Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	t	Sunday, September 10, 2023
Season of Creation	Old Leacock Da	ay



"But let justice roll on like a river, and righteousness like a never-failing stream!" Amos 5: 24

## GATHERING

Prelude:

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Johann Walther

A Psalm for giving grateful praise

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

## People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we are God's; we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

- People: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise; give thanks to God and praise God's name.
- Leader: For the Lord is good and God's love endures forever; God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

People: And so we worship and praise the LORD!

\*Hymn: #406 "We Are Standing on Holy Ground" (3 times) (see download)

## \*Prayer of the Day

O God of all creation, the earth is yours and the fullness thereof. You touch the leaves with the dew of the morning; you send the breezes to cool the night. The trees are laden with fruit because of your blessing; fields produce crops because of your care. As you watch over your people and fill all their needs, now send forth your Spirit and be present among us. We lift up our heads and give you praise in Christ's name. AMEN

# PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-31

Sermon:

"In the Beginning, God"

Affirmation of Faith

Oh God of all creation, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You created the earth and all that is. You chose a special people and you are still choosing, still reaching out, still claiming with the promise of making all things new. You charge us to be ensigns of faith, bearers of good news, and compassionate co-creators with you. Feed and nourish us now with your very spirit. Toward common identity and purpose, bless us always in this high calling to which we are called. AMEN

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

\* Hymn: #840 "When Peace Like a River" (see download)

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Anthem:

"What Is This Place?" (GTG #404)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

## Doxology

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, we give in grateful thanksgiving for all that You have given us. In the upside down world of the gospel, help us to measure our wealth not by what we have, but by what we can apply toward the work of the kingdom and toward blessing others. Enable us to live meaningfully and graciously, being as generous as we can with those things we are blessed to possess, with gratitude for all the gifts of your creation. AMEN

Sharing Joys and Concerns

All Worshipers

#### Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: #32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (see download)

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" 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

<u>Prayers of the Congregation</u> Prayer Person this week: Ruth Bryson

#### **Announcements**

Today is **Old Leacock Day**. A picnic, games and fellowship will follow worship and Communion. There is no service at Paradise.

**PNC** meets Monday at 6:30 p.m.

The church **Nominating Committee** will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Library on **Tuesday, Sept.12**. Hopefully, this will be their final meeting for the year.

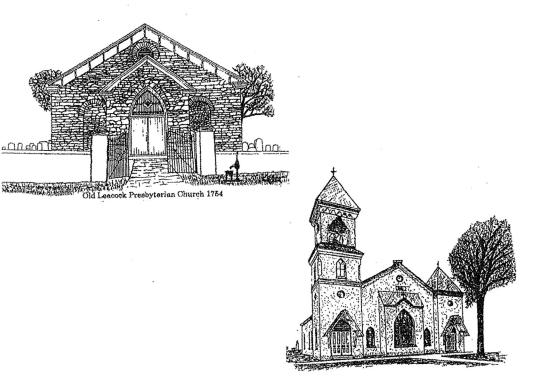
The **Mission Committee** will meet in the Library at 6:30 p.m. on **Thursday**, **September 13**. Anyone interested is welcome to come and join us. We welcome NEW blood!

We're going to a **Barnstormer's Game**! Saturday, Sept. 16 at 6:30pm. There is still time to sign up for a ticket with Mark Andrews to enjoy this congregational outing. It's the last game of the season.

Following worship next **Sunday, September 17** the **Deacons** will meet in the Library.

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