

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

## *GATHERING*

Announcements and Greeting

*Prelude:* “All Creatures of Our God and King” Anna Laura Page

Invocation

Hymn: #703 “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me” (see download)

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:* “The Lord’s My Shepherd” Mark Sedio

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: #137 “He Came Down” (see download)

*Scripture Reading:* 1 John 3:16-24

<sup>16</sup> We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup> Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn

us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the spirit that he has given us.

Sermon: **Love Is Enough**

## *RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD*

\*Affirmation of Faith – Apostles Creed

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Hymn: #765 “May the God of Hope Go with Us”  
Song of Hope/Canto De Esperanza

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace;  
singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that’s new,  
faithful when we hear Christ’s call.

Benediction

Silent Prayer

*Postlude:* "Our Hope For Years to Come" John Rasley

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

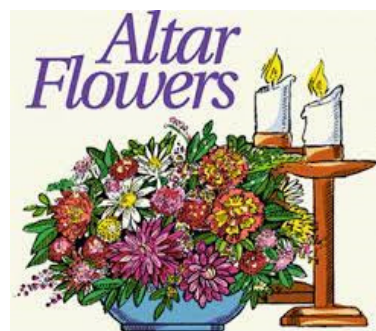
Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister  
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

### Regathering

Next week, **Sunday May 2**, we begin our regathering. There will be two services of in-person worship, one at Old Leacock at 8:00 a.m. and one at Paradise at 9:30 a.m. Mask wearing, socially distancing, and hand sanitizer will be in place for the foreseeable future, nor will singing be possible for a while. However, this is the first opportunity to worship in both of our own churches, and we are grateful.

### PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Lucy Ames**



If you would like to purchase flowers for the sanctuary in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion, **May 9 (Mother's Day)** and **May 16** are available. Please call the church office 717-687-6619 if you are interested.

## 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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