Service of Worship

Leeds Community Church

September 13, 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 103)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God’s benefits — who forgives all your iniquity and heals all your diseases.**

God redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

**God satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.**

\*HYMN #466 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿From the beginning until now, loving God, we have turned away from you, following lesser ways, pursuing a lesser life than the life offered to us in Christ. Yet you will not abandon us. You call out to us ﻿to return to you. Even when we fall away from brothers and sisters in the church, you remain present with us. Help us to love as you love wholeheartedly until we are reconciled to you and to our neighbor. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**﻿﻿﻿Lord Christ, you declare: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. You instruct us to forgive seventy-seven times, to remember God’s grace toward us and extend it to one another. Despite your clear word to refrain from judging others, we pronounce others guilty and unworthy of our compassion. We quarrel over opinions and sow division when you call us to cultivate relationships and demonstrate our unity in Christ. Instead of responding to your grace with gratitude, we attempt to limit the love you command us to share. Forgive our hard-heartedness. Expand our circles of concern. Enliven our communities with your boundary-breaking, reconciling Spirit. Amen.**

*Time for silent confession*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

﻿﻿﻿For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is the Lord’s steadfast love toward those who fear God; as far as the east is from the west, so far the Lord removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the God has compassion for those who fear the Lord. Friends, 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 Genesis 15:15-21 (p. 12 OT), Romans 14:1-12 (p. 163 NT)

SERMON

HYMN “Let All Things Now Living” (from recording)

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY (592)

\*HYMN #442 “The Church’s One Foundation”

\*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 Tuesday, 8/11/20, 7 p.m.

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: Sandy Nutting

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.

