Service of Worship

Leeds Community Church

November 29, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 80)

Restore us, God! Make your face shine so that we can be saved.

**Let your hand be with the one whom you secured as your own.**

Then we will not turn away from you. Revive us so that we can call on your name.

**Restore us, God of heavenly forces! Make your face shine so that we can be saved.**

\*HYMN #2 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, so that we may be awake and alert as we watch for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**﻿﻿﻿O God, we confess our passivity, our lack of vigilance in discerning the possibilities that you open up for us to participate in your healing, restoring work in our world and in our own lives. We have succumbed to paralyzing fears. We have ignored and even resisted the prodding of your Spirit, nudging us out of self-absorption and inertia. Empower us by your Spirit to be attentive, discerning and ready partners in your cosmic restoration. Amen.**

*Time for silent confession*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

﻿﻿﻿God’s mercy abounds. God’s grace goes before us, after us, and through us. Often unbeknownst to us, God restores us and empowers us to participate in God’s work in the world. Brothers and sisters, hear the good news of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored, set us right paths of justice and peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (579)

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING

PREPARE TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Mark 13:24-37 (pp. 50-51 NT), Isaiah 64:1-9 (pp. 694-695 OT)

SERMON

HYMN “We Gather Together” (from recording)

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY (592)

HYMN #555 “Now Thank We All Our God”

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE  **#**514 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

\*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 – Tuesday, November 17, 2 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.

