

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Praise for the Morning"
Invocation

Lani Smith

Hymn: #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
4. Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation

perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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: "Give Me Jesus" Robert Lau

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #692 "Spirit, Open My Heart" (see download)

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-12, 16b-21

7 Beloved, let us love one another because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only son into the world so that we might live through him. 10In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

16bGod is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 17Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 19We love because he first loved us. 20Those who say "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. 21The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Sermon: **Living Unafraid**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – Apostles Creed

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Hymn: #316 “Where Charity and Love Prevail” (see download)

Benediction

Silent Prayer

Postlude: “Carry His Love With You”

Adam Mason

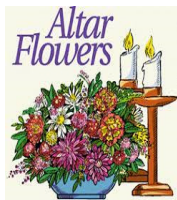
The End of Worship

The Beginning of Service

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

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **Donald & Beatrice Andrews**



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

ANNUAL MEETING

The Session calls for the Annual Meeting of the congregation on **Sunday, May 16** at 10:30 a.m. in person and via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to receive Annual Reports, elect the 2021 Nominating Committee, and conduct any other business which may arise.

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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