

For those who inspire our minds and those who motivate us; for teachers and preachers, for public servants and religious servants; those who help the poor and those who work with our children:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those whose labor is tidiness and cleanliness; for janitors and sanitary workers, for drycleaners and maids; for those who produce cleaning products and those who use them:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who sail the waves and those who fly the skies; for captains and attendants, for astronauts and deep sea divers; for those who chart and those who navigate:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

You bless us all with skills and gifts for labor. You provide us opportunities to use them, for the benefit of others as well as ourselves. Guard and protect those who labor in the world.

Bless the work of our hands, O Lord.

Look kindly upon the unemployed and the disabled. Give health to the sick, hope to the bereaved.

Keep us from laboring only for greed. Make us loving and responsible in all that we do.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Creator Lord, you are the source of all wisdom and purpose, you are the blessing of those who labor. Be with us in our labor to guide and govern our world. Give all men and women work that enhances human dignity and binds us to one another. Give us pride in our work, a fair return for our labor, and joy in knowing that our work finds its source in you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Announcement and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Hymn: #526 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" (see download)

Charge and Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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: Keo & Khamtanh Phongxaysanith

The PCUSA calendar reminds us that September 4 begins a Season of Peace, which concludes on October 2, World Communion Sunday. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with us.

The **Leacock Softball Team** enters playoffs this week. Games will take place Monday, Tuesday, and possibly Wednesday evenings. Ask Mike Hartman for specific times.

September is Special Offering month for the Trustees. We are going to need some extra support for the Manse. The painting is done, it has been thoroughly cleaned. We may 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! The Trustees will meet tomorrow, **Monday, at 7 p.m.**

Bell Choir rehearsals will resume this Wednesday, **September 14** at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome.

Chancel Choir Update: To accommodate more singers, rehearsals will be held each Sunday for half an hour following worship. Please consider joining us. The first rehearsal is Sept. 18.

The **Deacons** will meet in the Library following worship next Sunday, September 18.

Our **Barnstormer** event will be this Saturday, **September 17**. Game time is 6:30 pm. against Southern Maryland Blue Crabs. Come early enough to see Pastor Jim Shuler throw out the first pitch. Tickets will be \$10, please contact Lori Smith or Mark Andrews to reserve your tickets no later than today!