

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Old Leacock Sunday, September 6, 2026
Theme: Season of Creation - The Praise of Silence



“The LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silent before Him.” Habakkuk 2:20

GATHERING

Prelude

Song of Preparation: #414 “Be Still and Know”

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=MOcSzEmcQ08&ra=m>

Cantor with Choir - 2:54

Call to Worship

Leader: Sometimes God calls us to worship and service despite our preoccupations and concerns.

People: Sometimes the insecurities and demands of life leave us weary and frustrated drowning out God’s call.

Leader: Sometimes God calls us, and we don’t understand its full meaning.

People: Sometimes our families, friends, and communities resist the opportunity to be involved and share in worship and service.

Leader: Yet we are messengers of good news so help us be faithful when no one else is.

People: Sometimes God calls us to a path that is harder than we can handle, asking us to trust a God who will provide what we need.

Leader: Beloved, God’s call takes many forms, sometimes as natural as breathing, sometimes it takes our breath away.

People: Let us instead receive assurance—that we are not alone. Whether through silence or words, God speaks to us and God is with us.

Leader: God’s call can be trusted, because no matter where it leads, God is there.

People: Therefore, we accept God’s call and trust that we will be equipped to fulfill it. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Hymn: #14 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

*Prayer of the Day and Confession

Holy Spirit of God, pour your Light into our hearts and minds. Help us to know more clearly and grasp more fully the future You are calling us to embrace. When we have listened to the clamor around us rather than Your word, redirect us. When we are more pleased with the familiar rather than the new melodies and strange harmonies of these urgent times, help us to try harder. For what seems beyond our grasp, give us open minds and willing hearts to pay attention to when, where, and how You speak. Remove our slowness to trust, our fear of the unknown, our caution to hear and do your will. Instruct us until we learn afresh to sing the songs of faith, hope, and love and most especially to live them. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: There is no greater joy in the heart of God than the moment we open to the power and gift of forgiveness.

People: God’s Spirit reaches out to assure us of welcome in Christ.

Leader: In the name of Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven and lifted high.

People: Glory be to God! Amen.

Hymn: #472 “Kum Ba Yah” (*Come by Here*)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Psalm 149 and Related Readings

Sermon: **“When Silence Speaks”**

Hymn: #347 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, you call ordinary people from unexpected places and send them into hard and holy work. As you led early followers on the road of costly discipleship, meet us now in these gifts we bring. Shape us by your presence, not by fear. Through our service, guide us by a love that risks itself for the sake of others. Receive our offerings whenever we give them as a sign that we trust You to go with us, even when the way is demanding. Use what we give to bring freedom, healing, and hope to your world. AMEN

Announcements and Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #729 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Beloved, whether the path is easy or rough, God speaks to us in a still, small voice.

People: We will remember we are not alone.

Leader: May God bless each one of us with courage and humility, assuring us that God's call in our lives comes with the assurance God will continue to equip us.

People: We leave in the confidence of that trust knowing we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

Postlude

(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship

The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

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Dianne Yuninger, Organist

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