

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Pentecost
Theme: Resilient Saints

Sunday, November 10, 2024



“Then the women said to Naomi, ‘Blessed be the LORD...for the one born to Ruth will be a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, will bear him.’” Ruth 4:14-15

GATHERING

Prelude: “When Morning Gilds the Skies” Anna Laura Page

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Children of God, take a deep breath. Breathe in the goodness and peace that can only come from God.

People: The abundance God offers is all we need.

Leader: Of all our society ills, God calls us to account through humility and confession. 2 Chronicles 7:14 proclaims, “If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways. . .”

People: “then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

Leader: Of all the ways we define success—ever-growing bank accounts, adding to our possessions, increasing our status, what are these things compared to God’s abundance?

People: God desires truth in the inmost being akin to who God is and what God does.

Leader: God’s goodness notices the poor, the oppressed, those who labor with needs unmet, not the wealth of corporations or demagogue leaders or even we who have means well beyond measure.

People: God’s abundance is all that we need.

Leader: How then, will we offer ourselves to God?

People: We will live as those who trust in God’s provision, because God’s goodness and peace is all we need.

Leader: In this spirit we worship the God who provides all we need.

*Hymn: #327 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

*Prayer of the Day (*responsive*)

Leader: Providing God, by your holy light illuminate the ways we and our society choose darkness and have not lived up to your name. Forgive us for discounting our own abundance and instead focusing on what we do not have. Lead us to see the world as You see it.

People: We acknowledge both our personal and societal ills. Around the world, we acknowledge our struggles to be a thriving humanity. We acknowledge the propensity for deception and untruth. We admit to ways we ignore the voice of nature screaming out for change. We yield too often to the reign of violence, oppression, and war rather than the hard work of peace.

Leader: In all the ways it is true, we admit we have not been extravagantly generous with our time, our resources, or our prayers. When we remain silent, give us courage to speak the truth of Your Holy Word.

People: Lead us to participate in the redemptive work of your Holy reign, through Christ we pray, “Our Father, who art in heaven. . .(debts and debtors). AMEN

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”
(GTG #816) Chancel Choir

Scripture: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Sermon: “Promise in the Unexpected”

*Hymn: #686 “God of our Life”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Compassionate God, we join all the saints on the challenging journey of faithfulness. We offer our gratitude for the eternal hope you provide. When we present our gifts for the work of the church, use them to bring comfort to the grieving and light to those in darkness. May our contributions transform our community into a place of hope and renewal. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude:
(please remain seated)

Recessional on 'Saint Anne'

Gordon Young

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 Family this week: R. Scott & Cathy A. Shenk

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Celebration of my Mother's birthday
Given by Angela Killian

Announcements

**Bring a few loose coins to church next Sunday. We will collect them in cans and jars as part of the sermon with plans to use them as a special offering. **

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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