

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 25, 2022

THEME:

SEASON OF CREATION – Gathering the Harvest (Salvaging Ourselves)



“Great is our Lord, mighty in power. There is no limit to God’s understanding.” Psalm 147:5

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:

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jason Payne

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: #614 “Great Are You, Lord” (3x) (see download)

Call to Worship Psalm 147 (*selected verses*)

Leader: Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God!

People: How pleasant and right it is to praise God’s name!

Leader: God heals those who have broken hearts. God takes care of their wounds.

People: God decides how many stars there should be and gives each one their name.

Leader: Great is our Lord, mighty in power. There is no limit to God’s understanding.

People: The Lord gives strength to those who aren’t proud but throws evil people down to the ground.

Leader: God covers the sky with clouds and supplies the earth with rain.

People: God makes grass grow on the hills and provides food for the cattle, even for the young ravens when they cry out.

Leader: The Lord takes delight in those who offer respect, to those who put their hope in God’s faithful love.

People: God keeps your borders safe and secure, satisfying you with the finest wheat.

Leader: God spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes.

People: God throws down his hail like pebbles. No one can stand his icy blast.

Leader: God gives the command, and the ice melts. God stirs up the winds, and the waters flow.

People: God has made the Word known to the people of the earth. May the Lord be praised.

*Hymn: #36 “For the Fruit of All Creation” (see download)

*Prayer of the Changing Season

O God of freedom, You led your people of old with cloud by day and fire by night. You parted the sea with your breath, and saved Your people from oppression. Free us, O God, in our own age from indifference in the face of poverty, ignorance in the face of fact, disbelief in the face of evidence before our very eyes, and the tendency to vote with our absences when inconvenienced, disillusioned, or hurt by the church. Deliver us, good Lord, that we may allow the earth to heal, the church to heal, ourselves to heal.

Lord of the living and Lord of the dead, we are conscious of our sin. We are at times weak in faith, at times quarrelsome in nature and health eludes us. When we continue to pollute our earth, convict us. When we exploit Creation, chastise us. When we fail to cherish the Earth, our fragile home, change us. When we fail to love the poor and oppressed, forgive us. Give us time, O God, even at this late hour. Enlighten us toward change that we may always be found turning toward You. 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.

A Moment with the Children – “Jesus said, Let Them Come”
(Children and Youth then depart for Sunday School)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 6:9-15

Sermon: "God Is Looking for Grapes?"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Our Mission Survey - A Time for Congregational Reflection and Response

*Hymn: #658 "God Is So Good"

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 #24 "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" (see download)

Charge and Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Postlude on Lasst uns Erfreuen" Gordon Young
The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

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

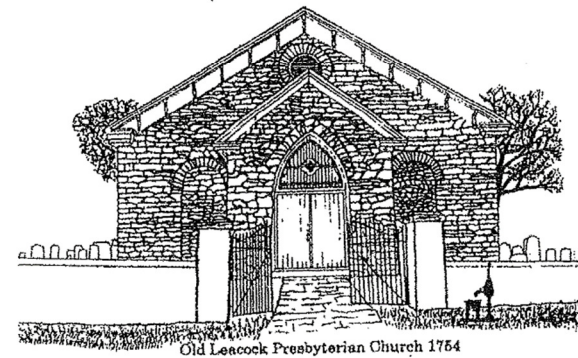
Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Mary Ellen Rice

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

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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