

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 18, 2022

THEME: SEASON OF CREATION –

Celebrating the World We Are Privileged to Call Home



The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. Over the next couple of Sundays, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

## GATHERING

*Prelude:* “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” setting Douglas Wagner  
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.**

Our Praise in Song: #616 “Our God Is An Awesome God” (3x) (see download)

Call to Worship Psalm 24

Leader: The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

**People: For God founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.**

Leader: Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

**People: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not trust in false idols or swear by false gods. They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**People: Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**People: Who is this King of glory? The Lord Almighty—is the King of glory!**

\*Hymn: #37 “Let All Things Now Living” (see download)

\*Prayer of the Changing Season

**Holy God, the singular sound of the late summer—the chirping of the crickets—is upon us. As their praise rises to You, so may our praise likewise rise. Urge us by your Spirit toward gratitude for the time that is ours, with the realization that each day matters and that each day is a gift. Though daylight fades now by minutes and the lion’s share of summer weather is behind us, yet there comes the inviting and accessible gift of sunrises that increase in crispness and sunsets, no longer sultry, timed perfectly for an after dinner stroll. Reassure us by the beauty of this season that you care for us and for our world. Forgive us when we fail to notice or appreciate, and rather take for granted the gift of all that is before us.**

**Likewise, we beg your mercy for those suffering from the extremes of heat and deadly fires, those greatly distressed by powerful winds and ravaging rains. May the light of Christ shine upon our fragile earth, our struggling nations, our beleaguered communities, and upon our own lives when we struggle. Reassure us that we are not alone and that You infinitely care, through the ever-present Christ, we pray, AMEN**

\***Response:** The Doxology #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Readings: Psalm 65:1-2, 6-18 and Isaiah 55:6-13

Sermon: “New Rhythms, New Hope” (Honoring the God of Creation)

\*Special Hymn: “This Is My Father’s World” (*old and new verses*) (Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901 Alternate vs. 2 Mary Babcock Crawford, 1972) – from The Worshipping Church Hymnal. (see insert)

## *RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Providing God, we give thanks for the accomplishments of our lives and the opportunities that undergird them. Lead us to offer our energies and gifts in harmony with Your order of creation. For all the gifts we are given and all that we offer, we lift up our thanks, AMEN.**

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Moment of Special Remembrance

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn #22 "God of the Sparrow" (see download)

Charge and Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

*Postlude:* "How Great Thou Art" setting John Carter  
The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

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

### Prayers of the Congregation

**Prayer Person this week: Bonnie Rice**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Betty Taylor, who would have celebrated her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday this week.**

**Given by her daughters Dianne & Lois and their families**

**Today** following worship, Chancel Choir will rehearse in the Choir Room. Please join us!

**All are welcome** to our **Community Meal** this **Thursday**, September 22. The menu will be Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread and Weis Desserts.

## *Leacock Presbyterian Church*

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