



**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

“Everything God created looks forward to the future, when the created world will be set free, and so we hope for what is not seen.” **Romans 8:19, 21, 25**

GATHERING

Prelude: “How Beautiful” Paris/Carter

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Let all creation sing before the Lord and every nation of the earth rejoice.

People: Let all the trees lift a shout of joy for the Lord is over all. Let the deep waters of the sea resound, let every mountain, every hill sing out, let all the fields make a joyful sound for the Lord is Creator of All.

Leader: Mighty river, barren desert, howling wind and stormy weather, every canyon every valley, sing your praise and give God the glory.

People: Nature proclaims the glory of our God, nature proclaims the greatness of God’s name.

Leader: Every star and constellation, every wonder in the heavens, silver moon and supernova, sing a shining hallelujah!

People: Nature proclaims the glory of our God, nature proclaims the greatness of God’s name.

Leader: Honey bees and weeping willows, grizzly bears and armadillos, every narwhal and sea otter, every son and every daughter.

People: Nature proclaims the glory of our God, nature proclaims the glory of God’s name. Let all the earth, praise the Lord!

Leader: All the earth, praise the Lord!!

Hymn: #1 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

*Prayer of the Day

God, the Word of life, created all, sun and moon and galaxies beyond, giving life to all that lives and breathes, grace and love supplying every need. Yet we wait for the day. In Christ we hope, by faith we know our redemption is close, but still the earth groans. God, our hope, has heard creation call, pouring out his mercy on the earth, giving us his one and only Son rescuing the world he loves so much. Yet we wait for the day. The earth will be healed, creation set free, in the great day of the Lord. The whole earth restored, in beauty and awe, in the great day of the Lord. AMEN

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Meditation: “Fairest Lord Jesus” Anna Laura Page

Scripture: Job 12:7-10 and Isaiah 24:4-6

Sermon: “Listening to the Earth”

Hymn: #407 “Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Plenty, You provide more than we can imagine. You give us everything we need and bless the work of our hands, our minds, and our hearts. As we honor You with the gifts we bring, may they produce the miracle of hope, peace, and transformation, reflecting your love for all. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #43 "You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"

Charge and Benediction

Beloved, God dwells among us! This is good news! Go now in the blessing of the Triune God who created you, redeems you, and sustains you to live and love as neighbors to God and one another. AMEN

Postlude: "Sing to the Lord a New and Glorious Song" Lani Smith

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: Bonnie Rice

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Arlene and Jacob Brackbill
Given by their family**

Announcements

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.

Our next free **Community Meal** is this Thursday **September 26th** 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 today. A list for needed food donations will be there as well. Please come and join us!

Bell Choir will meet this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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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