

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Acting as the Church - Reconciliations in Relationships

Sunday, July 31, 2022



“Bear with each other and forgive. If any of you has a grievance, forgive as the Lord forgave you..” Colossians 3:13

GATHERING

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prelude: “Lord Jesus, Think on Me” Robert Thompson
(Based on hymn #417)

Call to Worship

Leader: It is at this time of holiness that we can come with our fears, our doubts, all the questions of our hearts.

People: We come to this time, to receive the words of peace, of hope, of joy that God speaks to us.

Leader: This is a time of discovery that we can come searching. We seek to find the One who has been looking for us.

People: This is a time of openness when we can come knocking.

Leader: We come to this time to be embraced by the One whose heart is never locked.

***Hymn: #756 “O God of Every Nation” Words:** William W. Reid, Jr. **Music:** "Llangloffan," Welsh melody; harmonized by D. Evans, 1865 (see download)

*Prayer of the Day

PRAYER OF THE DAY AND CONFESSION

Seeking God, we confess that sometimes we’ve looked for the wrong things. We’ve sought after wealth. We’ve pursued worldly measures of success. We’ve clamored for

worldly satisfaction but have come up empty again and again. We desire more and more and are never fulfilled.

Forgive us for not recognizing that You are pursuing our hearts. You are longing for us. You, O God, are still seeking us, from the wings of the morning to the farthest limits of the sea, and You have not given up on us.

Forgive us for not seeking, searching, and desiring You. For in You we find refuge and rest. In You, we find Your steadfast love. Our needs are met as we care for the needs of others, as we love our neighbors as ourselves. Call us to repentance, to turn back to You, to know You are right here with us. Make us seekers of your love. Through Christ our Lord, we pray. AMEN

***Response: *RESPONSE TO PRAYER - A HYMN**

#444 “*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*”

Rosamond E. Herklots, British poet and hymn writer - 1969, 1983

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Epistle Readings: Colossians 3:13 and the following:

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” [Ephesians 4:32](#)

“Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.” [Hebrews 12:14](#)

Sermon: “**Steps to Reconciliation**”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

As we give our offerings to the work of the church, we pray:

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, our Creator and Redeemer, may we not go forth today except that You accompany us with Your blessing. Holy scripture charges us to act, yet we would not be deceived in reliance upon our own strength alone. All good gifts we have come from You and we thank You. As we hold them in trust, we put into Your hand all of who we are and what we have, rededicating to Your service all the powers of mind and body and

all of our earthly goods, and all of our influence with others. All these through your most holy name, we pray. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #269 “*Lead On, O King Eternal*” Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888
(see download)

Charge and Benediction

Leader: O God, who guides and protects us through the ages,

People: keep us in your service as ones called and anointed, that the powers of this world may not overwhelm us but that, secure in your love, we may carry out your will in the face of all adversity.

Leader: Lead us, O God, toward reconciliation in our relationships and in all things, we pray.

People: AMEN

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “Closing Voluntary” E. L. Ashford

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 Family this week: Kevin & Loretta McClarigan

Our **August Summer Hymn Sing** is next Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at Old Leacock.

The **Worship Committee** will be meeting tomorrow, Monday August 1, at 7 p.m.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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