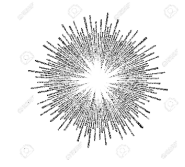


Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Theme: Radical Hope

Sunday, February 12, 2023



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

GATHERING

Prelude: “O God Beyond All Praising” Anna Laura Page

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 119

Leader: We’re blessed when we stay on course, walking steadily on the road God reveals.

People: God, teach us lessons for living, that we may have insight to do what is right and best.

Leader: How wonderful, how privileged when our lives become one long obedient response.

People: So continue our steps steady, turning our eyes away from distractions, worries and concerns.

Leader: Then we will never have regrets, our lives preserved by keeping close to the promises of God.

*Hymn: #673 “Jesus, Light of Joy” (see download)
With Bell Choir

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of life-changing words, you have spoken through prophets and teachers to confront the needs of our times. Your word brings challenge and good news alike. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. However, this may become true, we pray and plead that it become so. We realize this is a lofty prayer, seemingly impossible, but with You all things are possible. Be the

perfect light of revelation that brings transformation not only to our own lives but to those around us. Lead us to become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. AMEN

DECLARATION OF PARDON (*sung*): #444 “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” (vs. 4 only)

“Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease. Then by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Accepting a power outside of ourselves, a grace more profound than we can imagine, **People: we receive the assurance of a full measure, pressed down and overflowing. Therefore, we shall live in grateful response to what God has done and will continue to do. AMEN**

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Abide With Me” Monk/Bonde
Bell Choir

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Sirach 15:15-20

Sermon: **“Finding Hope in the Shadow of Failure”**
(A Sermon by Moses)

Hymn: #346 “For the Healing of the Nations” (see download)

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, AMEN.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #353 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (see download)

*Benediction

Postlude: “The Lord Is My Light” Mary McDonald

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who are able, please stand

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

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Joanne Stoltzfus

If you wish to purchase flowers for the sanctuary in memory of or in honor of someone or a special occasion, next week **February 19** is open. Please call the office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wanted Indoor Sexton - Danielle is going back to school to further her education in the nursing field and will not be able to continue as our indoor sexton. If you are interested or know someone that is, please call David Berkhimer at 717-442-8319.

Annual Meeting - The Session calls for the Annual Meeting of Leacock Presbyterian Church **February 19** following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive Annual Reports, elect two lay persons to the 2023 Nominating Committee, elect an elder to fill an unexpired term, and conduct any other business brought before the congregation.

Today after worship, the Chancel Choir will meet for rehearsal.

Next Sunday is Communion Sunday.

There will be a **Session** meeting this coming Thursday at 7 p.m.

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