

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
REFORMATION SUNDAY - Season of Hope

Sunday, October 29, 2023



“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:3

GATHERING

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Prelude: “To God Be the Glory” arr. Jack Shrader

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The road is long, but the journey is worth it.

People: We are reformed, always reforming. Faithful, ever seeking to be faithful in new ways.

Leader: We do not travel alone; we are part of the great fellowship of saints. God is with us every step of the way.

People: The Spirit gives us endurance and strength for the journey; therefore, we are a community of living hope.

Leader: Come, join us in the generous life, sharing the Good News of God’s Love.

People: Through the example of Jesus Christ, with the help of the Spirit, we will trust God to guide us.

*Hymn: #687 “Our God Our Help in Ages Past”

*Prayer of the Day

God of All the Ages, the Church has weathered through many eras and seasons, and yet seeks to be a vital community in changing times. We confess that our questioning sometimes leads to doubt, and doubt leads to uncertainty, and uncertainty to a lack of trust. But sometimes when the way is not clear, uncertainty leads to new faith, new hope, and new trust that You will act and that we are not alone. The Church has always been called to love the neighbor

even as we are to love among ourselves. Help us to know that we can go confidently forward because You will show the way. With helping hands and eager hearts, lead us confidently forward, through Christ our Brother, who became one of us and is our Living Hope. AMEN

*Gloria Patri #581

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “The Journey” Joseph Martin

Scripture: Matthew 5:2-10

Sermon: “Blessed Are Those”

*Hymn: #647 “Give Thanks”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

The Doxology #606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Thanksgiving

For the wondrous gift of life, we are thankful, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the fruitful life we are called to bear. May our gifts of time and labor embody our desire to contribute to your coming reign among us and beyond. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

***Charge**

Leader: Loving, living God, be among us as we go. Continue to show us your ways.

People: Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful living.

Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "A Song For All Saints" Mary McDonald

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: Derek, Molly & Finn Colton

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Arthur Loker Kilbourne
Given by his Family**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

These are the last few days of October to collect used clothing for the **Lancaster Clothing Bank**. Simply drop your clothing off in the narthex and the Mission Committee will take care of it.

There will be a **Memorial Service** and Luncheon at 1 p.m. Monday, November 6 for **Skip Brackbill**.

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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