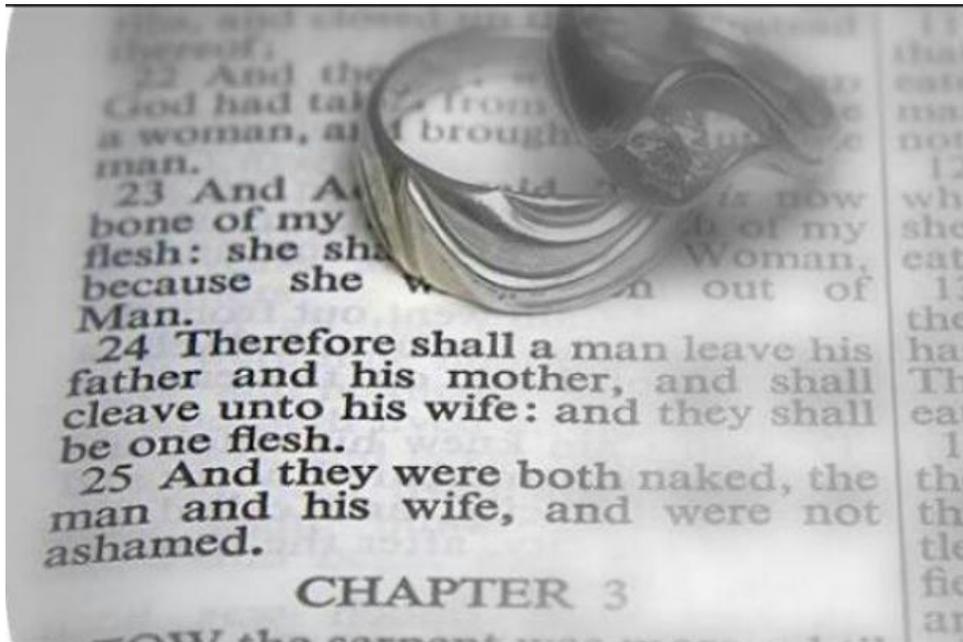


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## SUNDAY WORSHIP FEBRUARY 13, 2022 11:00 AM

### GREETING AND WELCOME

### OPENING PRAYER

#### CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Psalm 36:5-7

Leader: Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the skies.

People: Your righteousness is like the highest mountains and Your justice is like the great deep.

Leader: People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: How priceless is your unfailing love, O Lord!

All: Let us worship God!

### HYMN LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art. Visit us with thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast. Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be. End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive. Suddenly return, and never, nevermore they temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; true and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee. Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison*) Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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 JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so; Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, As He loved so long ago, Taking children on His knee, Saying, "Let them come to Me." Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me still today, Walking with me on my way, Wanting as a friend to give Light and love to all who live. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gate to open wide; He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He will stay Close beside me all the way; Thou hast bled and died for me, I will henceforth live for Thee. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

#### OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 2:18-25

18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." 19 So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. 21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." 24 Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

## **HYMN HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US**

How deep the Father's love for us How vast beyond all measure That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss The Father turns His face away As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross My sin upon His shoulders Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything No gifts, no power, no wisdom But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

## **NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE** Philippians 2:3-11

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **MEDITATION – “Something Old Something New”**

### **HYMN TELL ME THE OLD, OLD STORY**

Tell me the old, old story Of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love. Tell me the story simply, As to a little child; For I am weak and weary, And helpless and defiled. Tell me the old, old story; Tell me the old, old story, Tell me the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

Tell me the story slowly, That I may take it in - That wonderful redemption, God's remedy for sin. Tell me the story often, For I forget so soon; The early dew of morning Has passed away at noon. Tell me the old, old story; Tell me the old, old story, Tell me the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

Tell me the same old story When you have cause to fear That this world's empty glory Is costing me too dear. Tell me the story always, If you would really be, In any time of trouble, A comforter to me. Tell me the old, old story; Tell me the old, old story, Tell me the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

## **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 Sharon Keyes, February 8, Bill Kurylo, February 9, Charlie & Joan Roger's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, February 10, Jennifer Wengryn, February 18*

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## **AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in a loving God, who is life's breath for all of earth's creatures, who is the ground in which our lives flourish, who is the mystery toward which we are drawn. We believe in the risen Christ, whose life is the way we see God made real, whose death bears witness to the power of love, whose presence nourishes our spirits each day. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who flows as a refreshing spring of life, who comes as divine fire to energize the faithful, who creates communities of joy and justice.

## **HYMN BLESSED ASSURANCE**

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise, The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair; In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

## **BENEDICTION**

\*Service of Installation of Elders and Trustee will be held next Sunday, February 20. Come and join us as we Install Betty Jane Biache, Ruth Chiesa, and Kyle Bond

## 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.

**Choir & Chimes Rehearsal, THIS Wednesday, 5:45 PM – 6:30 PM** Come for a meet and greet with our new Director of Music, Sharon Keyes. Both choirs will join together for a special offering at The Ash Wednesday Worship Service on March 2, 7-7:30 PM

**Acrylic Gem & Handmade Card Craft Night February 16, THIS Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 PM** - Join us as we make an Acrylic gem craft and handmade greeting cards. Contact Pastor Courtney for more information

**Bible Study and Tea, Wednesday, February 23, 3 PM** Lois Riggs will be leading Tea & Bible Study which meets the Second and Fourth Wednesdays at 3 pm. Tea and English pastries served. To learn more information, speak to Lois Riggs. All men and women are invited to attend. Join anytime.

**Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, March 1, 5:30 -7 PM** We will have Pancakes, Bacon, and Fruit. Come for a short bit or the whole time. Volunteers are needed for cooking and to bring potluck food items. Contact Pastor Courtney for more information, [pastorcourtney@larisonscorner.org](mailto:pastorcourtney@larisonscorner.org).

**Ash Wednesday Worship - March 2, 7:00 to 7:30PM.** Join us for a contemplative and meaningful worship with a blessing of the ashes. As we prepare for Lent, let us remember that God breathed life into us and our lives are in the palm of His Hand.

**Wednesday Night Lenten Bible Study, 6:30 - 8:30 PM In-Person and Via Zoom (March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30, April 6, & April 13)** - For Men and Women This is a weekly Lenten Bible Study on the People of The Passion. We will learn from those in Scripture who participated in some dramatic way the Passion which included the suffering and death of Jesus. Come all six nights or just one or two. Contact Pastor Courtney for more info at [pastorcourtney@larisonscorner.org](mailto:pastorcourtney@larisonscorner.org)

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<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*

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

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