

Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday September 15, 2024

## *GATHERING*

*Prelude:* "Reflections on 'O Store Gud'" Brian Glyncannon

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) - adapted from Isaiah 55

One: Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!

**All: Seek the LORD who may now be found; call upon our God who is near.**

One: Let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD who will have mercy on them, to our God who will abundantly pardon.

**All: For God's thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are our ways God's ways.**

One: As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are God's ways higher than our ways and God's thoughts than our thoughts.

**All: Amen. May the Holy Spirit open our minds and hearts to our God, the God and Father of Jesus Christ.**

\*Hymn: 612 "We Praise You, O God"

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In unison)

**God of our hope and salvation in Christ, forgive us for praising your Son, our Savior, but not following him in his way. We have desired comfort for ourselves but not freedom for people who suffer injustices and live in poverty. We have lauded the rich and powerful while borrowing pride from their success and fame. We have scorned the poor and powerless without realizing, that in scorning them we have degraded the name of Jesus. O God, deliver us from the worship of power, wealth, and privilege. Open our eyes to see that having clean,**

**well-kept bodies and tidy houses with manicured lawns does not give us clean hearts, faithful minds, or compassionate souls. Please forgive us, and renew our commitment to following Jesus Christ and serving in his way. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF OUR HOPE IN GOD'S REDEMPTIVE LOVE

## *PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Jeremiah 9:23,24

Mark 8:27-38

\*Hymn: #320 "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

SERMON "God's Weakness, Our Strength"

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED (page 17 in hymnal)

## *RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

MORNING PRAYERS

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Time of Silent Prayer

\*Hymn: \*738 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

\*BENEDICTION

Postlude:

“How Firm a Foundation”

Robert Lau

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who are able, please stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor  
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

### Prayers of the Congregation

**Prayer Family this week: Keo & Khamtanh Phongxaysanith**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Betty Taylor  
Given by her daughters Dianne & Lois and their families**

### Announcements

This morning we welcome **Rev. Richard Sindall** to the pulpit. Dick retired in July of 2012 after 40 years in pastoral ministry, 13 years in Tamaqua, PA and 27 years in Bridgeton, NJ. Dick's wife Debbie is a member of Leacock Presbyterian, and together they worship here with us and participate in the church's life and ministry. The Sindalls live in Lititz, and they have two adult sons also living in the area.

The next free **Community Meal** will be held on Thursday **September 26** from 5:30-6:30 in our handicapped accessible Smith Fellowship Hall. The meal will consist of Meatloaf, Scalloped potatoes, Peas, Applesauce, and Desserts from Weis Markets of Gap. The sign-up sheets for volunteers to help set up, prepare, serve, and clean up will be in the narthex on Sundays Sept. 15 and Sept. 22. A list for needed food donations will be there as well.

**Session** will meet this Thursday at 7 p.m.

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.

# 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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