

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2017

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Because He Lives"

William J. Gaither

Invocation

**Call To Worship from Psalm 138*

Leader: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods sing your praise;

People: We give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

Leader: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul

People: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth. though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Leader: Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us against the wrath of our enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers us.

People: Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

**Hymn: #305 "Come Sing O Church in Joy"*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Our hearts grieve those who think the violence of these past weeks is just part of life. Our hearts grieve those in Charlottesville who got caught in the midst of violence. Our hearts grieve that racism continues to permeate every part of our nation and our world. Our hearts grieve situations, family systems, institutional systems where white supremacy promotes and teaches persons that people who are not like them can be treated as less than human, as objects, as life that is dispensable and of lesser value. O God, this is not life as you intended! You created every person in Your own image. Every person is created with and holds within them a spark of the Divine.

O God, help us remember that every man, woman, and child is created out of and holds within them the spark of the Divine. God sent God's son, Christ, into

the world to remind the world of God's blessing and God's love for each person, so that the world might have life and have life abundantly. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "El Shaddai" Michael Card & John Thompson

Children's Sermon

Prayers of the People

First Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-8 (p.151)

**Hymn:* "God, With Joy We Look Around Us" (*see insert*)

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:13-20 (p.17)

Sermon: **Living Sacrifice**

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: "Made Me Glad"

Miriam Webster

Doxology (page 606)

**Hymn: #372 "O For a World"*

**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: "Days of Elijah"

Robin Mark

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 Eugene Sowers
who would have celebrated his 94th birthday this month.

Given with Love from his 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.): **NURSERY PROVIDED UPON REQUEST.** Please see an usher if you would like to take your children to the nursery.

We welcome Rev. Jane Busey to our pulpit this morning. Rev. Jane is the presbytery liaison between the Leacock church and the presbytery's "Connecting our Ministries" committee (C.O.M.) When not singing in one of several local choirs, she and husband Dave are often on the road visiting their grandchildren.

We again welcome **Renee Mendenhall** to our worship and thank her for her gift of music. A graduate of Pequea Valley High School and Penn State University, Renee is currently training for a career in alternative medicine. She also has earned her Master's Degree from Northwestern University.

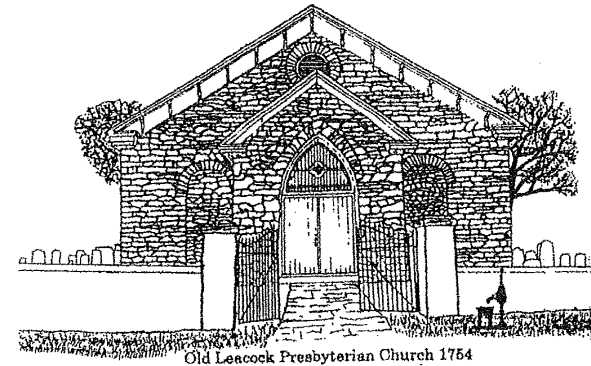
PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Robert & Johanna Gingher

<u>TODAY</u>	8:00 a.m.	Service of Worship, Old Leacock
	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship, Paradise
<u>THURSDAY</u>	5:00 p.m.	Community Meal

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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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next free **Community Meal** will be this **Thursday, August 31**.

Everyone is welcome to attend, to help cook, set up, help serve, clean up, or to just come and enjoy the fellowship. Sign-up sheets for helpers and food donations are in the Paradise narthex or in the vestibule window well at Old Leacock.

Chancel Choir rehearsal will begin **Wednesday September 6** at 7:30 in the Choir Room. All singers are invited to join us as we prepare to aid in worship.

Clothing Drive

Starting on the first Sunday in September we will again be collecting good, clean used clothing for the Lancaster clothing bank. This will end the last week in September. You may just place your clothing in the narthex and the mission committee will take care of it.



Picnic Time at Old Leacock

On Sunday, September 10, we will celebrate Old Leacock Day with a picnic after the 9:30 service. Hot dogs, rolls, drink, silverware, cups, plates, napkins and condiments will be provided. Just bring a covered dish to share and chair to sit on while you eat and visit with your church friends celebrating our heritage of worshiping at Old Leacock.

God, With Joy We Look Around Us REGENT SQUARE "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

God, with joy we look around us
At your world's diversity.
Folk of every kind surround us.
And you call your church to see:
All are made in your own image!
All are people whom you love!
In the times we've hurt each other,
Lord, we've hurt the ones you bless.
Hating sister, cursing brother,
We've denied what you express:
All are made in your own image!
All are people whom you love!

God, you sent a Savior to us,
Breaking walls that would divide.
By your Spirit, now work through us
As we witness side by side:
All are made in your own image!
All are people whom you love!

Tune: Henry Thomas Smart, 1867 Biblical References: Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 133; John 17:20-23; I Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 3:27-29; Ephesians 2:14-22 Text: Copyright © 2000 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved. Email: bcgillette@comcast.net Web site: www.carolynshymns.com

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