

The United First Presbyterian Church
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SUNDAY WORSHIP FEBRUARY 27, 2022 11:00 AM

GREETING AND WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

People: The One who calls us, The One who equips us,

Leader: The One who loves us without end.

People: With joyful and grateful hearts,

All: Let us worship God!

HYMN WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

What a friend we have in Jesus All our sins and griefs to bear And what a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer

Oh, what peace we often forfeit Oh, what needless pain we bear All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged Take it to the Lord in prayer

Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness Take it to the Lord in prayer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*) Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we know your face is hidden from us by our sins. In the blindness of our hearts, we forget your mercy. Deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With reverent and humble hearts, let us draw near to you to confess our faults and confide in your grace. We long to find you as our refuge and strength to rest in your grace. Through Jesus Christ your Son 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 WORSHIP YOU, ALMIGHTY GOD

I worship You Almighty God There is none like You O' I worship You O' Prince of Peace That is what I want to do And I give You praise For You are my righteousness (oh You are my righteousness)

I worship You Almighty, mighty God There is none like You Sing it together

I worship You Almighty God There is none like You (there is none like You) I worship You O' Prince of Peace That is what I want to do I give You praise For You are my righteousness (You are my righteousness)

I worship You Almighty God There is none like You Let's worship him tonight!

I worship You Lift your voices! Almighty God There is none like You There is none, there is none, there is none I worship You (I worship you) O' Prince of Peace That is what I want to do I give You praise For You are my righteousness (You are my righteousness)

I worship You Almighty God There is none like You There is none like You There is none like You (there is none) There is none like You

I like you God, bless Your name tonight You're the only one who is worthy And we give you praise tonight, we bless Your name Our hands lifted up

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Psalm 84

1How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! 2My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. 3Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. 4Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. (Selah) 5Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. 6As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. 7They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. 8O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! (Selah) 9Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. 10For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. 11For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. 12O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

HYMN THE LOVE OF GOD

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell; it goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell. The wand'ring child is reconciled by God's beloved Son. The aching soul again made whole, and priceless pardon won. O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure—the saints' and angels' song.

When ancient time shall pass away, and human thrones and kingdoms fall; when those who here refuse to pray on rocks and hills and mountains call; God's love so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong; grace will resound the whole earth round—the saints' and angels' song. O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure—the saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made; were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill, and ev'ryone a scribe by trade; to write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry; nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky. O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure—the saints' and angels' song.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Luke 10:38-42 --- 38Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." 41But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; 42there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

MEDITATION – "It's a Pleasure to Be in God's Company"

HYMN TRUST AND OBEY

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay; not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will go; never fear, only trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH New Creed of 1968 UCC

“We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.”

SPECIAL MUSIC – Gift of Love - Deborah Kacerek-Cooley

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Upcoming Birthdays/Anniversaries: Shirley Bond, Feb 28

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.

HYMN JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

I am weak but Thou art strong Jesus keep me from all wrong I'll be satisfied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee

Just a closer walk with Thee Grant it, Jesus, is my plea Daily walking close to Thee Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

When my feeble life is o'er Time for me will be no more Guide me gently, safely o'er To Thy kingdom's shore, to Thy shore

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BENEDICTION

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.

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.

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.

Bible Study and Tea, Wednesday, March 9, 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.

Wednesday Night Lenten Bible Study, Starts March 9, 6:30 - 8:30 PM In-Person and Via Zoom (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

Update from Trustees Construction continues in the meeting room and the sanctuary. Currently we are awaiting the hard wiring to be completed and inspections to pass before dry wall and next steps can begin. The fire alarm and security system are also underway. We are so blessed with the gift of the Sibbri Foundation Money!

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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