

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

David Cherwien

**Call To Worship*

Leader: The Lord is speaking, speaking to you.

People: Help me, Lord, to hear you.

Leader: The ways of God are different than human ways.

People: Merciful God, help us to find our way to you.

Leader: The Spirit knows the barren places of your heart.

People: O Spirit, breathe in me new life.

**Hymn:* #649 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Dear God, you were there when we were born. We gazed into your face. But we grew and we turned, away from you and towards our own broken image. When we do not look to you, we cannot see our neighbor. We cannot see the child of God we are. Help us to recall your love. Grant us the courage to turn, turn back to you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

**Response:* In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (p.654)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: “There Is a Wideness in God's Mercy”

Robert Lau

Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3a; 6-9; 12,13 (p.644)

**Hymn:* #434 “Restore in Us, O God”

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 13:1-9 (p.71)

Sermon:

One More Year

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**Affirmation of Faith – Apostles Creed* (p.17)

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: The Old Rugged Cross”

Dale Wood

Doxology

**Hymn* #250 “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

**Benediction*

**My own blessing be with you,
The blessing of God be with you,
The blessing of loving Christ be with you,
The blessing of Holy Spirit be with you,
To aid you and enfold you
Each day and night of your lives.**

From Carmina Gadelica

Silent Prayer (be seated)

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)

Postlude

“Jesus, Lead Thou On”

Gordon Young

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 Lewis Bryson;**
Husband, Father and Grandfather on your birthday. We miss you and thank
God for all our wonderful memories. Given by your wife Ruth and your 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER

This Sunday: : Karen Homsher & Milt Hostetter

Next Sunday, March 31: Sara & Lea Lichty

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK:

David, Bethany, Deanna & William Yuninger

<u>TODAY</u>	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Study
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	PW Bible Study
<u>TUESDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Joint Deacon/Session Mtg.
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	5:30 p.m.	Community Meal

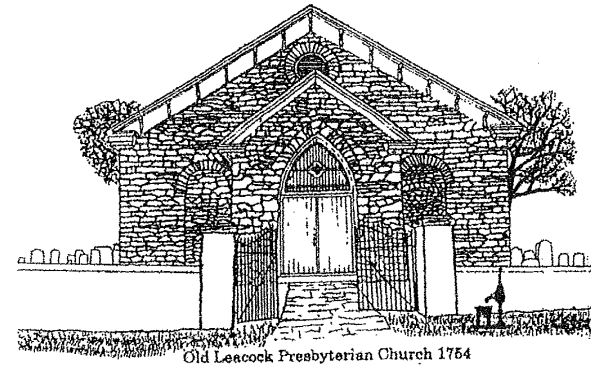
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chili Cook-off Clarification! There has been a little confusion about the costs of
this event. To enter your prizewinning chili--\$25; to taste and judge the
competing chilis--\$10; simply to come, play games, enjoy fellowship and maybe
buy some food at the café—Free! You get to choose. Don't forget **Bakers**
Needed for the café bake sale items which should be dropped off at the church
Friday, March 29.

Kitchen Committee—We are forming a Kitchen Committee to assess the needs
of our church kitchen, so that we can use it in more and better ways. If you are
interested in being part of the committee, please let Steven Boas or Skip
Brackbill know.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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



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