

The United First Presbyterian Church
of Amwell at Larison's Corner



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SUNDAY COMMUNION WORSHIP FEBRUARY 6, 2022 11:00 AM

GREETING AND WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 19)

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

People: and the earth proclaims God's handiwork.

Leader: Let us raise our voices to God; we will open our hearts and lift up our spirits.

People: We are here because our Lord has called us together.

Leader: We come here to recognize the voice that calls us.

People: Let us sing praise to God with heart and soul.

All: Let us worship God!

HYMN HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*) Dear God, You have made foolish the wisdom of the world, teaching that the meek shall inherit the earth. We cling to the values of this world and seek out things that enhance our status and not our souls. We seek comfort in simple answers and easy outs. We disregard the marginalized and mock weakness, forgetting that Christ lifted up the lowly and made a home among the vulnerable. God of blessing, reorient our hearts, and renew our minds, so that we might act with justice, practice kindness, and—in all things—walk humbly with you. In 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 HOW GREAT THOU ART

Oh Lord, my God When I, in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart Then I shall bow, in humble adoration And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 40:27-31

27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. 30 Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; 31 but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 9:23-27

23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings. 24 Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. 25 Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. 26 So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; 27 but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

MEDITATION – “Going for the Gold”

HYMN TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise, let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

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: Sharon Keyes, February 8, Bill Kurylo, February 9, Charlie & Joan Roger's 60th Anniversary, February 10

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 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect communion, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight. Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and bless'd, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

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.

TODAY AT NOON - The Session has called for our **Annual Congregational Meeting** to be held today, **Sunday, February 6**, immediately following worship at Noon. Reports from Trustees, Corner Club, Nominating, Annual Financial Report, and Terms of Call for the Pastor will be on the agenda. Please make every effort to be there so that we may reach a quorum. Larison's Corner is truly a gift and we are so grateful for all who make ministry possible in service to Christ.

Welcome to our New Music Director, Sharon Baker J. Keyes! Sharon comes to us with years of experience in both churches and schools in vocal and instrumental leadership. Most recently she served Marlton United Methodist Church in Marlton, NJ and before that she served Pinelands Reformed in Toms River, Community Presbyterian in Edison, and Faith Community UMC in Bayville, NJ. She worked in Beach Haven, Morris Plains, South Brunswick, and LBI Schools as a professional teacher. Sharon has a BA in Music Education & Performance, a Master of Arts in Music and Communication Arts, and has NJ Teaching Certification. A dedicated Christian who seeks Christ as the center of her life through prayer and praise, Sharon hopes to help spread the joy of Christ's resurrection at Larison's Corner through classical, contemporary, and cultural musical styles for all ages. Ms. Keyes is skilled both vocally and instrumentally and looks forward to connecting with all in our Larison's church family and especially with those in the Chancel Choir, Chimes Choir, and those passionate about music in instrument and song. Welcome, Sharon!

February Session Meeting – This Tuesday, February 8, 7:30 PM via Zoom and in-person

Acrylic Gem & Handmade Card Craft Night February 16, 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.

Ash Wednesday Worship - March 2, 7:00 to 7:30PM. Join us for a contemplative and meaningful worship service with a blessing of the ashes. As we prepare for the season of 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 You are invited to join 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. You can come all six nights or just one or two. The people of the passion in this book are the characters who participated in some dramatic way in the suffering and death of Jesus. Contact Pastor Courtney for more info at pastorcourtney@larisonscorner.org

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.*



Session

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

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Charlie Rogers

Other Ordained Elders

David Bond

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Marlene Lambert

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(Board of Trustees meets the first Tuesday at 7:30 pm)

Class of 2021

Kyle Bond

Class of 2022

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Class of 2023

Bill Kurylo

Treacy Weeks

Corner Club

President - Lois Riggs / Vice President – Kathy Kovacs

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The Reverend Courtney B. Cromie, Stated-Supply Part-Time Pastor

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Sharon Keyes, Director of Music

Sue Mannino, Organist Emeritus