

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Theme: Now That Spirit Has Come

Sunday, July 13, 2025



“So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child
then also an heir through God.” Galatians 4:7

GATHERING

Prelude: “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” Traditional, arr. C. Berry

Call to Worship Psalm 146

Leader: Happy are those whose hope is in God, maker of heaven and earth.

People: For God keeps faith forever!

Leader: God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food for the hungry.

People: God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

Leader: God lifts up those who are bowed down.

People: God watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow.

Leader: People of God, sing praise to the One who is our help for God keeps faith
forever!

*Hymn: #435 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*Prayer of the Day and Confession

**Holy God, when we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of
your grace to enter: Lord have mercy.**

**When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and
reconciliation: Christ have mercy.**

**When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know
instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice: Lord have mercy.**

We thank you, O God, that your mercies are fresh every morning. That in Christ
you offer forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance,
and hope. We therefore give thanks for your mercy as we share the peace of
Christ in our gathering today. AMEN

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Galatians 4:1-31 (*selected verses*)

Sermon: “Making a Path”

*Hymn: #79 “Light Dawns in a Weary World”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Compassionate God, strengthen us for the journey of faith, trusting that the gifts
of possession and self that we offer bring glory to your name and sow seeds of
new life. We trust that the harvest of your Spirit will bear fruit in due season as
we dedicate all that we have and all that we are to you. AMEN**

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #22 “God of the Sparrow”

***Charge and Benediction**

Leader: Beloved children, we are blessed and sent out into the world to share God's good love with everyone we meet.

People: Therefore, we will not grow weary in well doing.

Leader: Go and work for the good of all. Go in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit to do all the good you can do for as many people as you can in all the ways you can for as long as you can. AMEN

Silent Prayer (*be seated*)

Postlude:

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

A. Williams, arr. W. J. Auld

(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor

Mrs. Dianne Yuningner, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Robert Brackbill

Announcements

Our next **Community Meal** will be held on **Thursday, July 24th** from 5:30-6:30 in our handicapped accessible Smith Fellowship Hall. The menu will be Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers, Baked Beans/Hot dogs, Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Watermelon/Cantaloupe, Pickles/Olives, and Desserts from Weis Markets. The sign-up sheets for volunteers to help set up, cook, serve, and clean up are in the narthex for you to sign up for what suits your schedule. And a big "Thank you" to all of you faithful people who come month after month to help support us in this mission. Without you, this would be impossible to accomplish.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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