

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: “Song of Peace” Michael Shea

Invocation

**Call To Worship*

Leader: At God’s table of justice, everyone has a place and none is turned away.

People: Here strangers are welcomed as friends, the poor sit alongside the rich, and the upside-down kin-dom of God is revealed.

Leader: At God’s table of abundance, a banquet of righteousness and liberation is set for all.

People: Here the powerless are heard; the outcasts are showered with honor, and the inside-out kin-dom of God is revealed.

Leader: At God’s table of life, all peoples know peace and creation flourishes.

People: Here the hopeless are nourished with possibility, the complacent are transformed into advocates for change.

Leader: Here in our very midst the kin-dom of God is revealed at very end.

**Hymn: #610 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (see download)*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three. We confess that we saw You with those who mourn and did not pray for them. We heard the people weeping and neglected their tears. We saw those who were troubled and did nothing to comfort them. We heard You calling us in the wind and shut our ears. We have hoarded Your provision and been careless with Your blessing. Like sheep, we have wandered from the way of love and peace. Creator God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Let us bring before God that which weighs on our hearts in a moment of silence.

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: “Rest in Peace ” Fr. Walczyski

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

**Hymn: #442 “Just As I Am, Without One Plea” (see download)*

Scripture Reading: Mark 7:24-37

Sermon: **Be the Actor in Your Story**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

**Affirmation of Faith – Apostles Creed*

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

**Hymn: #630 “ Fairest Lord Jesus” (see download)*

**Benediction*

Silent Prayer

Postlude: “Postlude in A Minor”

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

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

(The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are Adopted from Lancaster Theological Seminary service for word and sacrament bulletin)

**The Sanctuary Flowers
are given to the Glory of God and in Honor of
Janet & David Birch's 68th wedding anniversary**

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **James & Delores Brackbill**

We welcome Mwat Dominic D. Asedeh to the pulpit this morning. He is a missionary from Nigeria serving with the Evangelical Missionary Society of ECWA (Evangelical Church Winning All) He has also been a missionary in The Gambia. He is married to Achsah and has a beautiful daughter Dariah and a new son Dominic Jr. Mwat is doing year two of the Master of Divinity course at the Lancaster Theological Seminary. It is his first time in the US and July 29 marked his two-year anniversary. He lives in Lancaster, enjoys watching documentaries loves to travel, see new places and try new things.

BASEBALL! HOT DOGS! FUN!

On **September 25th**, Leacock will be again going to see a **Barnstormers' game**. The game has a start time of 6:30 and the cost is \$10--the usual price is \$12.50! Please let Mark Andrews know if you plan on going by 9/10 at the very latest, as he has to give the final count the next day. You can call him at 717-808-7821--leave a message and he will call you back to confirm. Come, join us for end of summer fun!

If you would like to purchase flowers for the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone or a special occasion Sunday, **September 12** is available. Please call the church office 717-687-6619.

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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