

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
CROP WALK SUNDAY

Sunday, October 15, 2023



**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

**“God will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.” Isaiah 2:4**

## *GATHERING*

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

*Prelude:* “Song of Peace” Michael Shea

Moment of Prayer and Remembering

\*Call to Worship Based on Psalm 106

Leader: Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all God’s praise?

**People: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.**

Leader: Remember, O LORD, to show favor to your people; bring your help to deliver them,

**People: That they may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that they may once again rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that we may glory in your heritage for them.**

Leader: Both we, our ancestors, and all nations of the world have sinned; we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

**People: Therefore, do not forget, and do not neglect the saving works of God—the wondrous works in the land and the awesome deeds by the sea that God is willing to do.**

Leader: May people of compassion everywhere stand in the breach. My they rise up with courage, turning away from wrath and destruction.

**People: Therefore we declare that “only the LORD God Almighty is good; God’s steadfast love is what endures forever.”**

\*Hymn: #8 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

(Alternate ending phrases: Vs. 1 - “on the sea”; Vs. 2 - “on the land”; Vs. 3 - “everywhere”; Vs. 4 - as written)

\*Prayer of the Penitence

**O God Who Endures All Things, surely You are losing patience with this world and the horrors in it. In so many ways the world in which we live is collapsing and so often seems near the breaking point. Is there to be any hope? We confess the many ways we and the peoples of this world deny, conceal, and gloss over what is needed. We destroy rather than build up. We choose conflict over working for peace. We prefer consumption to redemptive ways. We neglect the very gifts You offer for our healing. Come, LORD Jesus, come quickly to redeem and to restore. For alone we are helpless in our weakness. Without your salvation, we are lost. For those in peril we lift up our sincere prayers praying that you may put wings to them. AMEN**

## *PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD*

*Anthem:* “Be Thou My Vision” Carlton Young

Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon: “No Banquet Here”

\*Hymn: #353 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

## *RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD*

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Holy God, we offer thanks for the world you have created and all that You have given us. As followers of Christ, we are on a shared journey with all nations. Grant that we may live, work, and pray that our common home will teem with life once again. Remove hatred and fear. May the Holy Spirit once more hover over the waters to guide our efforts to “renew the face of the earth.” This is our sincere prayer. AMEN**

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*(Greet your near neighbor)*

\*Hymn: #817 “We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight”

\*Charge and Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

*Postlude:* “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” Steven Buttonwood

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

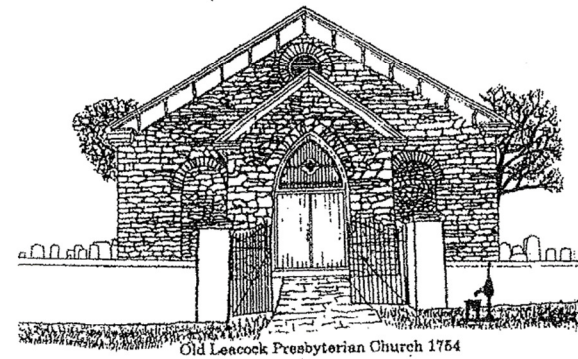
Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor  
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

**PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Donald & Betty Clark**

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