

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Acting as the Church – Seeking Higher Things

Sunday, August 21, 2022



"Set your mind on things above." Colossians 3:1

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: "I Trust in Thee" Mary McDonald

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: #286 "Breath on Me, Breath of God" (see download)

*Prayer of the Day

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

***Response:** The Doxology #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

The Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

Sermon: "Seeking Higher Things"

*Hymn: #175 "Seek Ye First" (see download)

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, tame its savageness, and show compassion toward all including ourselves. In this spirit, we serve generously and faithfully. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: "Higher Ground" (see insert) (see download)

Charge and Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "God We Praise You" John 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: Earl Miller

The sign-up sheet for helpers for the **Community Meal** next Thursday, August 25th are in the Narthex. Also, don't forget to clean out those closets and donate to the Clothing Drive in September.

September is Special Offering month for the Trustees. We are going to need some extra items for the Manse. The painting is being done, and then we have to thoroughly clean it which includes windows, floors, and then window coverings. We also need to purchase a kitchen range. Your support is always a big help to keeping the church properties in good shape. The Trustees thank you!

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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