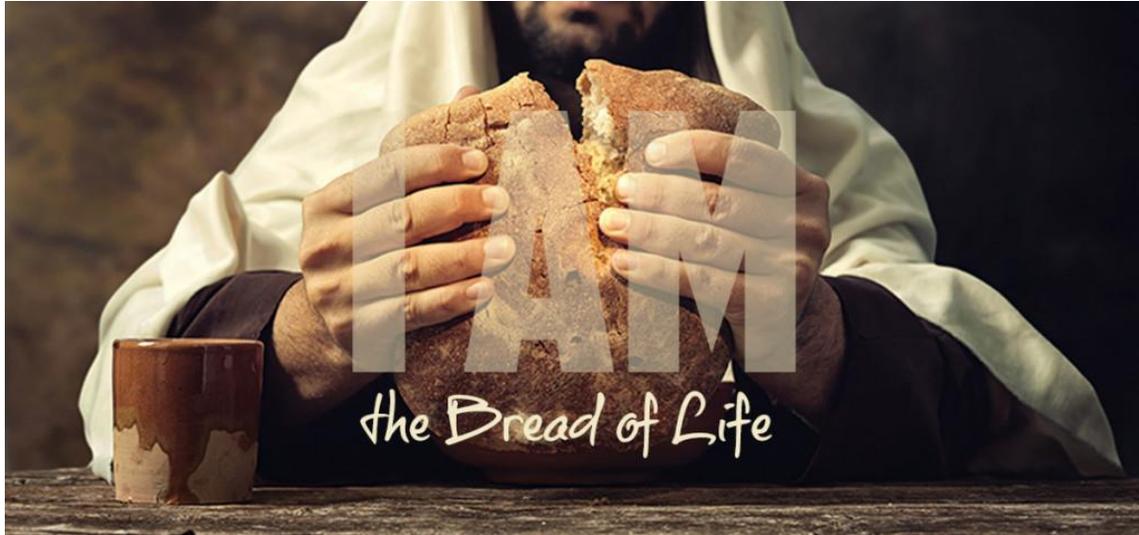


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**SUNDAY WORSHIP MARCH 6, 2022, 11:00 AM
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / COMMUNION SUNDAY**

GREETING AND WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the season of Lent, a season to remember the sufferings of Jesus Christ.

People: A season to remember that to follow Christ is to take up our crosses and to be servants of all.

Leader: A season to remember Jesus' question, "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?"

People: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Simon the Cyrene, might help to bear the cross

Leader: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Pilate and Caiaphas and the crowd, continue to nail Christ to the tree.

People: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Peter, are afraid and turn away.

Leader: A season to ask ourselves what we, like the woman with the fine ointment, have to offer.

People: A season to give sacrificially to others

Leader: A season to watch and wait with Christ, that we may have courage in the hour of testing.

People: A season to proclaim with Mary Magdalene that Christ is not dead but alive!

All: Let us worship God!

HYMN I COME WITH JOY

I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord, Forgiven, Loved, And Free; In Awe And Wonder To Recall His Life Laid Down For Me.

I Come With Christians Far And Near To Find, As All Are Fed, The New Community Of Love In Christ's Communion Bread.

As Christ Breaks Bread And Bids Us Share, Each Proud Division Ends; The Love That Made Us, Makes Us One, And Strangers Now Are Friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

Together Met, Together Bound, We'll Go Our Different Ways; And As His People In The World, We'll Live And Speak His Praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*) Almighty and eternal God, we thank you that you have not left us alone in our sin and despair. Loving us, you have brought us good news and set before us the way of Life. Yet we confess that we have failed to see the way. In stubborn pride we have spurned your mercy and your help. In selfishness we have turned away from those who need us. We have allowed ourselves to be crushed by troubles, as though Christ had not been raised at all. Forgive our faithlessness, and grant that we may know new life and hope, in the spirit of the resurrection. 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 LAMB OF GOD

Your only Son no sin to hide But You have sent Him from Your side To walk upon this guilty sod And to become the Lamb of God Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God I love the holy Lamb of God Oh wash me in His precious blood My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified They laughed and scorned Him as He died The humble King they named a fraud And sacrificed the Lamb of God Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God I love the holy Lamb of God Oh wash me in His precious blood My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

I was so lost I should have died But You have brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and rod And to be called a lamb of God Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God I love the holy Lamb of God Oh wash me in His precious blood My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Exodus 16:1-8 Bread from Heaven

1 The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. 2 The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 3 The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." 4 Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In

that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. 5 On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” 6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, 7 and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” 8 And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE John 6:35-40

35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37 Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; 38 for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

MEDITATION – “I AM the Bread of Life,” Week 1, Lenten Sermon Series

HYMN LOAVES WERE BROKEN, WORDS WERE SPOKEN

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore. Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore. By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light. By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here. Jesus speaks across the ages: “I am with you; do not fear!” By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care. By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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.

A LENTEN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, Father, Creator; who gives us steadfast love, and shares with us our joy, Our God sustains us in our weakness, and empowers us with His strength. We trust Him. We follow Jesus Christ, God's Son. His death is our victory, His resurrection is our hope; in Him the Word became flesh; in Him we find forgiveness, renewal from failure, reconciliation from brokenness, and release from despair. We are saved through Him. We are guided by the Holy Spirit, God's presence in the world. That same Spirit calls us to be the Church, to celebrate love, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen. We are empowered through Him. We are disciples, pilgrim people. We joyfully covenant to walk together in love. To live in fellowship, in life, in death, in life beyond death. God is with us! We are not alone! Thanks be to God!

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Upcoming Birthdays/Anniversaries: Kristina Wengryn, Mar 7, Joan Rogers, Mar 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 LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees; when I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees; when I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees; when I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

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.

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, Bible Study and Tea, 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.

THIS Wednesday Night Lenten Bible Study, 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

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!

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

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!

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” 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.*



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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