

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

Gifted for Giving: Reflections on Stewardship

Prelude: “We Give Thee But Thine Own”—Robert Schumann  
Invocation

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We have been gifted for giving.  
**People: Let us then make an offering of our time.**  
Leader: The Lord loves a cheerful giver.  
**People: Let us then work together in joy.**  
Leader: All we have was the Lord’s first.  
**People: Let us then share our treasure.**

Hymn: #14 “For the Beauty of the Earth”—with the Bell Choir

Reflection—The Theology of Stewardship Rev. Robert W. Birch

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, our Lord Jesus did when you willed. Yet too often we try to fit grace into busy schedules. Jesus said he had come to serve, not be served. Yet too often we serve only those who serve our interests. Jesus taught that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Yet too often our fears and desires outweigh our generosity. Forgive us, Lord. Open our hearts so that we may be good stewards of your blessings. 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)

First Scripture Readings: 1 Chronicles 29:14-18; 1 Peter 4:8-10

Reflection—Stewardship and Treasure Marie Brackbill

Anthem: “Chaconne for Bells” Hopson  
Bell Choir

Children’s Sermon On Stewardship

Second Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

Prayers of the People:

Reflection—Stewardship and Mission Lois Eshleman

\* Hymn: #711 “Lord of All Good”

Reflection—Stewardship and Service Karen Homsher

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”—Albin Whitworth

\*Doxology (page 606)

Reflection—Stewardship and the Joy of Serving Steven Boas

The Peace of Christ

\* Hymn: #716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

\*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 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”—David Paxton

\*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister  
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of  
Kenneth and Catherine Ginger and Walter and Caroline Stalder.  
Given by Bob and Johanna Ginger

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 – Steve and Charlene Boas

Next Sunday, May 28 – Mike and Alba Ruhl

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER**

This Sunday – Carol Shearer and Marie Brackbill

Next Sunday, May 28—Emily Birch and Vicki Burkins

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Betty S. Denlinger

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	PW Bible Study
	8:45 p.m.	Leacock v. Keystone, Field #1
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	5:30 p.m.	Community Meal

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Volunteer Reception**

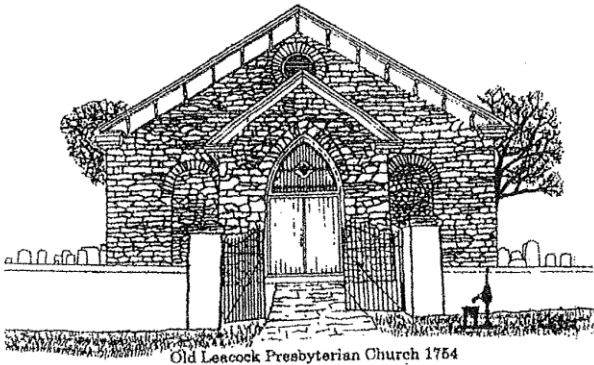
We cordially invite the Leacock congregation to a reception honoring all our church volunteers immediately following the worship service.

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

THANK YOU everyone for giving to the Special Fund Offering. We have reached our goal for the replacement of the carpet in the Sunday School Hall, so I am asking you to give to the regular offering. The Trustees will need some funds in our regular budget to get the Manse siliconed this summer. The Trustees appreciate everyone’s help.

*Leacock Presbyterian Church*

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