



## 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:* “Children of the Heavenly Father” (with Day by Day) Ahnfelt/Lee

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 106

Leader: Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all God’s praise?

**People: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.**

Leader: Remember, O LORD, to show favor to your people; bring your help to deliver them,

**People: That they may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that they may once again rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that we may glory in your heritage for them.**

Leader: Both we, our ancestors, and all nations of the world have sinned; we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

**People: Therefore, do not forget, and do not neglect the saving works of God—the wondrous works in the land and the awesome deeds by the sea that God is willing to do.**

Leader: May people of compassion everywhere stand in the breach. May they rise up with courage, turning away from wrath and destruction.

**People: Therefore, we declare that “only the LORD God Almighty is good; God’s steadfast love is what endures forever.”**

\*Hymn: #794 “O Savior in This Quiet Place”

Prayer of the Day

**Creator of All, the world community is under much pressure, conflict, and stress yet it is the world You love and gave yourself for through Jesus the Christ. It is a world persistently at risk of annihilation of all that is good. Yet as**

**darkness and death are all around us, so are the signs of renewal and regeneration. Often enough with hesitation and fear we look for that which is new. You who proclaim a new day is coming, that You will make all things new both in heaven and earth, how we long for that day, pray for that day, live for that day! Whatever we face, keep hope alive within us and around us. Today we lift up our vulnerable world which You love so much. May we love it as well and pledge our highest and best energies to the future You have in store, through Christ we pray, AMEN.**

Hymn: #776 “O God Be Gracious”

### PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*Meditation:* “Moment by Moment” Moody/Wyrtzen  
“Moment by moment I’m kept in His love,  
Moment by moment I’ve life from above”

Scripture: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Sermon: **“Bitter Complaint”**

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Holy God, we give in grateful thanksgiving for the world you have created and all that You have given us. As followers of Christ, we share a journey with all who live on this planet. Lead us to live, work and pray that our common home may teem with life once again. May the Holy Spirit once more hover over the waters and guide our efforts to “renew the face of the earth.” In the upside-down world of the gospel, help us to live generously and graciously, blessing your church, your people, and your creation. AMEN**

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: #837 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Charge and Benediction

*Postlude:* "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" arr. Berry  
(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: Harrison Ruhl**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Douglas High  
Given by Mary Alice & Family**

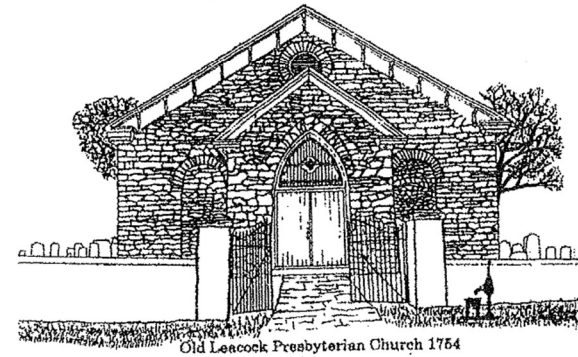
### Announcements

Today, **Karen Homsher** accompanies us in worship. We are grateful for her musical leadership while Dianne is away.

October is our 2nd **clothing collection** for the year. Since most of you are doing your fall cleaning about now, it's a good time to look at those clothes hanging in your closet. If you haven't worn it in two years-get rid of it. You are not going to wear it now! Anything that is in good condition and clean can be donated to **CWS (Church World Service)**. Just bring all your clothing to church and place it in the narthex. The Mission Committee will see that it gets to the proper place. Please no used underwear but new underwear in any size is appreciated.

# 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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