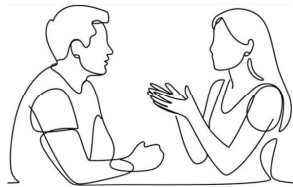


Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Annual CROP Walk
Theme: Lessons in Leadership - Listening

Sunday, October 18, 2026



“So God called to Moses out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!”
And Moses said, "Here I am." Exodus 3:4

GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Sometimes God calls us through burning bushes, telling us to go free a whole people despite our insecurities and fears.

People: God, protect us when your call leads us into new territory or places of challenge.

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

People: Our families, friends, and communities may resist the good news we have to offer and us as its messengers.

Leader: God, help us accept your call on our lives.

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

Leader: God helps us to handle even those things that are hard and challenging.

People: Realizing God’s call takes many forms, may we experience our holy calling as naturally as we breath.

Leader: So take assurance, we are not alone, no never alone.

People: God is with us, and God’s call can be trusted, because no matter where it leads, God is there.

*Hymn: #260 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

*Prayer of the Day

Pour your Light, Holy Spirit of God, into our hearts and minds. Help us to know more clearly and grasp more fully the purposes to which you call us. In our

following and in our leading, give us the insight and rightful power needed to discern your will.

Help us to see Jesus the Christ as our teacher and our friend, and to listen for your Word amid the clamor of all the words around us. When we are more pleased to repeat familiar tunes than to listen for new melodies and strange harmonies, help us to reach for what is needed beyond our grasp. When we are slow to trust, or afraid of what’s ahead, give us the confidence to hear and do your will.

We pray for hearts to pay attention to the cries of our neighbor and to resonate with your Spirit. Silence us and instruct us until we learn afresh to sing the songs of faith, hope, and love. AMEN

*Assurance of Pardon - #240 “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15 and Matthew 16:21-28

Sermon: **“Listening in New Ways”**

Litany of Praise

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD; call on God’s name; make known God’s deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to God, sing praises to God; tell of all God’s wonderful works. Glory in God’s holy name!

Leader: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Seek the LORD and his strength; seek God’s presence continually.

People: Remember the wonderful works God has done, God’s miracles and the judgments that have been uttered.

Leader: O offspring of God’s servant Abraham, children of Jacob, God’s chosen ones, for the LORD made the people fruitful and made them stronger than their foes.

People: For God will send chosen servants to do the work of listening and leading, of caring and healing.

ALL: God has chosen. Praise the LORD!

Hymn: #469 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, you call ordinary people from unexpected places and send them into hard and holy work. As you met Moses in the fire that did not consume, and as you met Peter on the road of costly discipleship, meet us now in these gifts we bring. Shape us by your presence, not by fear; by service, not by power; by love that risks itself for the sake of others. Receive our offerings whenever we give them as a sign that we trust your “I AM” to go with us and that we are willing to follow Christ, 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: #187 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Beloved, whether the path is easy or the path is rough, let us walk on together.

People: When God calls through a burning bush or a still, small voice or a loving rebuke, we will remember we are not alone.

Leader: May God bless us with the courage and humility to embrace God’s call before us and with the assurance God will equip us. AMEN

Postlude

(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Dianne Yuninger, Organist

Leacock Presbyterian Church

*First met in Leacock Township in 1724, recognized by the Synod in
1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



Old Leacock Presbyterian Church 1754



3181 Lincoln Highway East
Paradise, PA 17562
Telephone: 687-6619
www.leacockpres.org