in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Now the Green Blade Rises"

John Crum

8:00 – Solo - Jenny Keenan

10:30 – Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 22:15-16 (p. 681); Philippians 4:10-13 (p. 187)

*Hymn: #333 "Seek Ye First"

Children's Sermon

Children may leave for God's Place for Kids (10:30 a.m. service)

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 4:14-20 (p. 57)

Sermon: **THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee"

Gordon Young

*Doxology (p. 592)

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

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "He Is Risen!"

Edward Broughton

The End of Worship

The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

As you leave worship, greet all with the Peace of Christ

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 – Marie Brackbill
10:30 – Sue Funk & Lois Snader

Please welcome Chuck Holt to the pulpit this morning. Chuck is the Executive Director of The Factory Ministries. The Factory Ministries is committed to serving individuals facing poverty within the Pequea Valley area. By serving as a hub to connect needs with resources, The Factory Ministries is empowering people to overcome their circumstances and strengthen their community.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: David Babb
PO Box 219
Willow Street, PA 17584

TODAY:

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults
3:00 p.m. Gospel Concert – Servant Stage Company

MONDAY:

6:30 p.m. Leacock Softball vs. Pequea Baptist, Field 2

WEDNESDAY:

7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY:

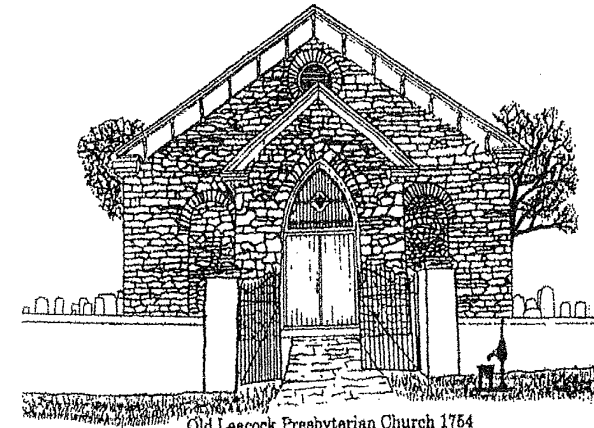
7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

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 – Loretta McClarigan
10:30 – Alba & Valerie Ruhl
7:00 p.m. Hymn Sing

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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last week's offering total was \$4,501.75

Prayer Chain Reminder – Please remember to sign up to be a part of our church's prayer chain. The sign up sheet is in the narthex and all that we need is your name and a phone number. Even if you are already on the prayer chain, please resign the new list. It will remain in the narthex until Sunday, April 27th at which time we will begin work on the new list. Any questions, please call Lois Eshleman @ 394-4953 or 940-6668. Thank you for being a part of our church's ministry to others and ourselves. Prayer is one of the most powerful tools we have. Let's use it!

May's offering will be for the trustees. The money collected will be used for some very much needed repairs to the Paradise Church; such as, slate roof repair and elevator repairs. Thank you, Your Trustees

As I've mentioned recently, I will be on a peacemaking mission to Israel/Palestine over the next few weeks. I will be back May 13th. I will not always be easy to reach, but I do want to be there for you should you need to contact me. I will check e-mail whenever I can. In addition, you can always contact the Clerk of Session, Dianne Yuninger, with whom I will try to touch base periodically. Pray for peace; pray for our peacemaking group. God bless—Rev. Birch

Messiah – What explains the enduring attraction of Handel's Messiah? Emotion, praise and drama produced by the pen of a genius composer with moving text drawn from the Bible. Often lost in today's bombastic performances of the work, the Lancaster Chamber Singers captures these qualities as they bring the "Easter" portion (parts 2 & 3) of Messiah to glorious life with chamber orchestra and guest soloists Amy Yovanovich, Laurice Kennel, Brad Raymond and Michael Popovsky, **Sunday, May 4, at 3PM, at Highland Presbyterian church.** Tickets may be reserved with Karen Homsher or by calling 717-330-9025.

While Rev. Birch is gone, Rev. Steve Getty will be available for pastoral care and emergencies. He can be reached at 717-768-8343 or, as always, call the church office at 717-687-6619.