

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



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MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 14, 2021 7 PM

Minister: The Reverend Courtney B. Cromie

PRELUDE "I Am The Bread of Life" Michael Talbot

GREETING AND WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is a night to remember where we remember the Passover that Jesus shared with His disciples.

People: We remember His new covenant of broken bread and cup.

Leader: We remember His night alone in the garden in prayer.

People: We remember His arrest and trial. We remember His suffering and the denial of His friend.

Leader: We remember His sinless hands which were spread wide in blessing and then nailed high on a cross to cancel our sins.

People: We remember this night and thank God for Jesus' presence with us.

All: Let us Worship God!

HYMN O JESUS, JOY OF LOVING HEARTS

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, the light of men, from fullest bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to thee again.

Your truth unchanged has ever stood, You save all those who on You call; to those who seek you, You are good, to those who find you, all in all.

We taste You Ever Living bread, and long to feast upon You still; we drink of You, the Fountainhead, our thirst to quench, our souls to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for You, where'er our changeful lot is cast, glad when You smile on us anew, blest that our faith can hold You fast.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*) - Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak ...when we have failed to serve as Jesus served; forgive us. When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us; forgive us. When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then denied him by our actions; forgive us. Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; 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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TIME FOR THOSE WHO ARE YOUNG

HYMN HERE O OUR LORD, WE SEE YOU FACE TO FACE (*Tune of Spirit of God Descent Upon My Heart*)

Here, O our Lord, we see You face to face; here would we touch and handle things unseen, here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all our weariness upon you lean.

Here would we feed upon the bread of God, here drink with you the royal cup of heaven; here would we lay aside each earthly load, and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

This is the hour of banquet and of song; this is the heavenly table for us spread. Here let us feast and feasting still prolong the fellowship of living wine and bread.

Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear. The feast, though not the love is past and gone. The bread and wine remove, but You are here, nearer than ever, still our shield and sun.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

A POEM FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY - Read by Deborah Kacerek-Cooley

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 116: 8-19

8 For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. 9 I walk before the Lord in the land of the living. 10 I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted"; 11 I said in my consternation, "Everyone is a liar." 12 What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? 13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord 14 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. 15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. 16 O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. 17 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. 18 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, 19 in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Matthew 26: 17-22

17 On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" 18 He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" 19 So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. 20 When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; 21 and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." 22 And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?"

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Matthew 26: 23-30

23 He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. 24 The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” 25 Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.” 26 While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” 27 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” 30 When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

HOMILY “My Time is Near”

HYMN AN UPPER ROOM WITH EVENING LAMPS (Tune of “Abide with Me”)

An upper room with evening lamps ashine, the twelve disciples, and the table spread; now in our turn Christ bids us pour the wine, and in remembrance bless and break the bread

We see by faith upon the cross displayed His body broken and His blood outpoured; in that dread robe of majesty arrayed we gaze in worship on the dying Lord.

Dead for our sins, yet reigning now above, still to our hearts we find His presence given; take for ourselves the pledges of His love, foretaste and token of that feast in heaven.

So send us out to love and serve and praise, filled with His Spirit, as the Master said: love, joy and peace the wine of all our days, Christ and His life our true and living bread.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

SOLO – “Let Us Break Bread Together” – Barri-Lynn Everitt

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

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.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY As Children of God, we affirm that God, who is Love, created all and called it good, that God is present with all of creation, and that, in darkness and in light, God is faithful; therefore we, too, seek to be faithful. That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face, that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf, and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation and hope. That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us, that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment, and that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way; therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit; discerning, loving and transforming our world. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN NOW LET US FROM THIS TABLE RISE (Tune: The Tallis Canon)

Now let us from this table rise, renewed in body, mind and soul; with Christ we die and rise again, his selfless love has made us whole.

With minds alert, upheld by grace, to spread the Word in speech and deed, we follow in the steps of Christ, at one with all in hope and need.

To fill each human house with love, it is the sacrament of care; the work that Christ began to do we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Do This in Remembrance of Me"*

Bryl Red

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Friday Tenebrae Service – TOMORROW Friday, April 15 at 7 PM On Good Friday we look upon 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. **We will be having a service of Tenebrae, meaning "darkness" or "shadows,"** Tenebrae has been part of the church since medieval times and in the monastic community. The service is a meditation on Christ's suffering. Readings are from Christ's passion story with somber music, prayers, scriptures, readings, silence and darkness. As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ's suffering. At the end-Christ's candle helps us anticipate the joy of Christ's victory over death. Service is in the sanctuary and folding chairs are available or bring your own chairs.

Easter Worship THIS Sunday, April 17

Sunrise 6:30 AM & Service in the Sanctuary at 11:00 AM

Come join us as we celebrate the joy of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Easter is the oldest festival of the church year and a celebration of the most glorious of days. He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Easter Sunrise Service is at 6:30 AM and takes place outside in Larison's Corner Parking Lot. **Please Bring your own seating.** There will be music, prayers, a time for the young, and an Easter homily. Let us celebrate the Risen Lord as the sun comes up on a new day. Donuts and Coffee will be available.

The 11 AM Easter Worship is a traditional Easter Service inside our sanctuary. Come and celebrate the Risen Lord with us! Folding chairs are available or bring your own chairs.

We 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 Thursday evenings. All are invited to join the Singing/Choral Choir and/or the Chimes Choir. Do you play a musical instrument and want to share in worship? Contact Sharon Keyes, our Director of Music, for more information.

Bible Study and Tea, Wednesday, April 27, 3 PM Lois Riggs will be leading Tea & Bible Study which meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 3 pm. Tea and English pastries served. To learn more information, speak to Lois Riggs. Join anytime.

Wednesday Night Bible Study, May 4 & May 18, 7:00 - 8:30 PM In-Person and Via Zoom – Come and study God's Word the with us the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays with Pastor Courtney. To learn more email pastorcourtney@larisonscorner.org.

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.

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.

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.

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:

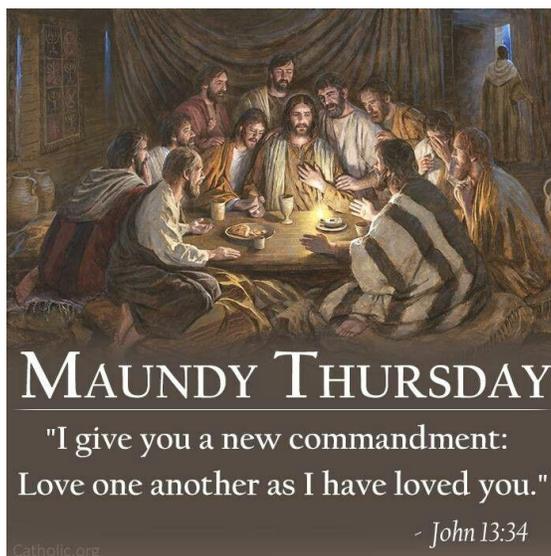
<https://tithe.ly/give?c=4558529> - Once you are in Tithely, you

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.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

"I give you a new commandment:
Love one another as I have loved you."

- John 13:34

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Session

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

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Corner Club

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