

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Theme: With Wings Like Eagles



## GATHERING

*Prelude:* “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” Thomas Chesterton

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 147:1-8 and Isaiah 40:28

Leader: Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God.

**People: For God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.**

Leader: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; the LORD gathers the outcasts of Israel.

**People: God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.**

Leader: God determines the number of the stars and gives to all their names.

**People: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; God’s understanding is beyond measure.**

Leader: The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; The LORD casts the wicked to the ground.

**People: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.**

Leader: God who covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills, delights not in the strength of the horse, nor draws pleasure in the speed of a runner.

**People: The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. God does not faint or grow weary; God’s understanding is unsearchable.**

\*Hymn: #682 “It Is Good to Sing Your Praise”

\*Prayer of the Day

**God of power and patience, we gather in worship to wait on your presence and be filled with your power. Jesus healed with a touch and taught that you are the source of the true healing that can make us whole. Where there are broken**

**bodies, broken spirits, broken relationships, bring healing we pray, no matter how long it takes. Even healing of a planet that is groaning under our carelessness and greed, bring life-sustaining transformation. Even a world community deeply divided by distrust and self-interest, bring cooperation and harmony.**

**As we take time to worship, prepare us beyond this gathering to offer our listening ears, our willing service, and our own healing presence wherever we are privileged to share it. In Jesus’ holy name we pray, AMEN**

The Assurance – Sung Response #654

“In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God:  
Don’t be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.”

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*Anthem:* “Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord” (GTG #628)

Scripture: Mark 1:29-39

Sermon: “Healing Where It Hurts”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Isaiah 40:22-31**

Leader: It is the One who sits above the circle of the earth, above its inhabitants who are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

**People: To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.**

Leader: Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? The One who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because this God is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

**People: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. The LORD does not faint or grow weary; God’s understanding is unsearchable. The LORD gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.**

Leader: Those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

\*Hymn: #465 “What a Friend We Have In Jesus”

## *RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD*

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God, whose compassion knows no human bounds, we bring our offerings to your altar and pray they will be used to make your amazing love known to all. We pray this in the name of Christ, our teacher, our healer, and our redeemer. AMEN**

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: #724 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude: “We Have Heard the Joyful Sound” Mary McDonald

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: Elaine & Joe Gouba

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Celebration of my Anniversary at Leacock  
and in Honor of the Congregation  
Given by Keo Phongxaysanith**

# Leacock Presbyterian Church

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