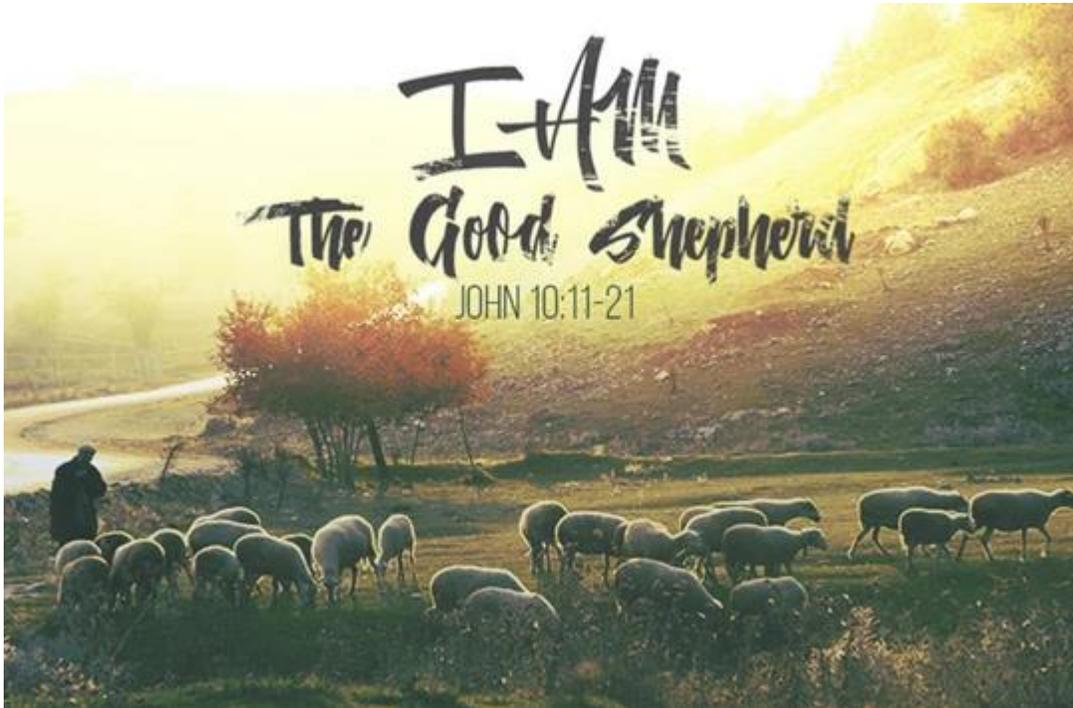


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**SUNDAY WORSHIP MARCH 27, 2022, 11:00 AM
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

GREETING AND WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls us by name to follow him.

People: **When we hear our name spoken, we are drawn to the voice.**

Leader: We do not fear because we know the Shepherd cares for us.

People: **Our hearts rejoice as we place our trust in Jesus.**

Leader: Good Shepherd, we hear you and we come with thanksgiving!

People: **We gather for worship to sing songs of praise!**

All: **Let us worship God!**

HYMN SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Thy tender care; In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare: Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are, Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us; Be the Guardian of our way; Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Hear us when we praise and pray, Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Hear us when we praise and pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be; Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and make us free: Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor; Early let us do Thy will; Gracious Lord, our only Savior, With Thyself our bosoms fill: Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still, Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*) Patient and loving God, we stand at the gate and peer through. We know we create our own ways thinking that we know what is best. Too often we ignore the voice who guides us to peace and to hope. Over and over, we wander aimlessly and then wonder why we find ourselves lost. Help us, this day, to change our ways and to listen to your voice. Empower us to place our trust in the Shepherd who promises never to fail us or forsake us. Forgive us for our many mistakes. We ask this in Christ's Name, 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

SPECIAL MUSIC “Wonderful, Merciful Savior” Choral & Chime’s Choirs

A TIME FOR THOSE WHO ARE YOUNG

HYMN I CANNOT TELL

I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship, should set his love upon the sons of men, or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers, to bring them back, they know not how or when. But this I know, that he was born of Mary when Bethl'em's manger was his only home, and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured, and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered, as with his peace he graced this place of tears, or how his heart upon the cross was broken, the crown of pain to three and thirty years. But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear and lifts the burden from the heavy laden; for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations, how he will claim his earthly heritage, how satisfy the needs and aspirations of east and west, of sinner and of sage. But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory, and he shall reap the harvest he has sown, and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship, when at his bidding every storm is stilled, or who can say how great the jubilation when every heart with love and joy is filled. But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture, and myriad myriad human voices sing, and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer, 'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Psalm 23 (in unison)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

