

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

*GATHERING*

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Shepherd Me, O God"

Charles Callahan

*Invocation*

\* *Call To Worship—the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm*

*Choir—Refrain from Hymn #473*

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**People: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me besides still waters.**

*Choir—Refrain from Hymn #473*

Leader: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**People: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

*Choir—Refrain from Hymn #473*

Leader: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

*Choir—Refrain from Hymn #473*

\**Hymn: #187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

**Dear Lord, you are the Good Shepherd. You come to us to feed us. You lead us to the places of life. But we do not follow you. You call us, and we do not answer your voice. Instead, we follow other, false, shepherds. We follow those in the world who speak to our fears and desires. We follow ourselves till we become lost. Lord, keep calling our name. Stay with us. Lead us home. 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:* "Mercy Flows"

Fay Lopez

Chancel Choir

*Children's Sermon* (Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

\**Hymn: #802 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

*Scripture Reading:* John 10:1-10 (p.97)

*Sermon: The Voice of the Shepherd*

*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 "Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us"

Robert Hughes

\*Doxology (page 606)

\**Hymn: #542 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"*

\**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 "The Faithful Shepherd"

G.F. Handel

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  
Jim Hess and Pat Ide  
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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 – Dick & Debbie Sindall

Next Sunday, May 14 – Linda Erikson & Emily Birch

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER**

This Sunday – Karen Homsher & Milt Hostetter

Next Sunday, May 14 – Vicki & Tom Burkins

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Robert Clark

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Hymn Sing at Old Leacock
<u>MONDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Softball Field 2– Leacock vs. Bellevue
<u>THURSDAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	PW Bible Study at Arlene Brackbill's home
	6:00 p.m.	The Factory Meal

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Today is the first of our seasonal **Hymn Sings** at Old Leacock. Please come and join us!

# 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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