

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "10,000 Reasons" (Bless the Lord) Matt Redman

Invocation

**Call To Worship Psalm 98*

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

People: His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

Leader: The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

People: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

People: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

Leader: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

People: Let the sea roar, all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Leader: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

People: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Sing Unto the Lord a New Song" Daryl Hollinger
Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People

**Hymn: #22 "God of the Sparrow"*

Scripture Reading: John 15:9-17 (p.103)

Sermon:

Learning Joy

--with #853 "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**Affirmation of Faith – This I believe, that the Lord cares for all creatures. Because he cares, he wills that I rest, that I lie down beside still waters. Because he cares, he wills that I not worry, that I trust like the birds of the air, the lilies of the field. Because he cares, he wills that I be glad, that my joy may be complete. God in Christ is a God of grace, giving so that I may learn to give. And in the end, because he cares, the Lord offers me his peace, a peace that surpasses all understanding. Amen.*

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "On Eagles' Wings" Michael Joncas

Doxology (page 606)

**Hymn: #26 "Earth and All Stars!"*

**Benediction*

Choral Response: "Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you." (p.748)

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "An Organ Fanfare" Gilbert Martin

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

As you leave worship, greet all with the Peace of Christ

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of
Jim Hess and Pat Ide
Given by Gerry and Family

VISITORS AND MEMBERS: WELCOME! During the offertory, the Friendship Book will be passed from the end of the pew. Please sign it and indicate other information as appropriate. Pass the book back down the pew and notice the names of the other worshippers. Greet one another warmly after the service.

WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:

It is an ancient Scottish custom for the pulpit Bible to be brought into the sanctuary and placed by a layperson before the service begins.

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.): **NURSERY PROVIDED UPON REQUEST.** Please see an usher if you would like to take your children to the nursery.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER

This Sunday: Carol Shearer & Marie Brackbill
Next Sunday, May 13: Kathy & Chuck Ankney

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Richard Miller**

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Hymn Sing
<u>MONDAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	CCL
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	6:00 p.m.	The Factory Meal

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

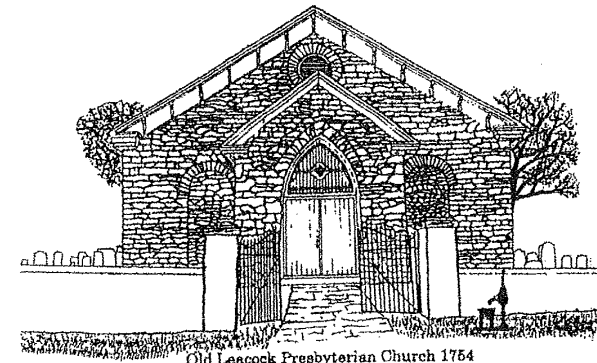
Today begins our 7 p.m. Hymn Sing at Old Leacock!

Sunday May 13 is Mother's Day. You can purchase flowers for the sanctuary for that date and for the following Sunday, May 20. Please call the church office.

Pentecost is May 20th. We will take our annual **Pentecost Offering** on Sunday, May 13th and Sunday May 20th. The envelopes will be in the pews. Please remember that 40% of all the money received stays in our church for missions. This year the money will go to help kids at Pequea Valley who need financial assistance.

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



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A Thank You from Arlene Brackbill

Dear family and Church Friends who made my 90th birthday so special,

It was a wonderful gathering! I received around 60 cards from everyone and have enjoyed reading them. I didn't realize that the 90th birthday isn't reached by too many people, so we 're special! Thank you everyone for making it so special for me. The Lord has been in my life most of those years – I joined Otterbein United Brethren when I was 15 and then joined Leacock Presbyterian when I married Jake. I've been singing in the choir since I was 23 except for time off to have my 5 children. Thanks again for helping me celebrate my birthday!

Arlene Brackbill

