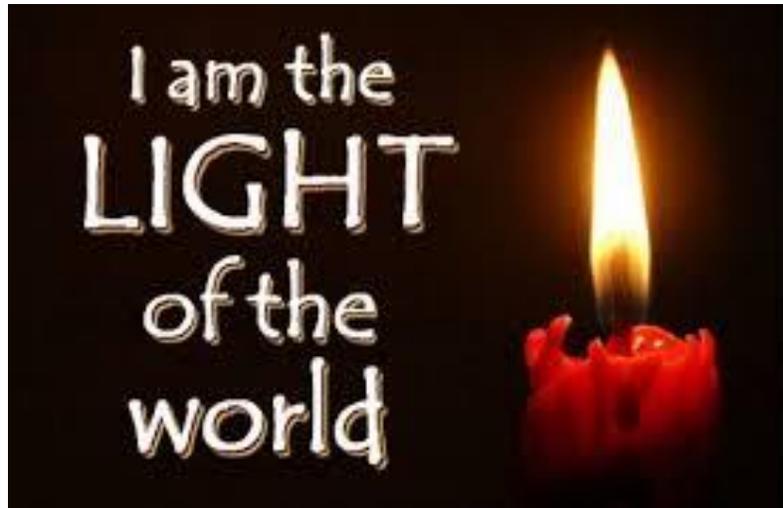


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**SUNDAY WORSHIP MARCH 13, 2022, 11:00 AM
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

GREETING AND WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation:

People: **Of whom shall we be afraid?**

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of our life:

People: **We will wait for the Lord in faithfulness.**

Leader: Let us seek the Lord's face in this time of worship:

People: **We will honor God's presence in our prayers and our praises!**

All: **Let us worship God!**

HYMN BE THOU MY VISION

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of All

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*) Holy God, we live our lives in comfort and security and are blinded to our own sinning. We confess our pride that dares not admit our mistakes and our selfishness that can see nothing but our own desires. We regret our self-righteousness that accuses others but denies our own faults. We know that our callousness causes us not to care and our defiance keeps us from regretting our harmful actions. In selfishness we have turned away from those who need us. We have allowed ourselves to be crushed by troubles dismissing Christ's act on the cross. Have mercy on us and open our hearts and minds to follow in Your ways of love, justice, and peace. Forgive our faithlessness and grant that we may know new life and hope. In Christ's name 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 WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

I want to walk as a child of the light I want to follow Jesus God sent the stars to give light to the world The star of my life is Jesus In Him, there is no darkness at all The night and the day are both alike The Lamb is the light of the city of God Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God I want to look at Jesus Clear Son of Righteousness, shine on my path And show me the way to the Father. In Him, there is no darkness at all The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I'm looking for the coming of Christ I want to follow Jesus When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. In Him, there is no darkness at all the night and the day are both alike The Lamb is the light of the city of God Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Isaiah 42:1-9

1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. 2 He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; 3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. 4 He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. 5 Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: 6 I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. 8 I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. 9 See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE John 8:12-20

12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." 13 Then the Pharisees said to him, "You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid." 14 Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. 15 You judge by human standards; I judge no one. 16 Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid; for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. 17 In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. 18 I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf." 19 Then they said to him, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." 20 He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

MEDITATION – "I AM the Light of the World," Week 2, Lenten Sermon Series

HYMN SHINE, JESUS SHINE

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining Jesus,
Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me! (clap!), shine on me (clap!)
Shine, Jesus, shine Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow Flood the nations with grace
and mercy Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, (clap!), shine on me (clap!)
Shine, Jesus, shine Fill this land with the
Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow Flood the nations with grace
and mercy Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me (clap!), shine on me (clap!).
Shine, Jesus, shine Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow Flood the nations with grace
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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 The Beatitudes – Matthew 5:1-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the gentle, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause of right, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you, and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

HYMN I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

To find the lost and lonely ones, To heal that broken soul with love, To feed the hungry children with warmth and good food, To feel the earth below the sky above! I am the Light of the World You people come and follow me. If you follow and love, You'll learn the mystery Of what you were meant to do and be.

To free the prisoner from his chains, To make the powerful care, To rebuild the nations with strength and goodwill, To call a man your brother everywhere. I am the Light of the World You people come and follow me. If you follow and love, You'll learn the mystery Of what you were meant to do and be.

