

Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost
OLD LEACOCK DAY

Sunday, September 8, 2024
9:30am



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: “In Green Pastures” Lefebure Wely

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

*Sung Call to Worship - #406 “We Are Standing on Holy Ground” (3 times)

*Opening Sentences

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!!

*The Doxology – #606 “Praise God from whom all blessings flow. . .”

Prayer of the Day

O God of all creation, the earth is yours and the fullness thereof. You touch the grass with the dew of the morning; you send the breezes to cool the night. The summer season has brought trees laden with fruit because of your blessing. Fields have produced abundant crops to delight our palates, strengthen our bodies, and sustain our energy. Your care is evident all around. As you watch over your people, continue to fill all our needs. Send forth your Spirit as a constant presence to guide us. We lift up our heads and give you praise in Christ’s name. AMEN

Hymn: #386 “Come, Worship God” (Psalm 95)

Offer of Confession

Leader: Spirit of God, we confess that we put on airs more often than we put on the armor of God. We are guilty of girding ourselves with lies instead of the truth. We try to protect ourselves with arrogance, superstition, and self-reliance instead of righteousness, faith, and your gift of salvation.

People: Our footsteps do not always follow your path of peace. We are quick to use our words, and sometimes even your holy Word to attack one another.

Leader: Instead, we often fail to strike out against the sins we personally commit. Forgive us, Holy God. Gift us with the wisdom and strength to change our ways, so that we may live as your faithful ambassadors of the Good News. AMEN

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Psalm 65:1-2, 6-18

Sermon: “Pastures in the Wilderness”

Lord’s Prayer (*ecumenical*)

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. AMEN

The Sacrament of Communion

Hymn: #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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: #410 "God Is Calling through the Whisper"

Postlude: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Traditional
(please remain seated)

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: Shirley L. Musselman

Announcements

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During this season, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family around the world in prayer and action for our common home.

Everyone is invited to our **Church Picnic** directly after worship today!

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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