## 4th Sunday after Pentecost

July 2, 2017

# GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" arr. Matt Hyzer

Invocation

\*Call to Worship

Leader: In mortal life, there come times of testing. **People:** There are times when our faith is tried.

Leader: Then, like the psalmist, we cry out to the Lord.

People: "How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?"

Leader: Help us, Lord, to feel your presence then. **People: Help us to be present for each other.** 

\*Hymn: #686 "God of Our Life"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Dear God, we believe in your steadfast love. Help our unbelief. For there are times when you seem absent, when you ask of us what breaks our hearts, when the world hurts and you seem not to care. Then, our anger turns to you. Then, we may turn from you. Then, we may choose to follow our way and not yours. Come to us, Lord. Deliver us. Remind us of your steadfast 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

Children's Sermon

Prayers of the People

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 22:1-14 (p.17)

\**Hymn:* #472 "Kum ba Yah"

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 10:40-42 (p.12)

Sermon: Faith in the Darkness

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith – *The Lord's Prayer* The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory "I Surrender All" Robert Thygerson

\*Doxology (page 606)

\*Hymn: #684 "Faith Begins by Letting Go"

\*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 "America, The Beautiful"

Robert Thygerson

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 Family Members Given by the Betty Denlinger Family 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 begins "on call" nursery care

#### **PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Linda, Kelly & David Erikson

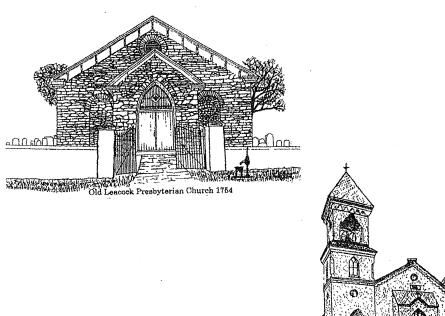
<b>TODAY</b>	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Service of Worship, Old Leacock Service of Worship, Paradise Hymn Sing
		Youth Group
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	CCL
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	Christian Ed

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NURSERY PROVIDED UPON REQUEST.** Please see an usher if you would like to take your children to the nursery.

# Leacock Presbyterían Church

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



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