

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "In Heaven Alone" setting, J. Wayne Kerr

Invocation

**Call To Worship*

Leader: Lord, feed us now the spiritual food we need.

People: Help us to grow in grace.

Leader: Lord, grant us courage to heed your call.

People: Help us to witness to your good news.

Leader: Lord, lend us your strength in times of trial.

People: Help us to find strength in each other.

** Hymn:* #829 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Dear Lord, you are the foundation, for each of us, for all of us together. If we but seek it, in you we will find peace and strength and grace. But we stumble, Lord, as we walk you way. We leave your light and return to our darkness. Instead of being one, we divide. Forgive us. Fill us with your Spirit. Grant us mercy. 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: "Eagle's Wings Medley" setting, John Wilson
Chancel 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 2:1-10 (p.219)

**Hymn:* #661 "Why Should I Feel Discouraged?"

Second Scripture Reading: Acts 7:55-60 (p.118)

Sermon: **Stones**

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 "Largo" Benedetto Marcello

**Doxology (page 606)*

** Hymn:* #463 "How Firm a Foundation"

**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 "How Majestic Is Your Name" setting, John Carter

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

Our parents Charles and Ethel Danner

And our grandparents Charles and Fern Danner and Walter and Margaret Turner

Given by Dori Markley and Denny Danner

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 Linda Erikson and Emily Birch

Next Sunday, May 21 – Steve and Charlene Boas

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER

This Sunday – Vicki and Tom Burkins

Next Sunday, May 21 – Carol Shearer and Marie Brackbill

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Harold and Janet Cosby

<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.	Trustee Meeting
	7:15 p.m.	
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:45 p.m.	Bell Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Session Retreat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer Reception

We cordially invite the Leacock congregation to a reception honoring all our church volunteers immediately following the worship service on May 21st.

The next community meal will be held in our Smith Fellowship Hall on Thursday, May 25th from 5:30 to 6:30. The sign up sheets are in the narthex and will remain there until after church on the 21st. Thank you for all your help.

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

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



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