Service of Worship

Leeds Community Church

July 5, 2020 Rev. Steve Allman, pastor of LCC

*\* You may stand.*

PRELUDE

BELLS

WELCOME

ENTERING SACRED SPACE

“Every moment and every event of every man's life on earth plants something in his soul.” -Thomas Merton

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 145)

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all people will bless God’s holy name forever and ever.**

\*HYMN #420 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**﻿﻿Author of life, you cast your glory all around us; you watch over our sleep; you reveal yourself in ancient stories and the give-and-take of common life. By the power of your Spirit, come to us now, for you have called us to this place. We pray in the name of Jesus, our hope, our confidence, and your beloved Son. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**﻿﻿Merciful God, you reveal your will to us through the Word and by the Spirit, but we refuse to listen and follow. We do the very things we hate and feel trapped in guilt and shame. We long to know the abundant life Jesus came to give but neglect to take up his yoke and learn from him. Forgive us for not doing what we know we should do. Forgive us for not being who you call and create us to be. Accept our confession and free us yet again from the burdens we can no longer bear. Amen.**

*Time for silent confession*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

﻿﻿Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The past is left behind, and everything has become new. Brothers and Sisters, believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (579)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARE TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Zecheriah 9:9-12 (p. 884 OT), Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (pp. 11-12 NT)

SERMON

HYMN #516 “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

(Please leave your offerings in the baskets at the back of the sanctuary at the beginning or end of the service.)

\*DOXOLOGY (592)

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, LORD’S PRAYER

\*HYMN #554 “Let All Things Now Living”

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE  **#**438 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” verse 1

\*GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*POSTLUDE

Calendar of Events: (see insert)

**Biography:**

Rev. Allman is happy to be serving in Leeds. He grew up in eastern Pennsylvania and spent time in sales and teaching before attending Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Before coming to Maine, he served churches in West Virginia, New York, and South Dakota. He’s currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry Degree at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. You can reach him at (207) 240-2958 or revallman@gmail.com.

ELDERS: Brenda Lake Bill Flewelling

Larry Jewett Barbara Grant

DEACONS: Patricia Leblond Irene Woodward

 Dale Holt Donna Holt

 Bill Grant Sandy Nutting

 Sue Jewett Joyce Pratt

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** is shared on the first Sunday of each month.

The first Sunday of each month we collect bottles to benefit the **accessibility fund**.

DEACONS – 1ST Monday of every month, 6:30 p.m.

SESSION – next meeting Wednesday, 7/8/20, 7 p.m. (and with the deacons on 7/6)

WOMEN’S ASSOC. – 2nd Wednesday of every month

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9am on Sunday (starting in September)

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Clerk of Session: Carole Barker

Chair of Deacons: Karen Fish

Church Treasurer: Barbara Grant

Organist/Choir Director: Eileen Coyne

Women’s Association: Lois Hathaway

**Leeds Community Church**

We are a Christian church that is committed to carrying out the mission of Christ. We, therefore, are socially active. Our church is open to all people, regardless of background or any other status. “Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family” is never far from thought. We pray that every person will feel acceptance, the love of Christ, the joy of the Holy Spirit, and the wonder of God’s grace.

