

4th Sunday in Lent

March 31, 2019

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” Brian Glyncannon

Invocation

**Call To Worship*

Leader: Lord, teach us your way.

People: Let there be little in us of resentment or the wasting of gifts.

Leader: Lord, teach us your way.

People: Let there be much in us of love given freely.

Leader: Lord, teach us your way.

People: Help us to see through your eyes.

**Hymn:* #441 “Hear the Good News of Salvation” (with the Bell Choir)

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God, you want us to change; you want us to let our lives be loved and forgiven; you want to heal our hurt.

God, we feel threatened; we have found ways to protect ourselves; we have our own safety measures and most of the time they work.

God, we do not want to change. Your love is a risk. It makes us vulnerable; we have been hurt before; we can remember the pain.

God, you want us to be different; deep inside we want that too. Help us to hold your hand. Amen. *(From the Iona Community)*

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: “A Ringer's Prayer” Hunnicutt
Bell Choir

Children's Sermon

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (p.170)

**Hymn:* #771 “What Is the World Like” (to the tune of #450)

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (p.73)

Sermon: **Which Prodigal?**

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: My Savior's Love ” Albin Whitworth

Doxology

**Hymn* #774 “There Is Now a New Creation”

**Benediction*

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 “Come, Sweet Rest” J.S. Bach

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

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: : Sara & Lea Lichy

Next Sunday, April 7: Vicki & Tom Burkins

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **Harold & Dianne Yuninger**

<u>TODAY</u>	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Study
<u>MONDAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	CCL
	7:15 p.m.	Worship Committee
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee
<u>FRIDAY</u>	5:30 p.m.	Book & Movie Group
<u>SATURDAY</u>	8:30 a.m.	Trustee Workday

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

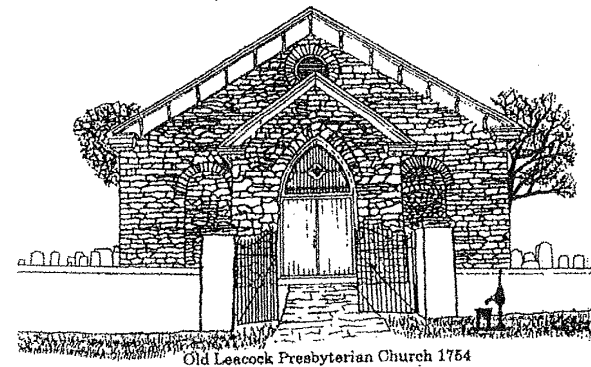
It's Time to order your **Easter Flowers**. Because of the late Easter date, this year's selection includes Pansies, Martha Washington Geraniums, Mini Daffodils and Lilies. Order forms are in the narthex.

April is one of the two months when the Mission Committee collects clean gently used clothing for the **Lancaster County Council of Churches Clothing Bank**. Just place your clothing in the narthex and the Mission Committee will see that it gets to the proper place. Thank you for your help!

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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