**Service of Worship**

**Leeds Community Church**

**October 17, 2021**

**The Reverend Allison VanderLinden**

*\* You may stand.*

PRELUDE

BELLS

WELCOME

ENTERING SACRED SPACE *Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me!*

*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 66)

L: Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

**P: Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious!**

L: Say to God: How awesome are Your deeds!

**P: So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You!**

**Unison: All the earth bows down to You; they sing praise to You,**

 **They sing praise to Your name.**

\*HYMN #151 Crown Him With Many Crowns

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Almighty and everlasting God, thank You for this time to worship You and meditate upon Your word. Come, Holy Spirit, and anoint this precious moment in our lives. Touch our hearts with Your presence. Open our eyes that we may see glimpses of Thee. Open our ears that we may hear Your still small voice within us. Come, Holy Spirit, and fall upon us so we may bring greater glory and honor to You in our everyday lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**﻿﻿Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, we confess that we have not loved You with all our heart and soul and mind and strength nor have we loved our neighbors like You desire. Forgive us and change us more into Your likeness. Thank You for Your promise that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We rejoice in the promise that there is no condemnation for those of us who are living for You. All glory, laud and honor be unto You, our Triune God! Amen.**

*Time for silent confession*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

﻿﻿﻿﻿Receive the courage, joy, mercy, grace, peace and love of our living Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are fully forgiven and unconditionally loved.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI # 579

PREPARE TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthews 14:22-33 The Rev. Allison VanderLinden

Hymn #322 **Spirit of the Living God**

SERMON: *"Have Cheer and No Fear"*

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*DOXOLOGY #592

\*HYMN # 150 **Come Christians, Join To Sing**

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE # 438 **Blest Be the Tie that Binds**

\*GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

 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 – first Monday of every month, 6:00 p.m.

SESSION – Tuesday, 10/26/21, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9am on Sunday

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Clerk of Session: Jane Wheeler

Chair of Deacons: Sandy Nutting

Church Treasurer: Barbara Grant

Organist/Choir Director: Eileen Coyne

**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.

