

15th Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2016

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Prayer Song"

Robert Schumann

Invocation

* Call to Worship (responsive) - Psalm 130 adapted

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

People: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Leader: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in God's promise I hope.

People: My soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning, even more than those who look for the dawn.

Leader: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and our God has great power to redeem.

People: The LORD is the One who will redeem us from all our iniquities.

Hymn: #612 "We Praise You, O God"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of our hope and salvation, deep inside we all need healing of some kind. We have our secrets we try to keep from others, and some secrets we hide even from ourselves. We may judge each other readily enough, but we fail to recognize our own prejudices. Our secrets fester inside us, seeping toxic attitudes and reactions into our lives. Please forgive, cleanse, heal, and restore us. Loosen the grip of the hurts and fears we hide, and empower us to work free from them, so we may live and serve honestly, following Jesus Christ and trusting him to keep us living and growing in your love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon (puppet Parable): "Max's Terrible Secret"

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (p.691)

Hymn: #343 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 7:36-50 (p.62)

Sermon: **Second Chance?**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Affirmation of Faith – Apostles Creed (p.17)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory "Down at the Cross"

Franklin Ritter

*Doxology (page 606)

Hymn: #738 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

*Benediction:

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude "Postlude in G"

L. Bottazzo

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

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Eugene Sowers
who would have celebrated his 93rd birthday this month

Given by his Family

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.

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.)

10:30 Craig & Jenny Keenan

Next Sunday, September 4 10:30 George & -Karen Shue

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Mary Weaver

We welcome **Rev. Richard E. Sindall** to the pulpit today. He retired July 1, 2012 after forty years of pastoral ministry serving two First Presbyterian churches, one in Tamaqua, PA (13 years) and the other in Bridgeton, NJ (27 years). He is a graduate of Westminster College (PA) and Princeton Seminary. Dick and his wife Debbie, a retired teacher, now live in Lititz and worship regularly with this congregation. They have two adult sons, Dave and Jon.

<u>TODAY</u>	8:00 a.m.	Service of Worship Old Leacock
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Worship Paradise
<u>THURSDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee Mtg.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Choir rehearsals begin. Anyone with questions should contact Dianne at 442-8379. New music promises to be inspiring and add a song to your week!

Book Discussion

The Leacock book and movie discussion group will kick off the 2016-2017 year with a discussion of the book *Gaining Ground* by Forrest Pritchard on Friday, September 9 at 5:30 p.m. Join us for pizza and what is sure to be a great discussion

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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



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