

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2022

Theme: Acting as the Church: Holding on to Hope



...”but for the hope laid up for us.” Colossians 1:5

GATHERING

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Prelude: “Dearest Jesus, We Are Here” - J. Wayne Kerr

Call to Worship: Psalm 138

Leader: We give you thanks, O LORD, with our whole heart; before the gods we sing your praise.

People: We bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

Leader: On the day we called, you answered us; you increased the strength of our soul.

People: For though the LORD is high, the LORD regards the lowly; the boastful are perceived from far away.

Leader: Though we walk in the midst of trouble, God preserves us against the wrath of our enemies.

People: God stretches out a hand to help us; God’s right hand is our deliverance.

Leader: The LORD will fulfill divine purposes for us. You, O God, honor the work of our hands.

People: The steadfast love of the LORD, endures forever. Praise the Lord!

*Hymn: #802 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (see download)

***Prayer of the Day**

God of All Seasons, in the summertime heat, we seek relief from humidity and heat as our souls seek relief from the scorching realities of life. Lead us, Shepherd God, to still waters and green pastures. As we pray for pathways to right and rewarding living, may your staff comfort and guide us; may your rod correct and restore us. May summer opportunities give us sandy toes and zero woes. May pleasant times give us room at the table, indoors or out, where your

cup overflows with healing and peace. Renew us by the power of your goodness and mercy, and may the earth be filled with your knowledge and glory as waters that cover the sea. AMEN

(A Time of Silent Prayer)

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

The Epistle Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

*Hymn: #353 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”(see download)

Sermon: **“Holding Hope - Living Strong”**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn: #525 “Let Us Break Bread Together” (see download)

Sacrament of Communion

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. So may we serve generously and faithfully in your name. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #687 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (see download)

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude:

“Immortal, Invisible”

Gerald Peterson

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: Geraldine Lutz

Today is **Communion Sunday**

The Deacons will **not** be meeting today after worship.

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



Leacock Presbyterian Church

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