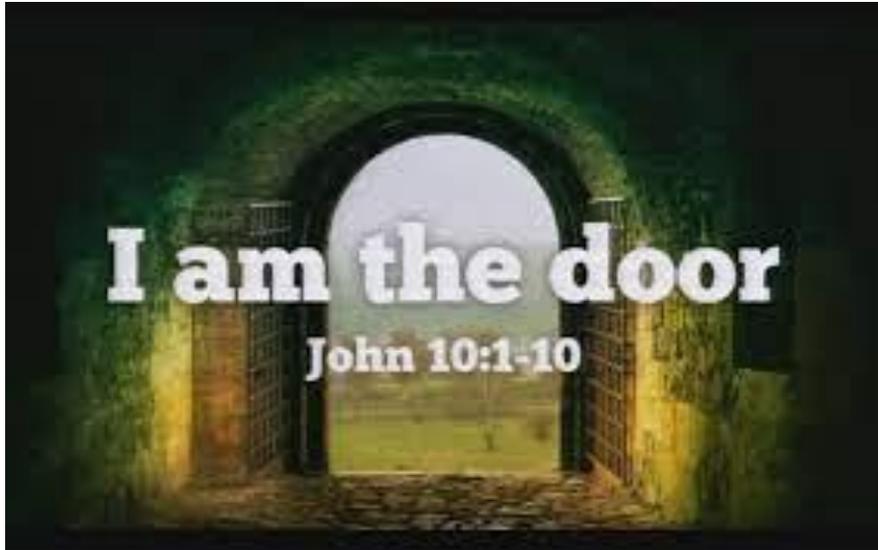


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**SUNDAY WORSHIP MARCH 20, 2022, 11:00 AM
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

GREETING AND WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sometimes our worship is a parade, a celebration, a gathering of people expressing their joy.

People: Sometimes our worship is an adventure, a quest, a gathering of people searching for meaning.

Leader: Sometimes our worship is a funeral, a fast, a gathering of people seeking comfort in their grief.

People: Among us today are people who have come to march, people who have come to search, people who have come to weep... Yet we all come to acknowledge God and to love each other.

Leader: Now let us come with open minds, open hearts, and open arms, that we may be filled with what we find that for which we have come and that which also surprises us.

All: Let us worship God!

HYMN THERE IS A REDEEMER

There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son, and leaving Your Spirit till Your work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names; Precious Lamb of God Messiah, O for sinners slain. Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son, and leaving Your Spirit till Your work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face; There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son and leaving Your Spirit till Your work on earth is done.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*) Merciful God, we confess that we have not always loved you with our whole heart. We have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Too often our hearts are cold and without gratitude. Too often our hands are passive and unwilling to carry out acts of mercy. Too often our lips are pursed tightly, unwilling to speak words of love. Too often we are alienated and separated from our better self and from You. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost, but now I'm found Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

My chains are gone, I've been set free My God, my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

My chains are gone, I've been set free My God, my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love Amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine But God who called me here below Will be forever mine

My chains are gone, I've been set free My God, my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love Amazing grace

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Psalm 118:10-24

10 All nations surrounded me; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! 11 They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! 12 They surrounded me like bees; they blazed like a fire of thorns; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! 13 I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the Lord helped me. 14 The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. 15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; 16 the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly." 17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. 18 The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. 20 This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. 21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. 22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. 23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. 24 This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN' AT YOUR DOOR

Somebody's knockin' at your door; Somebody's knockin' at your door; Oh sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door

(Knocks like Jesus) Somebody's knockin' at your door; Somebody's knockin' at your door; Oh sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door

(Can't You Hear Him?) Somebody's knockin' at your door;(Can't You Hear Him?) Somebody's knockin' at your door; Oh sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door

(Jesus calls you) Somebody's knockin' at your door; (Jesus calls you) Somebody's knockin' at your door; Oh sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door

(You trust him) Somebody's knockin' at your door; (You trust him) Somebody's knockin' at your door; Oh sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE John 10:1-10

10 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. 7 Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who ever came [a]before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

MEDITATION – “I AM the Door,” Week 3, Lenten Sermon Series

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; See, on the portals He's waiting and watching, Watching for you and for me. Come home, come home, Ye who are weary come home. Earnestly tenderly Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? Come home, come home, Ye who are weary come home. Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O Sinner, come home."

O for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me; Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. "Come home, come home, Ye who are weary come home: Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home."

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 Apostles' 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 on 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. Amen.

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

Upcoming Birthdays/Anniversaries: Nikki Bunting, March 21; Deb Kacerek-Cooley, March 28; Marlene Lambert, April 6; April Tyrburski, April 8

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 WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and tie shall be no more, and the morning breaks eternal, bright and fair. When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore, and the roll is called up yonder I'll be there! When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there!

On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise, and the glory of his resurrection share. When His chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies, and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there! When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there!

Let us labor for the master from the dawn till setting sun, let us talk of all His wonderous love and care; Then when all of life is over and our work on earth is done, and the roll is called up yonder I'll be there! When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there!

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

THIS Wednesday Night - Lenten Bible Study, March 23, 6:30 - 8:30 PM In-Person and Via Zoom (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

THIS Wednesday, Bible Study and Tea, 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.

NEXT 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.

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"

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<https://larisonscorner.org/contributions/>. You may also give on

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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 by using your camera on your cell phone over the image to the right and following the link to make your donation.*



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

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

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