HYMN ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME

All the way my Savior leads me What have I to ask beside? Can I doubt His tender mercy? Who through life has been my guide? Heavenly peace, divinest comfort here by faith in Him to dwell For I know whate'er befall me Jesus doeth all things well For I know whate'er befall me Jesus doeth all things well

All the way my Savior leads, cheers each winding path I tread. Gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread. Though my weary steps may falter and my soul a-thirst may be Gushing from a rock before me Lo! a spring of joy I see. Gushing from a rock before me Lo! a spring of joy I see

And all the way my Savior leads me Oh, the fullness of His love! Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above. When my spirit clothed immortal wings it's flight to realms of day This my song through endless ages Jesus led me all the way This my song through endless ages Jesus led me all the way

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE John 10:14-15, 22-30

14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; 26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one."

MEDITATION – "I AM the Good Shepherd," Week 4, Lenten Sermon Series

HYMN: MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name; in pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream. You bring my wand'ring spirit back. when I forsake your ways; you lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay; one word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand in sight of all my foes doth still my table spread; my cup with Blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

Your sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; oh, may Thy house be my abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at 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 “THIS I BELIEVE” by Bruce Prewer

I believe I need a shepherd because I am sometimes timid and other times overconfident. ...Because I often don't know the best path and yet pretend I do. ...Because I rush into dead ends or lead others into hazardous places. ...Because my brightest ideas are seamed with darkness... Because the things I crave may not be what is good for me. I need a shepherd. I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd; his wisdom leads me to the best opportunities, his Word comforts me when I'm anxious or afraid, his arm steadies me when I feel weary and heavy-laden, his wounded body displays the cost of my rescue. I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd. I believe that I do not find him but he finds me, that I am under his care by virtue of sheer grace. The love he gives me is to be shared with others. That he treasures my name and prepares a place for me. That his fold transfixes earth and heaven. I trust Jesus, the Good Shepherd. AMEN.

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

Upcoming Birthdays/Anniversaries: Tomorrow! Deb Kacerek-Cooley, March 28; Marlene Lambert, April 5; April Tyrburski, April 8; Arlene Knaub, April 10; Patrick Martin, April 11; Ruth Chiesa, April 14

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 GENTLE SHEPHERD

Gentle Shepherd come and lead us For we need you to help us find our way
Gentle Shepherd come and feed us For we need your strength from day to day
There's no other we can turn to Who can help us face another day Gentle Shepherd
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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.

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 30, 6:30 - 8:30 PM In-Person and Via Zoom (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

Per Capita – In support of Presbytery, Northeast Synod, and General Assembly Staff & Mission, we submit "dues or per capita" per member. To contribute, share \$40 and mark it for Per Capita. If possible, consider helping to cover other members who may not be able to. Any amount would be appreciated.

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.

Bible Study and Tea, Wednesday, April 13, 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.

Prayer and Praise for a New Great Awakening: Celebrating George Whitefield Preaching to a Crowd of 5,000 at Amwell, 1740, Sunday, April 24 at 3 PM, Pleasant Ridge Cemetery (Site of the Original Amwell Presbyterian Church), Old York Road (Route 514), Ringoes, NJ Come join The Rev. John Potter for this program of prayer, hymns, and refreshments. For more information, contact Rev. Potter, 908-303-6657 or johnfpotter@comcast.net

LARISON'S CORNER FLEA MARKET, May 7th, 9am – 2 pm - Our Corner Club is planning a Flea Market for Saturday, May 7th (Rain Date May 14). Spots are available for anyone who wants to sell items for \$20.00 each. Larison's Church will have a table if you want to donate just a few items for the church to sell. Hot Dogs, Water, and Bake Sale Items will be also be "For Sale." **Help is needed for setting-up on Friday, May 6th. Help is also needed for: Baking Baked Goods, Setting-Up Pop-Up Tents, Selling Food Items, Manning the Church Table, and Other Errands.** So, if you would like to Sign-up for a "spot" for \$20, contact Ruth Chiesa at: 908.507.9757. Or if you would like to help with clean-up, cooking, etc., please reach out to any of the following: Ruth and John Chiesa, Kathy Kovacs or Lois Riggs.

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://larisoncorner.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.*



SAVE-THE-DATE - Pig Roast & Ice Cream Social, Saturday, June 11, 4-7PM.

Volunteers are needed to help make cole slaw, baked beans, and help with set-up & clean-up. See Lois Riggs for more info.



**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**

Session

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

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