

Third Sunday of Pentecost
Theme: "Encountering the Creator"

Sunday, June 2, 2024



"Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of creation." Psalm 81:1

GATHERING

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

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Again the psalmist declares, "Lord, you have searched us and known us."
Let us open ourselves to be searched by God.

People: Search us, O God, and know our hearts.

Leader: God searches us, knows us, and loves us, inviting us to search out God in return. Will we seek the heart of God?

People: We will search you, O God, to know your heart.

Leader: The Triune God who creates all and knows all is revealed in running rivers and fluttering butterflies, in warm sunshine and the smell of the earth. Will we pay attention?

People: We will pay attention, O God, to your fingerprint of love on all of creation.

Leader: Open our hearts today, O God, to encounter your love, holiness, and glory that create and sustain all that was, is, and will be.

People: We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity, the all-knowing Creator and Sustainer of life.

*Hymn: #370 "This Is My Father's World"

*Prayer of the Day

Still Creating God, we cannot deny the wonders and marvels of this earth we are privileged to call home. We cannot escape your love. We can find no place to hide. You search us out wherever we may be. Your love is like a

mother's blanket, protecting us wherever we go. Your love shields us from evil. If we travel to the moon or go to the depths of the ocean: your love is there. We have created great levels of sophistication, yet are challenged in our care of this planet. Even still, your love has not abandoned us. Please, we pray, guide us toward greater stewardship and sustainable care. We may fall into the pits of irresponsibility, waste, and abuse, but your love still reaches toward us to redeem and make whole. For all the times we justify what is harmful and wrong, in our communities, our relationships, even our own lives, redirect us. Let not time run out on us.

(offer prayers of silent confession).

Thank you, Nurturing God, for your steadfast mercy. Thank you for being there, wherever we may be. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:12-15 and Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Sermon: "The Search Is On"

*Hymn: #300 "We Are One in the Spirit"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, in awe of your presence everywhere, we offer our gifts today. Just as you intimately know us, help us to understand and trust in your vastness. As we reflect on our beliefs, may our stewardship reflect our trust in your guiding hand. Ignite our actions to echo your love for all around us. Bless our offerings as a commitment to live out our beliefs. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #298 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

Charge and Benediction

Postlude:

“Larghetto”

Handel

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 Person this week: Angela Killian

Today at 9:30 a.m. we are worshipping at **Old Leacock** There will be no 8:00 a.m. worship there this summer. We return to service at Paradise for the remainder of June. The first Sunday of July and August worship, will also be at Old Leacock.

Our first **Community Hymn Sing** of the summer is tonight at 7 p.m. at Old Leacock.

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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