

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 19, 2023

THEME: Season of Hope



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

GATHERING

Prelude: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” Anna Laura Page

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

*Call to Worship: (Psalm 66)

Leader: Come and hear what God has done.

People: God has listened to all our prayers.

Leader: When we pass through the torrent of deep troubles, God turns the sea to dry land.

People: When we are tangled in the web-nets of life, God does not let our feet slip.

Leader: When we are tested as silver is tried, God keeps us in the land of the living.

People: When we go through fire and water, God brings us to a spacious place.

Leader: Come and hear what God has done, God surrounds us with steadfast love.

People: God gives and continues to give; none of us can out give our God.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* Hymn: #310 “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

Prayer of Confession

Call to Confession:

Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Holy God, we confess that sometimes we are not grateful—to people who have cared for us, loved us, and helped us. To those who have gone before to give us faith and

future. To our own bodies for their resilient and patient support. We confess that sometimes we are thankful in our hearts but too negligent or hesitant to express our thanks aloud. We confess that sometimes we lavish appreciation on others from a feeling of personal unworthiness and doubt of our own wholeness. Heart-Healer, Conscience-Troubler God, accept our repentance and plant in us a deep root of gratitude. AMEN

A Time for Silent Confession

L: Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. **P: AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God constantly calls us to live in God’s kingdom, to be people of love, compassion, kindness, forgiveness, and support.

People: These are things that are hard to do by ourselves, but when we give it over to God and let God show us the way, we will always find that our love deepens while our judgments fade.

Leader: This is the power that Christ can have in us, for through Christ’s forgiving love in our lives, we become more caring, grateful people.

People: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven...thanks be to God!

* Hymn of Response: #654 – “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

In the Lord, I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “With Praise and High Thanksgiving” arr. Ryan
Bell Choir

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Sermon: **“Living in Expectation”**

*Hymn: #42 “Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure” (Psalm 145)

Reception of New Member

Installation of Church Officers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

* **DOXOLOGY** 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:

God of all generations, as we worship today, we offer our whole selves to you, all that we have and all that we are. Like your saints who have gone before us, we pray that you will help us be bold in our mission and in our witness. May we who have been given so much give freely, ministering in your compassion to the multitudes near to us and far from us; so that one day we may stand amidst the multitude that gathers at your heavenly throne. We pray this in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Christ our Lord. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #36 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

Charge and Benediction
Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: Trumpet Fanfare on "Nun Danket" Gordon Young
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:

Robert J. Jr., Elaine, Camila Elaine and Valentina Dyer

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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