

EASTER SUNDAY
The Resurrection of Our Lord

Sun. March 31, 2024



GATHERING

Prelude: “Alleluias” Robert Lau

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: The tomb is dark, but empty!

People: The one they were looking for overcame that darkness and does ours as well.

Leader: The stone has been rolled away!

People: The one they were looking for has overcome death for us and for the world.

Leader: The burial clothes are put aside!

People: The one they were looking for is alive!

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen Indeed!

Leader: Let us worship our Risen Savior!

*Hymn: #245 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

*Prayer of the Day

As we pray, we shout: “Christ is risen!” “He is risen indeed!” We repeat our Easter proclamation of surprise and joy again and again. We are grateful for news of God’s victory over powers of death and evil—news so startling, so amazing, so different from the news that bombards us day by day. Beyond our

comprehension, startle us again and again, O God, with resurrection Life. Bring anew we pray the grace, hope and joy we desperately need. You, in your risen power, shape all our days, and so we praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
AMEN

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “The Angel Rolled the Stone Away” Larry Shackley

Scripture: Isaiah 25:6-9 and Mark 16:1-8

Sermon: “**Transitioning to Life**”

*Hymn: #240 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of the victory of life over death; on this glorious Easter Sunday, we rejoice in the enormous gift of the resurrection. Just as the women encountered the empty tomb and the angelic message of new life, we too encounter the living Christ in our hearts and lives. May our tithes and offerings be an affirmation of our search for the risen Christ, the one who challenges us to see beyond our own expectations. Bless our giving and help us discover the transformative power of the living Jesus in our lives. In the holy name of our risen Savior, we pray.

AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Charge to the People and Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Unlock the doors of fear and doubt. Let your faith spill into the streets! In restaurant and store! In classroom and hall! In office and home! In factory on farm! along highways and byways!

People: Jesus is risen! Death has no more claims on our lives. In life, in death, Christ is our life. Christ is alive! Alleluia! He is risen indeed!! May peace be with us all! AMEN

*Hymn: #246 "Christ Is Alive"

* The Sending

Leader: Because the tomb is empty, our lives can be full, so every day go into every place as people brimming with the love of God.

People: We go grateful in spirit, hopeful in word, faithful in deed.

Leader: Live for the risen Christ as Christ lives in you.

People: Alleluia and Amen!

Benediction and Blessings of Family Meals

May the Risen Christ, Lord and Savior, be Your guest as YOU celebrate the resurrection with today's Easter dinner. May all who've labored to prepare it be blessed and later find rest. Realize this meal as a work of prayer, and may all who share in it be blessed with Easter love and joy. AMEN

Postlude: Festival Postlude on 'Llanfair' 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

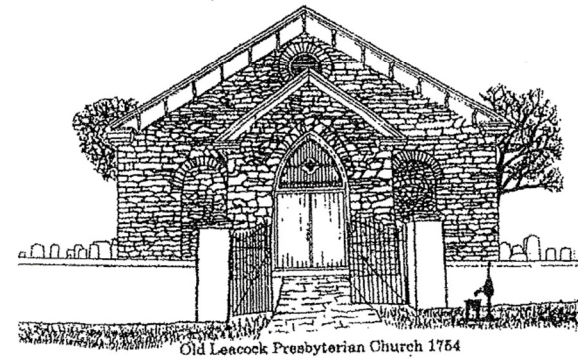
Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Mary Alice High

Today is the last day of our annual **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering. Envelopes will be in the pews for this or just use a white envelope and mark it One Great Hour of Sharing.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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