

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Declare His Glory" Mary McDonald
Invocation

Hymn: #761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (see insert/ 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: "I Will Lift Up My Eyes" Gary Davidson

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #684 "Faith Begins by Letting Go"

1. Faith begins by letting go,
giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on,
though the way feels less secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd,
trusting all our life to God.
2. Faith endures by holding on,
keeping memory's roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit;
promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess
but by God's great faithfulness.

3. Faith matures by reaching out,
stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer,
binding up the broken parts;
till we find the commonplace
ripe with witness to God's grace.

Scripture Reading: John 17: 6-19

6 "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15 I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. 16 They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Sermon: **As We Are One**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – Apostles Creed

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Hymn: #754 "Help Us Accept Each Other" (to the tune of #233)
(see insert/ download)

Benediction

Silent Prayer

The End of Worship

The Beginning of Service

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

**The Sanctuary Flowers this morning are to the glory of God
and in honor and celebration of the 80th birthday of Harold Yuninger
Given by Dianne, David, Todd, Jenny, and all his "grands"**

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **Chad & Nina Ankney**

ANNUAL MEETING TODAY

The Session calls for the Annual Meeting of the congregation today, **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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