To bring hope to every task you do, To dance at a baby's new birth, To make music in an old man's heart, And sing to the colors of the earth! I am the Light of the World You people come and follow me. If you follow and love, You'll learn the mystery Of what you were meant to do and be.

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Upcoming Birthdays/Anniversaries: Patty Kurylo, TODAY, March 13; Bob Barton, March 15; Kathy Kovacs, March 15; Lysa & Roger Reiter's Anniversary, March 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.

HYMN I SAW THE LIGHT

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin I wouldn't let my dear savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night Praise the Lord, I saw the light I saw the light, I
saw the light No more darkness, no more night Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Just like a blind man, I wandered along Worries and fears I claimed for my
own Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight Praise the Lord, I saw the
light I saw the light, I saw the light No more darkness, no more night Now I'm so
happy no sorrow in sight Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I was a fool to wander and stray For straight is the gate and narrows the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right Praise the Lord, I saw the light I saw the
light, I saw the light No more darkness, no more night Now I'm so happy no sorrow
in sight Praise the Lord, I saw the light

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.

Music Ministry Update: Choral Choir Rehearsal & Chimes' Rehearsals are now on Thursday evenings at 7 PM. If you would like to join the Singing/Choral Choir and/or you would like to play the Chimes, sign-up today! Is there another musical instrument that you play and you would like to share in worship? Come give God praise with music. Contact Sharon Keyes, our Director of Music, for more information.

The I AM Statements of Jesus, Lenten Sermon Series

Sunday, March 6, 1st Sunday of Lent "I AM the Bread of Life" John 6:35-40

Sunday, March 13, 2nd Sunday of Lent "I AM the Light of the World" John 8:12-20

Sunday, March 20, 3rd Sunday of Lent "I AM the Door" John 10:1-10

Sunday, March 27, 4th Sunday of Lent "I AM the Good Shepherd" John 10:11-18

Sunday, April 3, 5th Sunday of Lent "I AM the True Vine" John 15:1-9

Sunday, April 10, Palm Sunday, "I AM the Way, the Truth, & the Life" John 14:1-6

Sunday, April 17, Easter, "I AM the Resurrection and the Life" John 11:17-27

TOMORROW NIGHT, St. Patrick's Day Trivia & Game Night, Monday, March 14, 6:30-8:30 PM, Join us for a fun night of Trivia, Games, Fellowship, and Fun Snacks. There will be prizes too! This is open to the community, so invite friends!

THIS Wednesday Night - Lenten Bible Study, March 16, 6:30 - 8:30 PM In-Person and Via Zoom (March 23, March 30, April 6, & April 13) - We learn from those who participated in a dramatic way in the Passion Story which includes the suffering and death of Jesus. Come to all or just one or two. pastorcourtney@larisonscorner.org

Bible Study and Tea, Wednesday, March 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. Join anytime.

Sunday, March 27th – Fourth Sunday of Lent – I AM The Good Shepherd Sunday – bring sheep to church – any kind of sheep!

Food Drive for Those in Need – We can help struggling families in our community with food/item needs. Items Needed: cereal, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, pasta and sauce, tuna, soup, Chef Boyardee, toilet paper, and paper towels. Please place donations in the bin outside the side entrance of the church. If you know of families that need help, please contact Kirkpatrick Presbyterian at 908.782.1177 or admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org. Kirkpatrick Presbyterian: 37 John Ringo Rd, Ringoes NJ, 08551 A donation box is here at Larison's Corner and we drop the items there later.

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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

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PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10 - 11 AM
MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 14 - 7 PM
GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE, APRIL 15 - 7 PM
EASTER SUNRISE, APRIL 17 – 6:30 AM
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE, APRIL 17 - 11 AM

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALICE EVERITT

The sympathy and love of the congregation extends to the entire Everitt family in the loss of Alice Everitt. A Witness to the Resurrection and a Life Celebration Service for Alice will be held at Holcombe-Fisher Funeral Home (147 Main St, Flemington, NJ 08822) on Saturday, March 19, at 11 AM with a Graveside Service following at Union Cemetery in Ringoes. Visitation is Friday, March 18 at Holcombe-Fisher from 4-8 PM.

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

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