

Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2017

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Sound the Trumpet, Praise the Lord"

Mark Williams

Invocation

**Call To Worship*

Leader: The Spirit of God teaches us the will of God.

People: Let us then listen to God's word.

Leader: It is the good news of Easter that we can be born again.

People: Let us then rise to new life.

Leader: The Lord teaches us by meeting us where we are.

People: Let us then go as we have been sent.

**Hymn: #246 "Christ Is Alive!"*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, your love for us is steadfast and endures forever. That love was shown on a cross and in an empty tomb. And that love wills to change us, to make us whole, to inspire us to a love true and without qualification. But we are not sure with our love. We give it to some and not others. Our words speak love, but we don't mean them. Forgive our hearts when they are hard. Make us new again. Love us till we love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (p.654)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Spring Meditation"

W. Melton

Bell Choir

Children's Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23 (p.218)

**Hymn: #313 "Lord, Make Us More Holy"*

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 24: 13-35 (p.84)

Sermon: Traveling Graces

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory "O My Father"

Roy Darley

*Doxology (page 606)

**Hymn: #252 "Day of Arising"*

*Benediction:

Choral Response: "Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you." (p.748)

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude "Awake, Thou Wintry Earth"

Lane Smith

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

Nicole Lopez and Esther McLaughlin

Given by Nick & Evie Lopez

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.)

This Sunday – David & Carol Berkhimer

Next Sunday, May 7 – Dick & Debbie Sindall

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER

This Sunday – Mary Alice High & Margy Hershey

Next Sunday, May 7 – Karen Homsher & Milt Hostetter

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Derek Colton

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
<u>MONDAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	CCL Mtg.
	7:15 p.m.	Worship Committee Mtg.
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee Mtg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clothing Drive

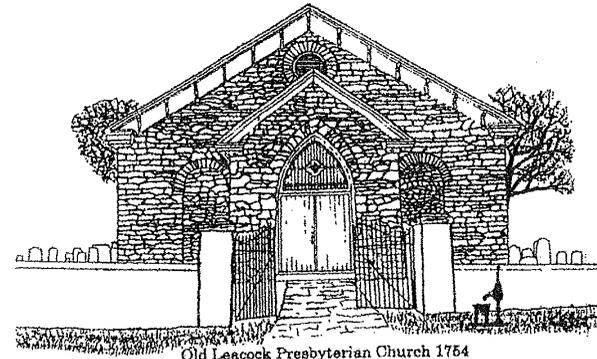
Today is the last Sunday left to donate your good, clean used clothing so we can deliver it to the Lancaster clothing bank. The Lancaster County Council of Churches will then distribute it as needed.

Find the “lost” Please check the table in the Narthex for containers that have been left in the church kitchen over the last few months. They would love to be reunited with you!

The **SPECIAL FUND OFFERING** for May will be to replace the carpeting in the Sunday School hallway. The Office hallway and around by the elevator will also be replaced. We need about \$1000 to complete the project. The Ladies helped with most of it and some will be left over from the Manse painting. Thank you all again for your support of the Trustees. David Berkhimer

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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