

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation - Fulfillment

Sunday, October 8, 2023



**“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with people, and God will live with them. They will be God’s people, and God’s very self will be with them and be their God.”
Revelation 21:3**

GATHERING

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Prelude: “When Morning Gilds the Skies” Barnby

*Call to Worship and Litany of Affirmation

Leader: Lord, on this Sunday – day of rest and recreation - we give thanks for the faith we celebrate in your Son, the Risen Jesus Christ, who has inspired us to gather in thanksgiving and praise.

People: Lord, may we have the courage to give expression to our faith with practical actions for the betterment of each other and of your creation

Leader: For the rejuvenation of our common home, grant us the wisdom and resolve that we need.

People: And the guidance and perseverance to endure, Lord hear us today, tomorrow, and always.

*Hymn: #41 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”

*A Corporate Prayer of Penitence

O Creator God, in these months of creation time, teach us to see your footprints in the beauty of creation. Help us to listen to the voice of creation, inspire us to respect the rights of all people, and all living species to share in your gifts today and to be always mindful of those who come after us. Lord hear us, AMEN.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “All Things Bright and Beautiful” arr. Shaw/Keveren

Scripture: Matthew 21:28-32 NIV

Sermon: “Two Choices”

*Hymn: #44 “Like a Mother Who Has Born Us”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Great gifts, we give You our gifts today knowing You are the Giver of all good and perfect of things. You are constantly providing for us, caring for us, protecting us, often in ways we do not see. As we have been abundantly provided for, so we give abundantly to the work that You give us to do, the work of the church, the care for those who are poor and searching. Accept these gifts in Jesus’ name, for Your glory. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Greet your near neighbor)

*Hymn: #45 “I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes”

*Charge and Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Give Thanks" Smith

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: Thomas & Vicki Burkins

**The Sanctuary Flowers today are in Loving Memory of Douglas High
Given by Mary Alice High & Family**

Announcements

Today, **Karen Homsher** accompanies us in worship. We are grateful for her musical leadership while Dianne is away. Chancel Choir will resume rehearsal following worship next Sunday, Oct. 15.

Our **October clothing drive** will be held the entire month of October. Please look through the clothing you no longer wear and donate it to the Lancaster Clothing Bank so someone else may put it to good use. The last date clothing will be accepted is Sunday, October 29th.

The annual **CROP Walk** is next Sunday, October 15th at 1:30 p.m. Please see the enclosed insert. The sheets for sponsors are in the narthex.

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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