

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
THEME: Cultivating Generosity – Part 4

Sunday, November 13, 2022



“For the birds of the air do not sow or reap or store away in barns . . .” Matthew 6:26

GATHERING

Prelude: “How Beautiful” Paris/Carter

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 66)

Leader: Come and hear what God has done.

People: God has listened to all our prayers.

Leader: When we pass through the torrent of deep troubles, God turns the sea to dry land.

People: When we are tangled in the web-nets of life, God does not let our feet slip.

Leader: When we are tested as silver is tried, God keeps us in the land of the living.

People: When we go through fire and water, God brings us to a spacious place.

Leader: Come and hear what God has done, God surrounds us with steadfast love.

People: God gives and continues to give; none of us can out give our God.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise #307 – “God of Grace and God of Glory”(see download)

Call to Confession

Leader: Let us bring ourselves humbly before God:

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

All: Holy God, we confess that sometimes we are not grateful—to people who have cared for us, loved us, and helped us. Sometimes we are not appreciative of those who have gone before to give us faith and future. Sometimes we abuse our very own body for the resilient and patient support it offers. We confess that often we are thankful in our hearts but at times are hesitant or negligent to express our thanks aloud. We confess that sometimes we lavish appreciation on others from a feeling of personal unworthiness and doubt of our own wholeness. As a people, we acknowledge our tendency to declare ourselves right and others wrong. In our world of distress and divide, bring us together in a way only You

can do. Heart-Healer God, reach down deeply into our brokenness as individuals, as a society and as a culture. Trouble our conscience enough to stir us, to reshape us toward honorable action. God that You are, accept our repentance, we pray, and root us deeply in all things sustaining. AMEN

(A Time for Silent Confession)

Leader: Through Christ our Lord we pray.

People: AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God constantly calls us to live in God’s kingdom, to be people of love, compassion, kindness, forgiveness, and support. These are things that are hard to do by ourselves, but when we give it over to God and let God show us the way, we will always find that our love deepens while our judgments fade. This is the power that Christ can have in us, for through Christ’s forgiving love in our lives, we become more caring, grateful people.

People: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven...thanks be to God!

* Hymn of Response: #654 – “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

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. [sing three times]

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “A Mountain Harvest” Patty Drennan
Chancel Choir

The Gospel: Matthew 6:1-4; 19-21; 25-27; 34 Living Bible

Leader: This is the word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon “Don’t Worry, Be Happy”

*Hymn of Response: - #468 “In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified” (see download)

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: “I Believe...”

(adapted from the New Kilpatrick Parish Church in the United Kingdom - Greg Donelson)
(see insert)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Doxology #647 – “Give Thanks” (see insert)

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. AMEN

*Closing Hymn as Benediction: #748 – “Go with Us, Lord” (see download)

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “To God Be the Glory” Tom Birchwood

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: Brendon Shenk

Today’s Sanctuary Flowers are in honor of Past Veterans, Present Veterans and those Veterans who did not make it home.

Given by the Berkhimer Family

There will be a **Deacon’s meeting** today at 10:45.

Our **Congregational Meeting** will be held following worship next **Sunday, November 20.**

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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