

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 10, 2022

Theme: Acting as the Church: Burden Bearing



“Bear each other’s burdens, and in this way, fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

GATHERING

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Prelude: “I Will Lift Up My Eyes” Gary Davidson

Call to Worship Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Leader: O LORD, you have searched us and known us.

People: You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts from far away.

Leader: You search out our path and our lying down, and are acquainted with all our ways.

People: Even before a word is on our tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

Leader: Such knowledge is too wonderful for us; it is so high that we cannot attain it.

People: For it was you who formed our inward parts; you knit us together in our mother's womb.

Leader: Wonderful are your works, O LORD; and that we know very well.

People: Therefore, we praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. How vast is the sum of your thoughts!

*Hymn: #394 “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” (see download)

*Prayer of the Day and Confession (in unison)

Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion and receive our petitions on behalf of all for whom we pray. We lift up those still burdened, those seeking healing, and those in need within the church and the world. Move us to praise your gracious will, for in Christ Jesus you have saved us from the deeds of death and opened for us the hidden ways of your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

(A Time of Silent Prayer)

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

Words of Assurance

Leader: Beloved of God, we live humbly and courageously because we live into the truth that our burdens are born by a loving God and compassionate friends, both who know suffering and pain yet who in sorrow also embrace understanding and joy.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are made whole and set free.

***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

The Epistle Reading: Galatians 6: 1-6, 7-10

* Hymn #465 “What A Friend We Have in Jesus” (see download)

Sermon: “Bearing the Burdens We Carry”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Redeeming Sustainer, you have visited us with strength and courage, that we may hurry to make gentle this bruised world. We serve generously and faithfully in your name. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn #822 “When We Are Living” (see download)

Charge and Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “Praise and Exaltation” Lani Smith
The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

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

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Ian Lichty and Katherine Boas Lichty

Communion will be celebrated at Old Leacock and Paradise next Sunday, July 17.

The **Deacons** will meet following worship next Sunday, July 17 at 10:45 in the Library.

Our next **Community Meal** will be Thursday, July 28.

Upper Room Devotional for July/ August.

Due to the continuing consequences of pandemic disruption, our July/August issue will be a few weeks late in arriving. In the meantime, you can access the daily devotional at <https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals> to register and get full access to the daily devotional and the rest of The Upper Room content FREE for 30 days online. There is a beige colored bar near the top which you can click to read the day's devotional. It will take you to the devotional of the day and also to the place to register.



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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