

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost
Theme: Healing and Peace

Sunday, July 7, 2024

OLD LEACOCK



“Abner called out to Joab, “Must the sword devour forever?
Don’t you realize this will end in bitterness?” 2 Samuel 2:26

GATHERING

Prelude: “Wonderful Words of Life” J. Wayne Kerr

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather into community because together we are better than alone.

**People: We gather into community because together our strength grows,
making it possible for us to face life’s fears.**

Leader: The Spirit nurtures and challenges us, leading us to make the most of our
God-given abilities.

**People: The Spirit moves us to celebrate and witness, to remember and give
thanks.**

Leader: We remember our Trinitarian faith—the marvel of God with us and for us in
comfort, guidance, and power.

**People: We remember our nation’s deliberations and struggles for identity and
independence, including resistance, fighting, marches for peace, and
current struggles for acceptance.**

Leader: We offer our generous thanks for all that is ours to use, enjoy, and share.

**People: We offer thanks both for our abundant blessings and the poverties that
lead us to trust in God.**

Leader: We worship the God of all nations and all peoples today and always.

*Hymn: #354 “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

*Prayer of the Day

**Gracious God, Creator of the earth and all its people, make us ever
mindful of our connection to You and to one another. We see the deep need for
healing within our land and our world—for individuals, families, and
communities. We are dismayed by the far reaches of sin and disharmony of
which we, too, are often enough a part. Convict us of extravagance and waste.
Forgive us, Lord, touch us by your Spirit and bring healing. We cannot ignore
the wide disparities between people of differing faiths. Call us to common
ground. We offer our sincere willingness, asking only for the opportunity to
touch others with healing grace and the opportunity to serve you, through your
Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, AMEN.**

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: 2 Samuel 1:1-16 and 2:1-7

Sermon: “The Battle Continues”

*Hymn: #236 “The Strife Is O’er”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Ever Creating God, may these gifts bring honor to your name, in this place and
beyond. Grow in us compassionate living and bring hope to the world You love.
AMEN**

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #331 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: "Closing Voluntary" E.L. Ashford

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: Matthew, Michele & Sara Lichty

Announcements

Join us at 7 p.m. this evening for our July **Hymn Sing**.

FOR IMMEDIATE PASTORAL NEEDS, Jim will be in Portland and Seattle July 8 - 19. Contact Dianne to reach Rev. Dick Sindall, Rev. Charlie Gross or Rev. Jane Deford for assistance.

If you would like to order **Sanctuary Flowers** in memory of or in honor of someone or a special occasion, next Sunday, **July 14** is open. Please call the church office: 717-687-6619. The total cost for the two vases of flowers is **\$42.40**. This includes 6% sales tax.

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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