

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**May 28, 2017**

**GATHERING**

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" arr. by Lynn Petersen

*Invocation*

*\*Call To Worship*

Leader: Let us remember those who have done God's will.

**People: Help us, Lord, also to live lives witnessing to our faith.**

Leader: Let us remember those willing to go against the grain of the world.

**People: Help us, Lord, also to dare to be different in your name.**

Leader: Let us remember those who paid a price for following Christ.

**People: Help us, Lord, also to have the courage to do good even at a cost.**

*\* Hymn:* #624 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

**Merciful God, you never forget us; you never deny us, even when we are not what you created us to be. But we forget you. When we are too busy, a thousand things become more important than your will. When people might hurt us for walking your way, we turn and go another way. Then, we deny you. Forgive us, Lord, our faithlessness. Guard us from weakness. Help us to grow in courage. 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:* "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" John Dykes  
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 3:13-22 (pg. 220)

*\*Hymn:* #702 "Christ Be Beside Me"

*Second Scripture Reading:* John 17:1-11 (p.105)

*Sermon:* **Do-Gooders**

**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 "In Memoriam"

Lani Smith

*\*Doxology (page 606)*

*\* Hymn:* #846 "Fight the Good Fight"

*\*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 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Gilbert Martin

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

My Mother, Ann Simala

Given by Dave and Carol Berkhimer

**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 Mike and Alba Ruhl

Next Sunday, May 21 – Sue Funk and Mary Alice High

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER

This Sunday – Emily Birch and Vicki Burkins

## PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Tracy Dippner

TODAY                    9:30 a.m.    Service of Worship  
                                  10:45 a.m.    Adult Sunday School

MONDAY                Memorial Day

TUESDAY              8:45 p.m.    Softball, Leacock vs. Pequea Brethren

THURSDAY            7:00 p.m.    Mission Committee

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

With an **opportunity to offer help** to our members, the deacons are coordinating a list of people who could help when a person or family experiences an emergency situations by providing a meal. This would not involve a long term commitment - just an occasional meal. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if this is something you could do. Or, contact Barbara Hostetter (355-6463 or Carol Berkhimer (442-8319).

**The Pentecost offering** ends today, Pentecost. You will find envelopes in the pews or feel free to use a plain envelope and simply mark the outside with the word "Pentecost". 40% of this offering will remain in our church and will be donated to the Factory to help with their programs for community youth.

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. David Berkhimer

# Leacock Presbyterian Church

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