Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Lord Jesus, You Have Prepared" James Mansfield

Invocation

*Hymn: #435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" (see insert)

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. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: Meditation on "Be Thou My Vision" Robert Lau

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #444 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

- 1. "Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray, but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
- 2. How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart that broods on wrongs and will ot let old bitterness depart?
- 3. In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew: what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!

 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.
 Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:21-22; Romans 14:4, 7-12

Matthew 18: 21-22

21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven time?" 22 Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

Romans 14: 4, 7-12

4Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. 7We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 8If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. 10Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister?" Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

12So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Sermon: The Content of Grace

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed (see insert)

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Hymn: #754 "Help Us Accept Each Other" (see insert)

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude:

Recessional on "St. Denio"

Dan Edwards

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

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.

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Memory of Jacob Brackbill Given by his Family

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Arthur Myers

Leacock Presbyterían Church

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





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