

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday, June 16, 2024

FATHER'S DAY - Festival of the Christian Home

Theme: Encountering the Creator Christ



**“Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.” Mark 3:35**

### *GATHERING*

*Prelude:* “How Firm a Foundation” Early American, arr. Keveren

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: We believe God will save us in times of trouble.

**People: We believe. Help our unbelief.**

Leader: We know that God has saved us in the past, tending and helping us along the way.

**People: We know what God has done for us. Help us when we forget.**

Leader: We call on God’s power when we feel powerless to respond, believing and knowing that God will save.

**People: We believe and we know that God will answer when we call.**

Leader: God, open our hearts today to encounter your love that acts with us and through us to bring flourishing to all of your creation.

**People: We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity, who is all-powerful to save.**

\*Hymn: #370 “This Is My Father’s World”

\*Prayer of the Day

**Triune God, we acknowledge that we don’t always understand the way your power works. We look for ways to place blame for all that goes wrong in the world, and yet we forget that you empower us to resist evil. We ask your help to know the way we should ask, the ways we might be saved, and yet we forget that**

**we are not the authors of our own salvation. We say we desire your kingdom to come, and yet, we often enough are hesitant to listen to your voice calling us to work for the flourishing of our neighbors. Forgive us, Holy Trinity, and free us to cooperate with you in the work of salvation for ourselves, our community, and all of creation. AMEN**

Declaration of Hope

Leader: Gracious God, we have gathered this morning with those who love You, that we might sing Your praises and share Your love with one another. You have shown Your faithfulness every day in ways we do not always recognize, so we offer thanks for Your constant watch-care. Help us to entrust our lives to You and Your purposes.

**People: Keep us in hope in the Name of Jesus, who taught faithful disciples to pray, saying,**

**“Our Father. . .” (debts/debtors). . .AMEN**

### *PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD*

*Meditation:* “Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners” Pritchard, arr. Curry  
“Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving; He is with me to the end.”

Scripture: Mark 3:20-35

Sermon: “Where’s the Father?”

\*Hymn: #288 “Spirit of the Living God”

### *RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD*

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Eternal God, the Source of all blessings, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude and reverence. As we offer our gifts, we ponder our role as stewards of your blessings. Guide us to bless our leaders with prayers for wisdom and compassion. May they lead with justice and righteousness, reflecting your will for peace and unity. Help us to be instruments of your peace, working tirelessly for the well-being of all people. Strengthen our commitment to love and serve others, as we strive to fulfill your divine purpose in the world. AMEN**

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: "Faith of Our Fathers" (please see insert)

Charge and Benediction

*Postlude:* "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" O. Holden

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: Delores Kilbourne**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are Loving Memory of John Herman Brackbill  
Given by Cousin Jim**

We thank **Karen Homsher** for her gift of music this morning.

# Leacock Presbyterian Church

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