

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2019

*GATHERING*

Announcements and Greeting

*Prelude:* "Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord" Robert Lau

*Invocation*

\* *Call to Worship:*

Leader: Lord, teach us again of your mercy,  
**People: For we are always in need of grace.**

Leader: Remind us that you will find us,

**People: For we often are lost.**

Leader: Then strengthen us with your faith and love,

**People: For you save us to serve.**

\**Hymn:* #12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

**God of grace, adjust our sight. For we see so well the wrong in others, yet we miss our own wrong. We welcome and cherish those with us, those like us. But we stop seeing, we stop seeking, the others, those lost to us.**

**Lord, have mercy. Help us to see with the eyes of Christ. Open our hearts to be like yours. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon*

\***Choral 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*

*Children's Sermon*

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

*First Scripture Reading:* 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (p.196)

\**Hymn:* #436 "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"

*Second Scripture Reading:* Luke 15:1-10 (p.73)

*Sermon:* **The Righteous or the Lost?**

*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: "Be Still My Soul" Jean Sibelius

*Doxology* (p.606)

\**Hymn* #649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

\**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 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. Don Hustad  
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 Betty Taylor  
Given by her daughters Dianne & Lois and their families

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.

***Please remember to silence your cell phone before the beginning of service.***

**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: Emily Birch & Elaine Gouba

Next Sunday: September 22: Alba Ruhl & Derek Colton

## **PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Jim Brown**

<b><u>TODAY</u></b>	9:30 a.m.	Worship Paradise – Bounty Table
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Mtg.
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	5:00 p.m.	Craft Night
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>	5:30 p.m.	Book & Movie Group

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**September Clothing Drive** We are collecting good, clean used clothing for the Lancaster County Council of Churches Clothing Bank. They will accept anything but used underwear. So please clean out your closets and bring the items to the narthex anytime during the month!

Our next **Community Meal** will be held 5:30 to 6:30 on Thursday, **September 26** in our handicapped accessible Smith Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets for helpers are in the narthex. Your help is deeply appreciated!

# *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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