

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 9, 2023

Theme: Theme: The Stewardship of Powerlessness



“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” Matthew 11:29

GATHERING

Prelude: “In Thee Alone, O Christ My Lord” Johann Pachelbel

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

***Call to Worship** Psalm 89

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

People: We declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Leader: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David to establish his descendants forever, and build a throne for all generations."

People: Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance; who exult in your name all day long, and extol your righteousness.

Leader: For God is the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.

People: For our shield belongs to the LORD; our protection to the LORD alone, the Holy One of Israel, the God of all nations.

*Hymn: #14 “For the Beauty of the Earth” (see download)

*Prayer of the Day and Intercession:

Lord of peace and hope, we open our hearts to you this day. Be with us as we hear your words of inspiration and bring healing where we need it most.

Filled with busyness, celebration and exciting activities, we leave behind a week which for some has been long and lonely. For others troublesome and frustrating, sorrowful or sad.

Throughout all these conditions and at all times, we offer thanks that you are with us, giving us strength, calming our spirits; healing our wounds, celebrating our delights and triumphs.

This morning we name in our hearts loved ones who struggle with issues of health, loneliness, or sorrow; we name in our hearts those who have found great joy. Be with each person, giving strength, courage, and gratitude for all the times ahead. Help each one of us to remember that we can always come to you with our burdens and you will carry us through, in the name of our Healer and Friend Jesus, we pray, AMEN

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news, dear friends! Jesus comforts us in our burdens. Let us place our confident trust in God. AMEN.

Sung Response: Hymn #357 “The Days Are Surely Coming” (verse 2 only)
“The days are surely coming, says Christ, the promised one, when you will read my warning in moon, and stars, and sun. Though earth and heaven tremble, stand up and do not fear, for I am your redeemer, and I am drawing near.”

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Romans 7:15-25 and Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sermon: **“When Powerlessness is Power”**

*Hymn: “Make Me a Captive, Lord” (Insert) (see download)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ever Creating God, bring hope to this world that You love. May our gifts bring honor to you name in this place and beyond. Grow in us compassionate living and freedom of spirit, we pray. AMEN

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #352 "My Lord! What a Morning"" (see download)

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" Sicilian melody

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: William E. Berkhimer

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Leacock Ball Team plays a double header tomorrow evening, July 10th. Here's the schedule: Field 1 - 6:30pm Bellevue v. Leacock and Field 2 - 8:45pm Leacock v. Grace Point

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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