

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 26, 2018

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Larghetto" V. Engel

Invocation

* *Call To Worship*

Leader: Holy is your name. God of heaven and earth!
We come to worship today longing for your kingdom to come.

People: What is your will in our lives, in our world?

Leader: In this hour of worship, enlighten us with your Word.

**People: Restore us with song,
enfold us with your community,**

Leader: embrace us with a vision so strong
that we will go from here with good news for all people.

People: Amen.

* *Hymn:* #301 "Let Us Build a House" verses 1, 2, 5

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We confess our sins to you, Holy Three in One.

**Compassionate God of Life, your kindly pardon give:
for our careless talk, our broken oath, our empty speech:
for all that we have left undone,
for all that we have done amiss.**

**Jesus, only begotten Son and Savior of the world,
as we receive the Word and knowledge of your forgiveness,
encircle us, enshield us, each day, each night each dark, each light.**

Uphold us, be our treasure, our one triumph everlasting;

Strong Son of God, most high. Amen.

Adapted from The Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland

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 and The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn:* #628 "Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord"

Scripture Reading: Psalm 91 (p. 518)

Sermon: "The Well Feathered Nest"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**Affirmation of Faith - Adapted from Thom Shuman*

You listened to the silence of chaos, Wonder-filled God, and called forth creation. Yes, there were feathered birds, but also faith planted in the hollows of our hearts; there were porpoises swimming in clear waters, as well as peace to shelter us in trouble;

trees grew tall with shade and truth whispered to us in the evenings.

All these good and precious gifts were offered to those in your image,

but we were seduced by the wiles of the Evil One, feasting on moldy lies.

Prophets came to call us back to you with words, prayers, and challenges,

but we wished that you would go away and leave us alone to our doubts.

That is when you chose to send your love, your hope, your grace to us in the One made human like us.

With those who are bold, and those who can barely lift their hearts, together we affirm our faith in you, Holy Trinity, Creator, Savior, and Friend.

Holy, holy, holy are you, God who covers us with your pinions and supports us all the day long. Hosanna in the highest!

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Robert Thygerson
Doxology (p. 606)

*Hymn: #765 "May the God of Hope Go With Us" (sing three times)

**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: "Saints Bound for Heaven" Steven Scott

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 95th birthday this month.

Given by 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 to take your children to the nursery

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: James & Patricia Settle

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

We welcome Rev. Patty Stoltzfus to the pulpit this morning. She has recently concluded 29 years of service at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Malvern, PA, where she'd served as Director of Music and Associate Pastor. She currently is teaching music lessons alongside her husband, Dave, at The Malvern School of Music, as well enjoying watching their young granddaughter (Sammi Joy!) several days a week. She is especially happy and delighted to be back with the fine folks at Leacock Presbyterian.

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

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our community meal will be held this **Thursday, August 30** in the Smith Fellowship Hall from 5:30-6:30. The sign up sheets for helpers and food donations are in the narthex (at the Paradise church) and in the window well in the vestibule of Old Leacock. Thank you for your willingness to help the mission committee in this ministry.

Old Leacock Day is Sunday, September 9. There will be one service that day at 9:30 at Old Leacock. A picnic will follow the service. Please come and join us!