

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost  
Theme: Prayer of Redemption

Sunday, August 11, 2024



“Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord.”  
Psalm 130:1

## *GATHERING*

*Prelude:* “This Is My Father’s World” Lani Smith

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather today knowing there are people in our world who are surrounded by violence and conflict on every side.

**People: Our work of peace begins with prayer.**

Leader: We gather today knowing there are people in our community who feel lost, alone, abandoned, and forgotten.

**People: Our work of love begins with prayer.**

Leader: We gather today knowing there are people in this place, this neighborhood, this world that we all share who experience overwhelming grief, despair, and sorrow.

**People: Our work of hope begins with prayer.**

Leader: We gather not to look away from the world but to witness the needs of our neighbors through the lens of God's love.

**People: May we be a people who pray and, out of our praying, do the work of bringing peace, love, and hope to all we encounter. AMEN**

\*Prayer of the Day

**Loving God, who watches over us as a parent, delighting in our happiness and weeping over the ways we harm one another, guide us. Nurture us. Empower us to be your peacemakers and mercy-bringers in this world.**

*“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (#469)*

**Merciful God, our world is full of war, violence, injustice, and oppression. We are surrounded on all sides by misinformation, half-truths, and lies. Give us courage to tell the truth of your love, to protect the innocent, and to resist evil in every way it presents itself.**

*“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (#469)*

**Gracious God, our neighborhoods are full of people who are struggling. Struggling to make ends meet, struggling to find stability, struggling to find community. Empower us to notice, to reach out, and to love our neighbors as you have called us to love.**

*“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (#469)*

**God of Hope, our lives are filled with so many reasons for despair. Loneliness abounds, uncertainty overwhelms, and suffering feels constant. Fill us with the warmth of your love and inspire us to extend a hand, a hug, a smile, a gesture of connection in a disconnected world.**

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**In the name of the Triune God who gives, receives, and extends Love to all, we pray. AMEN**

Words of Assurance

## *PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD*

Scripture: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33ff

Sermon: “Tragedy and Grief”

Hymn: #819 “Be Still, My Soul”

## *RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD*

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of boundless love, in this sacred moment when we acknowledge the gifts we offer, we recognize your unwavering generosity first. It comes to us in so many ways—through forbearance, tender compassion and renewal of our spirits. We also lift our hearts for those burdened with pain and uncertainty. May your healing touch reach those in need and may your love bring comfort and strengthen troubled hearts. We entrust our prayers to you, knowing that you hear and respond with boundless grace. AMEN**

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: #753 “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

*Postlude:* “O That Will Be Glory”

Gerald Peterson

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: Kevin & Loretta McClarigan**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of my daughter Beth  
Given with Love from her mom Shirley Musselman**

### Announcements

**Session** will meet Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday **August 25** is open if you would like to order **Sanctuary Flowers** for the church. Please call the office: 717-687-6619

# Leacock Presbyterian Church

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