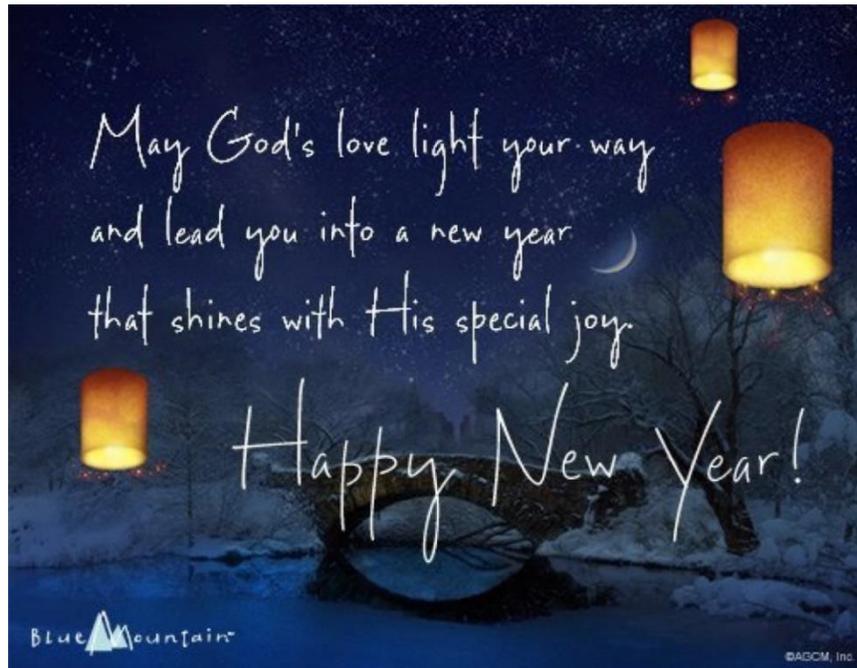


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**SUNDAY WORSHIP JANUARY 2, 2022 11:00 AM
COMMUNION / NEW YEARS SUNDAY**

GREETING AND WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Revelation 21: 1-6)

Leader: We are the church that lives into God's future today.

People: We are a church that is united across space and time.

Leader: We are a church of many races, languages and ethnicities.

People: We are a church that lives by the work of God in Christ that was, is now, and is still yet to come.

Leader: We hear the one who is seated on the throne say to us: "See, I am making all things new!" A new heaven and a new earth, where the home of God is among God's people.

People: God's future is Good News. And our story, in Christ, is Good News!

All: Let us Worship God!

HYMN O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*) Holy God, hear our prayer: For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness; For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us; For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist; For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us; We pray for the courage to admit our fault, The strength to amend our actions, And the hope that your grace awaits us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS / WAVING THE PEACE

A TIME FOR THOSE WHO ARE YOUNG

HYMN I SAW THREE SHIPS

I saw three ships come sailing in, On Christmas day, on Christmas day, I saw three ships come sailing in, On Christmas day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three? On Christmas day, on Christmas day, And what was in those ships all three? On Christmas day in the morning.

Our Saviour Christ and his lady On Christmas day, on Christmas day, Our Saviour Christ and his lady, On Christmas day in the morning.

Pray whither sailed those ships all three? On Christmas day, on Christmas day, Pray whither sailed those ships all three? On Christmas day in the morning.

Oh, they sailed into Bethlehem, On Christmas day, on Christmas day, Oh, they sailed into Bethlehem, On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the bells on earth shall ring, On Christmas day, on Christmas day, And all the bells on earth shall ring, On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the Angels in Heaven shall sing, On Christmas day, on Christmas day, And all the Angels in Heaven shall sing, On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the souls on earth shall sing, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; And all the souls on earth shall sing, On Christmas Day in the morning.

Then let us all rejoice again, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; Then let us all rejoice again, On Christmas Day On Christmas Day in the morning

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 43:14-21

14 Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I will send to Babylon and break down all the bars, and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation. 15 I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. 16 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, 17 who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 18 Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. 19 I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. 20 The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, 21 the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LUKE 9:57-62 *Would-Be Followers of Jesus*

57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." 59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 60 But Jesus[m] said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." 61 Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." 62 Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

MEDITATION – "A Do-Over"

HYMN – MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine. Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart; my zeal inspire! As thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide. Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll, blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY - Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Upcoming Birthdays/Anniversaries: Last week - Lysa Reiter, December 27; Claus Jorgensen, December 28; YESTERDAY – Dan Fleming, January 1; Judy Grignon, January 1; Bill Heilman, January 7

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN LOVE LIFTED ME

I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore, Very deeply stained within,
Sinking to rise no more; But the Master of the sea Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me— Now safe am I. Love lifted me, Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me; Love lifted me, Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

All my heart to Him I give, Ever to Him I'll cling, In His blessed presence live,
Ever His praises sing. Love so mighty and so true Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too, To Him belongs. Love lifted me, Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me; Love lifted me, Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

Love lifted me, Love lifted me, When nothing else could help, Love lifted me;
Love lifted me, Love lifted me, When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Apostle's Creed

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

HYMN – AULD LANG SYNE

Should auld acquaintance be forgot And never brought to mind? Should
auld acquaintance be forgot And auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear For auld lang syne We'll take a cup of
kindness yet For auld lang syne

For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne Should auld
acquaintance be forgot And never brought to mind?

Should auld acquaintance be forgot for auld lang syne?

BENEDICTION

WELCOME TO LARISON'S CORNER! We are pleased you are here with us. We hope you feel the warmth of God's love in our fellowship and worship. It is our hope that you return again soon.

Until then, may God bless you and keep you in the palm of his hands. Happy New Year!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP INSIDE every Sunday at 11 AM! - Worship is live-streamed on Facebook at 11 AM; Recordings of worship available at a later date.

Winter Craft Night, Wednesday January, 19, 6:30-8:30 PM Come join us as we make prayer beads and two other winter-themed crafts. This event is open to the public, so spread the word!

Trivia & Game Night, Monday, January 31, 6:30-8:30 PM We hope you will join us for a fun night of Trivia and Games. This event is open to the public and we hope to have lots of people there!

Share Your Resources to Support the Ministry of Larison's Corner – Ways to Give: 1. Leave a gift in the worship offering via cash or check; 2. **Mail in a gift** via check to Larison's Corner Church, PO Box 348, Ringoes, NJ 08551; 3. Give Online through "Tithely" You can make an online gift, by visiting our website link at:

<https://larisonscorner.org/contributions/>. You may also give on Facebook in our "about" section or by clicking here:

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=4558529> - Once you are in Tithely, you can set up a one-time gift, ongoing gifts, or a special gift. **Give today by using your camera on your cell phone over the image to the right and following the link to make your donation.*



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(Session meetings are the second Tuesday at 7:30 pm)

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