

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday, August 4, 2024

Including the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Theme: Vulnerability and Accountability



## GATHERING

Prelude: "Larghetto" V. Engel

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Family of God, what is our story?

**People: We are part of God's good creation, created and sustained by the Triune God.**

Leader: Family of God, what is our story?

**People: Though created by our loving God, we have sinned and harmed ourselves, one another, and creation.**

Leader: Family of God, what is our story?

**People: While we were yet sinners, God sent Jesus to show us how to turn away from sin and toward the love of God.**

Leader: Family of God, what is our story?

**People: We carry the weight of the Word in our hearts, our hands, and our voices, proclaiming with our lives the good news of God's love and the mercy of God's grace.**

Leader: Family of God, this is our story and our song!

Thanks be to God! AMEN

\*Hymn: #626 "As the Deer" (*sing twice*)

\*Prayer of the Day

**One body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all, take this patchwork collection of who we are as people and quilt us together as your church. Like old pieces of cloth, take these words and songs and prayers, take our thoughts and inner hungers, and join them all together into a new and living fabric—the purpose of which is to cover and color your world, or at least our corner of it. With grace and love in Christ, we pray. AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon (*in unison*)

**Continue, O Lord, to extend your grace and mercy to us, your unworthy servants. When we have failed to be your witnesses, or too embarrassed to testify about your faithfulness; when we have been too busy to speak a word in your name or too anxious to think of anyone but ourselves, Good Lord, extend your grace and mercy as we ask your forgiveness. Set us free to live fully in you, and to love all unreservedly. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. AMEN**

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Psalm 51:1-12 and 2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a

Sermon: "Telling It Straight—the Weight of the Word"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn: #421 "Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life"

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Merciful God, in this time of offering, we offer our contrite hearts, recognizing the depth of our humanity and the need for your healing touch. Grant us the courage to confront our failings and the wisdom to seek reconciliation and renewal in your divine presence. AMEN**

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" (please see insert)

Charge and Benediction

**Beloved, may God bless you as you go from this place carrying the Word in your hearts, living the story we share with the saints of old and the saints of now as we break down barriers to community and build up the family of God on earth as it is in heaven. AMEN**

*Postlude:* "Postlude in A minor" H Gotz

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: Edwin Magerum**

**The Sanctuary Flowers  
are in Loving Memory of Malcolm Stannard, husband and father  
With love from June & children**

# Leacock Presbyterian Church

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