



**“Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind, able to discern between good and evil.”
1 Kings 3:9**

GATHERING

Prelude: “I Will Lift Up My Eyes” Gary Davidson

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome, Beloved of God! For truly, we are deeply, wonderfully,
beautifully loved by the God of all creation!

People: We come, worshiping the God who loves us!

Leader: Sometimes our weeks are mountain-high experiences filled with joy.
Sometimes our days lead us into valleys of deep sorrow.

**People: Dear friends, this is the time for us to rise and come away to worship,
for surely God sustains and tends us.**

Leader: We come, seeking relief from the stress of any stormy gale; seeking peace
like a gently flowing stream.

People: Surely God is the One who loves us and tends to us!

Leader: In a world that pulls us this way and that, God’s love is our True North,
guiding us with an uncommon wisdom through all that life brings.

People: We come, worshiping the God who guides us in all the ways we need!

Leader: Come, let us worship and sing to the God who loves, tends, guides, and
sustains us! AMEN!

*Hymn: #385 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Prayer of the Day

Holy Wisdom, you granted Solomon’s request for an understanding mind and the knowledge to discern good from evil. Fill us with such understanding and knowledge that we may act as instruments of your loving desire for creation. Lead us to work with you to transform our conceit into concern for others, our fear into love, our violence into peace, and our brokenness into wholeness. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 and 1 Kings 3:3-14 NIV

Sermon: **“The Torch Passes” (Onward by Humility and Faithfulness)**

Hymn: #828 “More Love to Thee, O Christ”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we bring our offerings with hearts full of love and gratitude. Inspired by the beauty of your creation and this earth we are privileged to call home, bind us together with a love that will not let us go. We dedicate ourselves and our gifts to further your kingdom with joy and patience. Through Christ we pray, AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #729 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Postlude: "To God on High" Felix Mendelssohn

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: **Robert Mowrer III**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Jane Witmer
whose birthday is September 26
Given with love from June Stannard**

Announcements

This evening at 7p.m. is our final **Hymn Sing** of the season. Please come and gather with community members for the last of our summer Hymn Sings!

The **TRUSTEE SPECIAL OFFERING** for September will help pay for the HVAC system replaced earlier this year. Show your appreciation for the air conditioning we all enjoy. Envelopes are in the pew racks for your convenience.

Next Sunday is **Old Leacock Day**. 9:30 Worship and Communion at Old Leacock with our church picnic to follow. (please see insert)

The **Lancaster Stormers** game outing has been scheduled for **Saturday, Sept. 14**. Game time is 6:45pm, and seating will be in Section 19, on the third base line, as in previous years. The Stormers are playing the Staten Island FerryHawks, and fireworks are scheduled after the game. Please let **Mark Andrews know by Sept 1** if you are interested in going. Ticket price is \$12/person. If there is interest in dinner ahead or carpooling, contact Mark or Angela.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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