

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



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP APRIL 3, 2022, 11:00 AM
COMMUNION & FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

GREETING AND WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the door" (John 10:9)

People: **Through Jesus we enter into a new life.**

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the true vine" (John 15:1)

People: **From him we branch out to do his work.**

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12)

People: **We are enlightened by his presence and have the light of life.**

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6)

People: **His Words of Truth guide our way in the darkness**

All: **Let us worship God!**

HYMN TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word. Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone. By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be; Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide; And run not before Him, whatever betide. In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul, Each thought and each motive beneath His control. Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love, Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

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

A TIME FOR THOSE WHO ARE YOUNG

HYMN: HOW BEAUTIFUL

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth. How beautiful the feet that walked the long, dusty roads and the hill to the cross. How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead. How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise. How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

And as He laid down His life, we offer this sacrifice, that we will live just as He died; willing to pay the price, willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King, How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth. How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43:16-21

16 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, 17 who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 18 Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. 19 I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. 20 The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, 21 the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE John 15:1-9

1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

MEDITATION – “I AM the True Vine,” Week 5, Lenten Sermon Series

HYMN COME SHARE THE LORD

We gather here, in Jesus' name, His love is burning in our hearts Like living flame; for through the Loving Son, the Father makes us one; Come, take the bread Come, drink the wine, Come share the Lord.

We'll gather soon where angels sing, we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King. Now we anticipate the feast which we wait. Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.

For He will feed us with His presence here this bread and wine will do us good. Our deepest hungers He will satisfy, for He is life and peace and rest and drink and food

He joins us here, He breaks the bread

No one is a stranger here, one belongs; Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

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 & LORD'S PRAYER

Upcoming Birthdays/Anniversaries: 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 IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

In remembrance of me, eat this bread, In remembrance of me, drink this wine, in remembrance of me pray for a time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick, in remembrance of me, feed the poor, in remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, Let him in.

Take, eat and be comforted; drink and remember too. That this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed of you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me fast falls the eventide, the darkness deepens, Lord with me abide! When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, Oh, abide with me

Sift to its close ebbs out life's little day, earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changes not, abide with me

I need Thy presence every passing hour; what but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide in me.

I need no foe with Thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight and tears no bitterness, Where is death's sting? Where grave, thy victory? I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou the cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O lord abide with me.

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

You are the vine, we are the branches keep us abiding in You. You are the vine, we are the branches keep us abiding in You. Then we'll grow in Your love, the we'll grow in Your name. That the world will surely know That you have power to heal and save You are the vine, we are the branches. Keep us abiding in You.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

NEXT SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 11 AM - On Palm Sunday, we wave palms and remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on a donkey.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, THURSDAY APRIL 14, 7 PM - On Maundy Thursday we remember the night before Jesus was betrayed. We will observe the sacrament of Holy Communion and reflect on Jesus' last night with his closest friends in the upper room. Come and join us.

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE, FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 7 PM - On Good Friday we commemorate the cross and acknowledge Christ as the sacrificial lamb. In Christ's death on the cross, he took upon himself the sins of the world to offer forgiveness for all. A Tenebrae Service means "darkness" or "shadows" with somber music, prayers, scriptures, silence and darkness. As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ's suffering and death. Service is **INSIDE** the sanctuary with folding chairs.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP, SUNDAY, APRIL 17 6:30 AM SUNRISE, 11 AM TRADITIONAL - Come join us to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! At both services, there will be music, prayers, a time for the young, and an Easter homily. **Sunrise Service 6:30 AM** – in Larison's Corner Parking Lot and bring your own chairs. **Traditional Easter Service at 11:00 AM INSIDE THE SANCTUARY** –folding chairs available or bring your own chairs as our pews are not here yet

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. All are invited to join the Singing/Choral Choir and/or the Chimes Choir. Do you play a musical instrument and you would like to share in worship? 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, April 6 (and April 13), 6:30 - 8:30 PM In-Person and Via Zoom - We learn from those who participated in a dramatic way in the Passion Story which includes the suffering and death of Jesus.

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.

Easter Flower Dedications – Help us decorate the church for Easter by donating flowers! Flowers can be given "in honor of," "in memory of," or "in thanksgiving of." Dedications will be included in the Easter Bulletin. Please fill out the order sheets and/or contact Barri-Lynn Everitt for more info: blynneveritt@yahoo.com.

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. Contact 908-303-6657 / 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 also be "For Sale." **Help is needed for setting-up on Friday, May 6th & 7th and for: Baking Baked Goods, Setting-Up Pop-Up Tents, Selling Food Items, Manning the Church Table, and Other Errands.** To Sign-up for a "spot" for \$20, contact Ruth Chiesa at: 908.507.9757. And to help with clean-up, cooking, etc., please reach out to 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://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.*



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



EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Help us decorate the sanctuary with flowers for Easter! Donations are being taken by The Corner Club. You may donate any amount to contribute to the purchase. Dedications will be listed in the Easter Bulletin.

Your Name _____

For each donation:

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

or to the Glory of God if no dedication name is listed.

*See reverse side if additional dedications are needed

Please make checks out to
"The United First Presbyterian Church" and in the Memo, write Easter Flowers. Cash is also welcome.

Contact Barri-Lynn Everitt for more info at: blynneveritt@yahoo.com or 908-715-2239

Thank You!

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Session

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

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Class of 2023

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