



“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”
2 Corinthians 3:17

GATHERING

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Prelude: “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” Kenneth Morris

Please sing the Chorus: Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it Jesus, is my plea
Daily walkin' close to Thee
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

*Call to Worship. Based on Psalm 22:19-28

Leader: But you, O LORD, do not be far away! You who are our help, come quickly to our aid!

People: Deliver our souls from the instruments of death, from the power of those that are menacing! Rescue us!

Leader: As offspring of the faithful, we will glorify God's name; we will stand in awe of God, worshipping and serving the One who has created us.

People: All of us who fear the LORD, let us praise God together!

Leader: For God regards the affliction of the afflicted; God does not hide from us, but hears our cries.

People: Therefore, we will tell of your name to our brothers and sisters; to our friends and neighbors. In the midst of the congregation, we will praise your name!

Leader: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek God shall receive their salvation and praise the LORD. May their hearts live forever!

People: In time to come, all the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before God.

Leader: For dominion belongs to God; the LORD rules over all the nations.

*Hymn: #1 “Holy, Holy, Holy” (see download)

*Prayer of the Day and Confession (*in unison*)

Gracious God, Creator of the earth and all its people, make us ever mindful of our connection to You and to one another. We see the deep need for healing within our land and our world—for individuals, families, and communities. We

are dismayed by the far reaches of sin and disharmony of which we, too, are a part. Forgive us, Lord, touch us by your Spirit, and bring healing. Call us to common ground and a common spirit. We offer our sincere willingness, asking only for the opportunity to touch others with healing grace and the opportunity to serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, AMEN.

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

*Hymn: #353 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

The Epistle Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Sermon: “The Cost of Spirit Power”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Great gifts, we give You our gifts today knowing You are the Giver of all good and perfect of things. You are constantly providing for us, caring for us, protecting us, often in ways we do not see. As we have been abundantly provided for, so we give abundantly to the work that You give us to do, the work of the church, the care for those who are poor and searching. Accept these gifts in Jesus' name, for Your glory. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Greet your near neighbor)

*Hymn: #84 “Creator of the Stars of Night” (see download)

Charge and Benediction

Leader: Dwell among us now, and cause us to live in unity and love just as You do.

People: Loving Father, Parent God, Creator, Yahweh, Son, Emanuel, God-With-Us, Holy Spirit, Counselor, Comfort, and Guide. You are all we need and more! Hallelujah, Amen!!

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "I Saw the Light/I'll Fly Away" Hank Williams/Albert Brumley
Please Sing the Chorus:

I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

Chorus:

I'll fly away, oh Glory, I'll fly away (in the morning)
When I die, hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away!

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Memory of our 62nd Wedding Anniversary
Given by Milt Hostetter**

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Nelson Koshuta

This morning we welcome *Renee Mendenhall* to our worship and thank her for her gift of music! Renee is a mind/body healing coach for women. She is passionate about helping women understand the connection between their physical bodies and emotions, thought patterns, and beliefs. She sees music as a form of healing and enjoys busking on the streets of Lancaster and performing in retirement homes and other venues.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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