

*GATHERING*

Announcements and Greeting

*Prelude:* "How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them" Handel

Invocation

Hymn: #819 "Be Still, My Soul"

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide,  
who through all changes faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
to guide the future surely as the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the lord;  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon*

**Response:** Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (p.#698)

*PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD*

*Anthem:* "Jesus, I Come to Thee" Robert Thygerson

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #308 "O God in Whom All Life Begins" (see download)

*Scripture Reading:* Romans 4:13-22

13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the righteousness of faith. 14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17 as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")-in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations, according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22 Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness."

Sermon: **The Promise of Life**

## *RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*

\*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Hymn: #684 "Faith Begins By Letting Go" (see download)

Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Elegie" Gordon Young

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

### **PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Ruth Usner**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Celebration of my parents  
David & Carol Berkhimer's 49<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Given by Danielle, Jayde & Kyle**

### **The Way of Healing -A Lenten Study**

We will have our Lenten Study at 5:30 this evening on Zoom. This year we will reflect on healing, the healing Jesus gave and gives, according to Scripture, and the healing we need.

## *Leacock Presbyterian Church*

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