

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Acting as the Church – Respecting Difference**

**Sunday, August 7, 2022**



“Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, and most of all, have respect for God” 1 Peter 2:17

We are no longer Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, nor merely men or women, rather all the same – we are one in Christ” Galatians 3:28

***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:* “In Green Pastures” L. Wely

Call to Worship

Leader: For the marvelous grace of your Creation, we pour out our thanks to You, our God.

**People: We praise you, O Lord, for plants growing in earth and water, for life inhabiting lakes and seas, for life creeping in soils and land, for creatures living in wetlands and waters, for life flying above earth and sea, for beasts dwelling in woods and fields.**

Leader: How many and wonderful are your works, our God! In wisdom you have made them all!

**People: We praise you, God of wisdom, for those who lead and teach. For those who serve our children, parents, and families alike. Bless our community and our churches in teaching and recreation, in fellowship and community, in outreach and witness.**

Leader: Creator God, You have given us every reason to promote the wisdom of lives lived in harmony with Creation and Your Word, and within the human family, which was from the beginning.

**People: We praise you, God of wisdom, for those who mediate and give counsel. Be present among us, Loving Lord. Grace our service, our loving, our living, and our striving. Heal our dividing and our judging ways through Christ who goes before us. AMEN**

\*Hymn: #772 "Live into Hope"

*(Written to celebrate Presbyterian Women's National Gathering in 1976)*

(see download)

\*Prayer of the Day

**God of Heaven and Earth, from Adam you made humankind of every nation to share in care of all the earth. Showing no partiality, You desire that all may be redeemed and made new. We offer thanks that You show your love to all humanity as one, not as different races. Help us to see things as You do. Speak to our hearts so that we remember no one is better than another because of appearance or any earthly attribute. Lead us to respect and embrace the diversity that makes us unique and special in Your eyes. As you commanded Ancient Israel to allow non-Israelites to become part of their nation with no discrimination or prejudice, so allow us to embrace Your desire for all people to draw near to You. Through Christ the Lord of all, we pray. 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 2:6-7; 16-19

Sermon: “Respecting Differences”

\*Hymn: #754 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

*(Written as a prayer with the answer expressed through our living)*

***RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD***

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Tolerant God, we bring thankful hearts despite the challenges we face, trusting that in this way our perspectives and outlook on life can be transformed into ones of faith and hope. Enable us to shift our focus from our problems to our blessings, from our differences to our common ground. Despite the circumstances and storms that surround us, may the beauty of our faith restore us to confidence and bring peace, through your most holy name we pray. AMEN**

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: #761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*(Written in 1981 to celebrate mutuality and diversity while upholding inclusion and reconciliation) (see download)*

Charge and Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

*Postlude:*

"To God on High"

Felix Mendelssohn

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  
Loving Memory of Malcolm Stannard, husband, and father  
Given with love from June and Children**

### Prayers of the Congregation

**Prayer Family this week: Barton & Jennifer McElhany**

Our **Summer Hymn Sing** is **TONIGHT** at 7:00 p.m. at Old Leacock

# Leacock Presbyterian Church

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