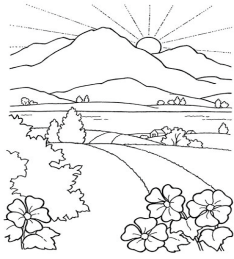


Second Sunday of Lent
Theme: "Visioning the Future"

Sunday, March 5, 2023



"I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come? Our help comes from the Lord our God who made heaven and earth."

GATHERING

Prelude: "What Wondrous Love Is This?" Robert Lau

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship Based on Psalm 121

Leader: Watching God, we give thanks that you are not restricted to one place or time.

People: We come together to worship the all-seeing Creator of the heavens and the earth.

Leader: Sheltering God, we give thanks that we can rely on your strength and guidance.

People: We come together to give thanks that God understands our human vulnerability.

Leader: Abiding and Trustworthy God, we give thanks and celebrate your nearness, and your continuing presence with us, as we journey towards our hope and home in you.

People: We come together to share the knowledge that God is always with us, and that as individuals or a community, we can trust God's watching and sheltering presence. Amen.

*#645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (see download)

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, amid the clatter of our busy lives, slow us down to hear the deeper melodies of the life You offer. May the light of Christ continue to shine upon our ravaged earth, our struggling communities, and upon our own needs and concerns. We see both what is beautiful and what is not beautiful. Sometimes we

are alarmed at the contrast between what we say we believe and support and what we are able to accomplish. On our own we will surely fail. Free us from those ways we are divided and burdened and make us whole again, through the power of Christ among us, we pray. AMEN

(The Lord's Prayer as follows):

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

DECLARATION OF PARDON (#444 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive") (vs.1)
"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray, but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Through Christ our Lord we pray.

People: AMEN

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Offer the "wave of peace" to those around you or greet those you comfortably can)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Have Mercy On Me, Oh God" Daryl Hollinger

Children's Message: "Follow the Leader"

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a and Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Sermon: **"Somebody Worth Following"**

Hymn: #45 "I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes" (see download)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #166 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” (see download)

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

As followers of Jesus, we are called to embrace the challenges of our day with deep faith and trust in the one who journeys with us. In this spirit we offer our gifts. Bless the work we do with the children and youth of our community.

AMEN

*Benediction

“The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand.”
Psalm 121:5

Postlude: “Wondrous Love: And When From Death I’m Freed” Robert Lau

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who are able, please stand.

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Tracy Wettig

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of my daughter, Beth
Given by Shirley Musselman**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chancel Choir will practice following worship.

The **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering continues today through Easter Sunday.

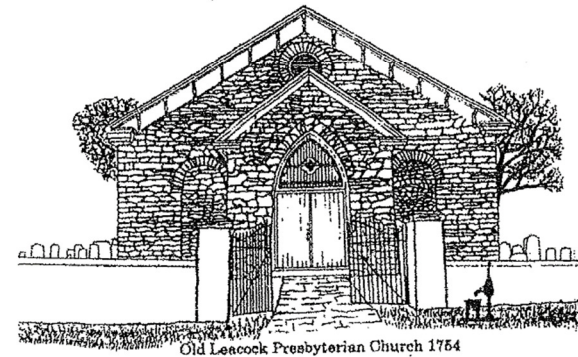
Today is the first of our **Lenten Studies**. Join us at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall.

Forms for ordering **Easter Plants** are now available in the narthex.

Please remember the time change to **Daylight Savings Time** next weekend.

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