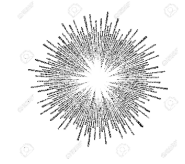


Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany  
(Including the Sacrament of Holy Communion and  
Annual Meeting of the Congregation)

February 19, 2023

Theme: Radical Hope



“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: “Majesty” arr. Douglas Wagner

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

**CALL TO WORSHIP: from Psalm 119:33-40**

Leader: Teach us, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and we will observe them to the end.

**People: Give us understanding, that we may keep your law and observe it with our whole heart.**

Leader: Lead us in the path of your commandments, for we delight in them.

**People: Turn our heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.**

Leader: Turn our eyes from looking at that which is unfruitful and vain; give us life in your ways.

**People: Confirm to us in willingness your promises, which are for those who worship and serve you, for we long for you to guide us in ways that give us life.**

\*Hymn: #410 “God Is Calling Through the Whisper” (see download)

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**(*We begin with a time of Silent Confession. . .now together as the People of God, we pray:*)

**God of Wisdom, we come before You to confess that at times we have sought the world’s wisdom over Yours. We have pursued worldly measures of success: possessions, wealth, and even notoriety rather than the art of grace-filled living. Call us out from the noise of the world to hear Your voice. Guide us away from the false wisdom of the world and into true wisdom: to seek peace and pursue it, to work for justice and restoration, to love our neighbor as ourselves. Keep us to**

**Your path, where Your voice guides us, and bring us into the true life You have promised us: a life of abundance, of hope, of mercy. Christ Jesus laid down his life for this! for us! and lives again! so that we might live abundantly.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON (*sung* “Hear the Good News of Salvation” (vs. 1 only)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Through Christ our Lord we pray.

**People: AMEN**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

(*Offer the “wave of peace” to those around you or greet those you comfortably can.*)

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Come, Share the Lord”  
Chancel Choir

Children’s Message

Scripture: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 and 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Sermon: **“Finding Holiness”**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn: #533 “In the Singing” (see download)

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Gracious and holy God, accept what we offer today: our checks and cash, our faltering steps, our brokenness, our leftovers, our hope, our risking, our lives. Bless and transform all that we offer and all that we hold back, that new life may be ours, to celebrate and share in Jesus’ name. AMEN**

Sharing Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: #815 "Give to the Winds Thy Fears" (see download)

\*Benediction

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 Family this week: Diep Ngoc & Anh Tran**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Annual Meeting Today** - The Session calls for the Annual Meeting of Leacock Presbyterian Church today 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.

Our next community meal is this **Thursday, Feb. 23rd** at 5:30 in the Smith Fellowship Hall. The menu is bar-b-que, mac/cheese, peas/carrots, fruit cup, and desserts. The sign-up sheets are in the narthex for food donations and help with the meal.

**Lent begins this week.** This Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday**. Beginning at 11:00 a.m. ashes will be given out in the parking lot throughout the afternoon. There will be an indoor service from 6:30 to 7p.m.

The **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering starts next Sunday, February 26

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