

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: “If You But Trust in God to Guide You” Gerald Peterson

Invocation

*Hymn: #367 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

1. Come, ye thankful people, come -
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come -
Raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field,
Fruit in thankful praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come
And shall take the harvest home;
From each field shall in that day
All offenses purge away;
Give angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In Gods garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come
To thy final harvest home;

Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified,
In Thy presence to abide:
Come, with all Thine angels come -
Raise the glorious harvest home.

Prayer of Confession

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: “Hiding in Thee” Anna Laura Page
Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great
crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole
crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying:
“Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and
the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not
have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But
when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered
away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸
Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty,
some thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!

¹⁸ “Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom
and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the
heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground,
this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet such a
person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution
arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was
sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and
the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yield nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown

on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

*Hymn: #171 “A Sower Came from ancient Hills” (to the tune of #712) (see insert)

Sermon: **Seeds Sown on Good Soil**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – Apostles Creed

The Peace of Christ
Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Hymn: #692 “Spirit, Open My Heart” (see insert)

*Benediction
Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “With a Song Ringing” Ross Anderson

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

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

The Sanctuary Flowers are for World Peace and Healing and Prayers for Dick & Greig
Given by Bea & Don Andrews

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Geraldine Lutz**

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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