



Theme: Acting as the Church

“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters.... through love becoming slaves to one another.” Galatians 5:13

GATHERING

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Prelude: “Wonderful Words of Life” J Wayne Kerr

Call to Worship

Leader: Dear friends, Christ’s presence is among us.

People: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. Christ is the light of our lives.

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest: stay with us as the day unfolds. Bring to our house your poverty,

People: For then we shall be rich.

Leader: Bring to our house your pain.

People: That, in sharing it, we may also share your joy.

Leader: Bring to our house your understanding of us.

People: That we may be freed to learn more of you.

Leader: Bring to our house all those who hurry or hobble behind you,

People: That we may meet you as the savior of all.

Leader: With friend, with stranger, with neighbor, be among us today,

People: For the doors of our house are open, and the doors of our hearts, we leave ajar.

*Hymn: #37 “Let All Things Now Living” (see download)

*Prayer of the Day and Confession (*in unison*)

Holy God, who has made this world and filled it with so much wonder, we want to be a true reflection of Your love, but so often we fall short. We seek Your forgiving love always. Your Son, Jesus, longs to gather us in the wide embrace of Your love. Therefore, we bow our hearts before you. Where we have strayed from your ways and done what is wrong or said what is hurtful, forgive us. Give us the strength to forgive others and the peace which knows that all wrongs are healed in your great love. Make us more fully the body of Christ in this world. On these days following Juneteenth, when we proclaim freedom but also remember injustice, we pray for forgiveness. We pray for healing. We pray for

grace. Give us your love and the courage to seek Your will. With your help, we can strive for the presence of Your realm here on earth.

(A Time of Silent Prayer)

Leader: Through Christ our Lord we pray. **People: AMEN**

Words of Assurance

Leader: Beloved of God, the mercy of God triumphs over judgment. Do not despair. God strengthens our inner being with power through God’s Spirit: forgiving, healing, making us new, and calling us again to the journey of faithfulness

People: In Jesus Christ, we are made whole and embraced in God's love -- to go and sin no more.

***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. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*Hymn: #169 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

The First Reading: Psalm 16

The Epistle Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Sermon: “Freedom to be Free”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Great gifts, we give You our gifts today knowing You are the Giver of all good and perfect of things. You are constantly providing for us, caring for us, protecting us, often in ways we do not see. As we have been abundantly provided for, so we give abundantly to the work that You give us to do, the work of the church, the care for those who are poor and searching. Accept these gifts in Jesus’ name, for Your glory. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Affirmation of Faith: from A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks, and live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Greet your near neighbor)

*Hymn: #305 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" (see download)

Charge and Benediction

Leader: Dwell among us now, and cause us to live in unity and love just as You do.

People: We go to live our lives as faithfully and truly as we can, trusting that each day this world are forever in Your hands. Be with us in our travels, in our work and in our play, as we come and as we go until we meet again. AMEN

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "The Faithful Shepherd" Handel

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Memory of Russell E. Smith,
And my mother Verna Ulmer Given by Shirley Smith**

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Family this week: Gregory, Suzanne, Ian & Emily Lang

Our **Community Meal** is this Thursday, **June 30**. Please join us!

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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