

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Theme: Celebrating Our Labors

faith
WITHOUT
ACTION
IS DEAD
JAMES 2:17

“It is the same with faith. If it doesn’t cause us to do something, it is dead.” James 2:17

GATHERING

Prelude: “His Yoke Is Easy” Franklin Ritter

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

***Call to Worship** Psalm 119 and 128

Leader: Happy are those who worship the LORD, who walk in God’s ways.

People: We shall eat the fruit of our laborers; we shall be happy, and it shall go well with us in our days.

Leader: God will keep our steps steady as God has promised, so never let yourself be led astray.

People: The unfolding of God’s Word gives light; it imparts understanding even to the simple.

Leader: God’s ways are wonderful; therefore let us follow them with understanding and delight.

People: This shall be the labor of our hands and our minds, the efforts of our lives always.

*Hymn: #13 “The Mighty God with Power Speaks” (see download)

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you completed the work of creation and yet are still creating. Invited to be co-creators with you, we are challenged to offer all that we are and all that we have. Enable us to be faithful to this important work. As we humbly provide for our own needs and those we love, help us to be good stewards and also share with others. You, the fountain of all blessings, give us compassion for those around us, even as you mercifully supply those things we need. Through Jesus our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, you are indeed one God now and forever. AMEN

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Matthew 13:51-52

Sermon: “**Bringing Out Our Treasure**”

*Hymn: #717 “For the Life That You Have Given” (see download)

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ever-faithful God, we long to be faithful givers, modeling ourselves on you who have given everything to us. May your Spirit of abundance, which gives more than we ask or imagine, grace these gifts for your kingdom in Jesus’ name, AMEN.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

All Worshipers

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #269 "Lead On, O King Eternal!" (see download)

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Come, Labor On" G. Tertius Noble

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: James Brown

**The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Honor of
Janet & David Birch's 70th Wedding Anniversary**

Announcements

Today is our last **Hymn Sing** of the season at Old Leacock. Please join us at 7 p.m.!

Next Sunday is **Old Leacock Day**. A picnic, games and fellowship follow worship and Communion at 9:30 a.m.. There is no service at Paradise.

We're going to a **Barnstormer's Game!** Saturday, Sept. 16th at 6:30pm. There is still time to sign up for a ticket with Mark Andrews to enjoy this congregational outing. It's the last game of the season.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

*First met in Leacock Township in 1724, recognized by the Synod in
1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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