

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 24, 2022
Acting as the Church - Reconciliation: Removing the Boundaries that Divide



"Can two people walk together without agreeing on a common direction?" Amos 3:3

GATHERING

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prelude: "For the Beauty of the Earth" Gordon Young

Call to Worship

Leader: For the marvelous grace of your Creation, we pour out our thanks to You, our God.

People: We praise you, O Lord, for plants growing in earth and water, for life inhabiting lakes and seas, for life creeping in soils and land, for creatures living in wetlands and waters, for life flying above earth and sea, for beasts dwelling in woods and fields.

Leader: How many and wonderful are your works, our God! In wisdom you have made them all!

People: We praise you, God of wisdom, for those who lead and teach. For those who serve our children, parents, and families alike. Bless our community and our churches in teaching and recreation, in fellowship and community, in outreach and witness.

Leader: Creator God, You have given us every reason to promote the wisdom of lives lived in harmony with Creation and Your Word, and within the human family, which was from the beginning.

People: We praise you, God of wisdom, for those who mediate and give counsel. Be present among us, Loving Lord. Grace our service, our loving, our living, and our striving. Heal our dividing and our judging ways through Christ who goes before us. AMEN

*Hymn: #370 "This Is My Father's World" (Glory to God) (see download)

*Prayer of the Day

Good God, Creator of the world, draw us into prayer and celebration as we worship today in this beautiful place. Lead us to remember the gifts of Your earth and the stewardship You have entrusted us as tillers and tenders in your image. Remind us even as we confess, that though we try, we disrupt and destroy, create contention and distress, even when we know these things do not serve us well. Forgive us and move us in new directions worthy of our calling.

We thank You that in the gathering of the people, Your power is always present among us. Your Holy Spirit stirs and moves and gives us courage to remember that all good gifts come from You, that we are Yours, called to harmony and peace.

Keep us joined to the vine which is Christ, which Your right hand has planted, now and forever, AMEN

***Response:** "As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength and shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you."

*Hymn #626 "As the Deer" (Glory to God) (see download)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading: Amos 3:3-7

*Hymn: #300 "We Are One in the Spirit" (Glory to God) (see download)

The Epistle Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

Sermon: "Reconciling the Estranged"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, our Creator and Redeemer, may we not go forth today except that You accompany us with Your blessing. Let not the vigour and freshness of the morning, or the glow of good health, or the present prosperity of our undertakings, deceive us into a false reliance upon our own strength. All these good gifts have come to us from You and we thank You. As we hold them in trust, we put into Your hand all of who we are and what we have, rededicating to Your service all the powers of mind and body and all of our earthly goods, and all of our influence with others. All these through your most holy name, AMEN.

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: "Bind Us Together" (see insert) (see download)

Charge and Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Sing to the Lord a New and Glorious Song" Lani Smith

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

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

The Sanctuary Flowers last week:

**In Loving Memory of Harlan K. Stauffer and Sallie Eby
Given by Virginia Stauffer and Family**

The Sanctuary Flowers this week:

**In Loving Memory of Dale Rice
Given by Mary Ellen and Family**

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Edwin O. Margerum

If you would like to order flowers for the Sanctuary, next **Sunday, July 31** is open. Please call the office.

Our next **Community Meal** will be this **Thursday, July 28**. Please come and join us!

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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