

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

***PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD***

***GATHERING***

Announcements and Greeting

*Prelude:* "Aria in the Style of Handel"

Robert Lau

Invocation

Hymn: #365 "God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!" (Psalm 97)

1. God reigns! Let earth rejoice!  
Let oceans shout God's might!  
Borne up by truth and righteousness,  
God's throne is our delight.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
God reigns! Let earth rejoice!

2. God's fire ignites the clouds  
with judgment swift and just;  
the evil find their deeds in vain;  
God's foes are brought to dust. (*Refrain*)
3. False idols rise to claim  
the weakness of our pride,  
but cannot touch the faithful ones,  
for God stands at our side. (*Refrain*)
4. The radiance of God's light  
beams joy into our days;  
now filled with God's own peace and love,  
our hearts resound with praise. (*Refrain*)

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)

*Anthem:* "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" Mary McDonald

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #824 "There Is a Place of Quiet Rest" (see insert/download)

*Scripture Reading:* John 15: 9-17

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Sermon: **The Place to Live**

***RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD***

\*Affirmation of Faith – Apostles Creed

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Hymn: #215 "What Wondrous Love Is This" (see insert/download)

Benediction

Silent Prayer

*Postlude:* "With a Song Ringing" Ross Anderson"

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

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

**The Carnations are given by June Stannard in Honor of all mothers  
and those mothers who are no longer with us.**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Honor of our mothers and to all the mothers in  
our congregation. You are truly one of God's blessings.  
Given by Jenny & Craig Keenan**

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **Mark & Barbara Andrews**

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You are invited to a memorial service for our son Douglas, who died last April in Great Neck, NY, a victim of COVID-19. The service will be held in the Garden Spot Village Chapel on Saturday, May 15 at 1:00 PM. Because his group home friends want to join, it will be live-streamed at [gardenspotvillage.org/live](https://gardenspotvillage.org/live). Barbara and Milton Hostetter

**ANNUAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY**

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. A few copies of the Annual Report are available after this service or you can get one by contacting the office this week.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of **Mary Weaver** on occasion of her loss.

# Leacock Presbyterian Church

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1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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