

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Theme: "Unraveling Easter"



**"When Jesus began giving them the bread, their eyes were opened." Luke 24:30**

### GATHERING

*Prelude:* "My Lord, What a Morning" Robert Lau

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship:

Leader: Disheartened disciples of long ago felt abandoned and alone.

**People: Yet, Jesus came up and appeared among them.**

Leader: We, too, sometimes experience the same. As we walk this road of faith, we seek the reassurance of Christ's presence.

**People: When the disciples discovered that it was Jesus among them, they could hardly believe their eyes.**

Leader: As we seek to make sense of things, help us, God, to perceive and understand your reassuring presence.

**People: Help us always to live transformed by the presence of Christ alive and raised up.**

\*Hymn: #239 "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing" (see download)

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**God of Creation, the heavens do indeed declare Your glory and the earth Your handiwork. If then we are eager to see the good and gentle land You have created in peace, then lead us quickly to change and restoration. If Your Spirit is indeed at work, we pray: renew all things. Should we be afraid of distances across sea, the dangers of rough shores, or mountains too rugged to climb, or valleys too deep to cross, then lead us into green pastures and beside still waters. For all that terrifies and constrains us, keep our hearts valiant and our spirits resilient. As those who walked the road to Emmaus, may our eyes be lifted up to**

**see the glory of the Risen Christ, through whom and with whom we pray, *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN***

**Declaration and Assurance of Pardon**

\*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:* "Now the Green Blade Rises" Crum/Johnson

Children's Message: "A Favorite Disciple"

Scripture: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 and Luke 24:13-35

Sermon: "Walking the Road"  
(The Power of the Unseen)

\*Hymn: #252 "Day of Arising" (sung to the tune of #702) (see download)

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of Shalom, whether we stay in our homes to worship or venture out with the gathered people, remove our reservations and fears about the future of the**

**church. We give in confidence and commitment toward the new things You are always doing, amazing our eyes with Your life-giving ways. We entrust to You our hearts, our energies, our lives. AMEN**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: #240 “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks” (see download)

\*Benediction

Postlude “Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er” Franklin Ritter

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: Don and Bea Andrews**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Tribute to all Leacock Members and their awesome and continuous support given to all those hurting and in need.  
Our thanks, Elaine and Joe Gouba**

Chancel Choir will rehearse following worship.

PNC meets Monday at 6:30 p.m.

The Leacock Women’s Group meets 7 p.m. Monday.

Our next **Community Meal** is this Thursday, April 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Smith Fellowship Hall. The meal will be chicken and waffles, broccoli/cauliflower, applesauce, and desserts.

This is the last week to drop off clean, gently used clothing for the **Lancaster Clothing Bank**. Please place your items in the Narthex.

# *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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