5th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2015

Sermon: **TO LOVE GOD**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*From a Brief Statement of Faith, pg. 37 in the hymnal, sections 1,3,5,6
The Peace of Christ
Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "Air" Gordon Young
*Doxology (p. 606)
*Hymn: #774 "There Is Now a New Creation"
*Benediction
Silent Prayer (be seated)
Postlude: "Postludium" Gordon Young

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. Tom Burkins 10:30 a.m. Edwin Margerum

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.): 8:00 – Donald & Christy Fieldsa 10:30 – Sean & Maureen Carney God's Place for Kids Leaders – Mary Alice High & Margy Hershey

GATHERING

Prelude: "Hymn of Promise" (GTG #250) Invocation arr. John Carter

*Call to Worship

Leader:	The love of God was revealed in Christ.
People:	Oh, God, abide in us.
Leader:	God is love.
People:	Let us abide in God.
Leader:	As we have been loved, so are we to love.
People:	Let us abide in love.

*Hymn: **#250** "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, you so loved the world you sent your Son to save, not condemn the world. And he commanded us to love as he loved us. But we do not do what he asked. We give our love to some and not to others. We turn away from, we judge and condemn, the sisters and brothers who are different, whose ways we do not like. Heal us, Lord. Make us new. Help us to love. Amen. Assurance of Pardon *Gloria Patri (p. 581)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least (GTG #852) Chancel Choir Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer First Scripture Readings: Acts 8:26-40 (p. 119) *Hymn: **#286** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Children's Sermon Children may leave for God's Place for Kids (10:30 a.m. service)

Second Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-21 (p. 226)

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Jim Hess and Pat Ide Given by Gerry & Jessie

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Austin & Kristin Hayes Finely 85 Hampton Lane Lancaster, PA 17601

In the rehab: Ralph Bair, Lancaster Rehab, Room 11

TODAY:

8:00 a.m. Service of Worship9:15 a.m. Sunday School10:30 a.m. Service of Worship7:00 p.m. Youth Group

MONDAY:

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry7:00 p.m. Church & Community Life Mtg.7:00 p.m. Worship Committee7:45 p.m. St. Johns vs. Leacock Softball - #1

WEDNESDAY:

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir

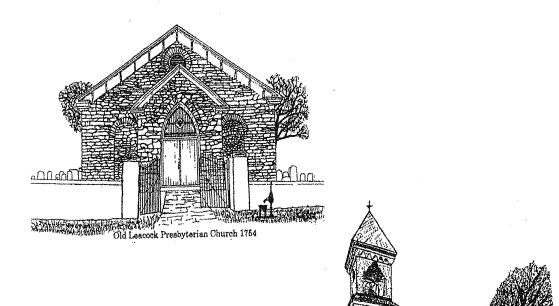
<u>**THURSDAY</u>**: 7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Mtg.</u>

NEXT SUNDAY: Mother's Day 8:00 a.m. Service of Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Service of Worship

IN THE NURSERY: 8:00 – Scott Shenk 10:30 – Michele & Sara Lichty God's Place for Kids Leaders – Sharon Williams

Leacock Presbyterían Church

First met in Leacock Township in 1724, recognized by the Synod in 1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.



3181 Lincoln Highway East Paradise, PA 17562 Telephone: 687-6619 www.leacockpres.org

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last week's offering total was \$4,346.00 In order to meet the approved budget for 2015, we need to receive an average of \$4,333.00 each week in offering.

May Special Offering is for the Building & Facility Fund. The

donations collected will be used for the repairs of the Parking Lot.

Hymn Sings – Our seasonal hymn sings begin tonight at 7:00 at Old Leacock and continue on the first Sunday of each month through September. Join us as we celebrate 275 years since the founding of this historic church.

Changes to our worship – "The peace of Christ be with you...and with you." This blessing, passed between brothers and sisters in Christ, is a truly holy one, and we have tried to include it in a meaningful way in our services. Beginning today, please extend this blessing with those closest to you. We also need a time to greet our church family and welcome visitors. The time for greeting will follow the announcements and end at the time for the Prelude.

For the last Factory meal of the season we are planning to have a picnic menu-inside of course: hot dogs, baked beans, potato and macaroni salad, veggies and dip, with brownies for dessert. I am looking for volunteers to make a batch of potato salad or macaroni salad, brownies and baked beans. If you are interested, sign up sheets will be in the Narthex, or please contact Marie Brackbill or Mary Alice High.

Portrait time is near! Please sign up in the Narthex for your portraits for the new church directory. The dates are Tuesday and Wednesday, June 2-3. You may also call Jenny Keenan at 717-471-1448 to schedule your session or if you have any questions, concerns or scheduling conflicts. The directory will not be complete without YOU, so schedule your session today!

We are looking for volunteers to assist with church portrait days. There is a sign up in the Narthex for host-hostesses who are willing to donate their time to greet our church members and families on the portrait dates. Please prayerfully consider if you might be willing to assist by being a host or hostess for this event.