

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Father Most Holy"

David Cherwien

Invocation

**Call To Worship*

Leader: Remember always the gift of God.

People: We thank you, Lord, for loving us.

Leader: Remember always what God asks of us.

People: Teach us, Lord, how to love.

Leader: Remember always the only true source of life and love.

People: Lord, let us abide in you.

**Hymn:* #370 "This Is My Father's World" (with the Bell Choir)

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, we come to worship you. We come in praise for the beauty of creation. We come in gratitude for your Son. We come with our needs. But our worship becomes empty if, in coming to you, we walk past our neighbor, we love some and not others, we judge and quarrel. In your love, forgive us. With your love, raise us to new life. Through your love, help us 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

Anthem: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

arr. B. Kinyon

Bell Choir

Children's Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People

First Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-21 (p.226)

**Hymn:* #285 "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

Second Scripture Reading: John 15:1-8 (p.103)

Sermon: **Learning Love**

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: "The Gift to Be Simple"

Dale Wood

Doxology (page 606)

**Hymn:* #761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

**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 on 'Kingsfold': "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

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

Nicole Lopez and Esther McLaughlin

Given by Nick & Evie Lopez

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER

This Sunday: Alba & Mike Ruhl

Next Sunday, May 6: Carol Shearer & Marie Brackbill

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Earl Miller**

Arlene Brackbill is in rehab recovering from a fall. Her contact address is:

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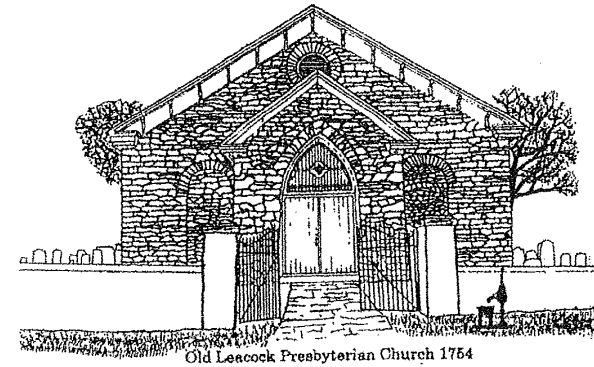
<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Mission Com. Mtg.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the last Sunday that clean, gently used clothing will be collected for the **Lancaster County Council of Churches Clothing Bank.** Please place your clothing in the narthex and the mission committee will see that it gets to the proper place. Thank you for your help!

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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