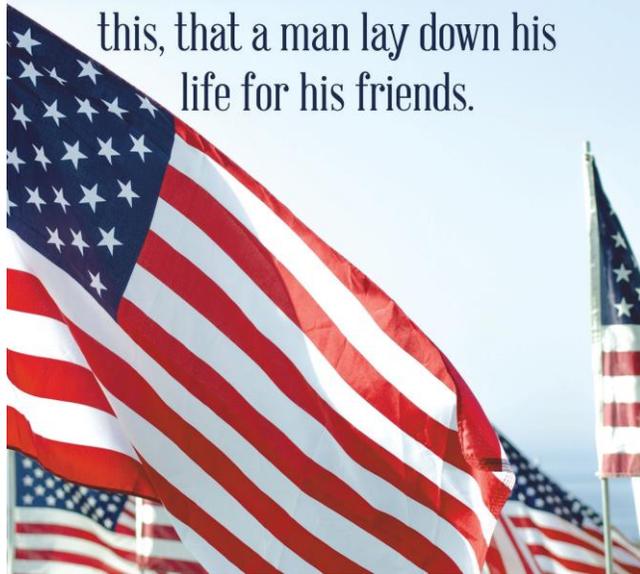


The United First Presbyterian Church
of Amwell at Larison's Corner

REMEMBERING
THOSE WHO HAVE
SACRIFICED

John 15:13

Greater love hath no man than
this, that a man lay down his
life for his friends.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP, MAY 29, 2022, 11:00 AM

“Memorial Day Sunday”

Minister: The Reverend Courtney B. Cromie

GREETING AND WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In a world filled with violence and war,

People: **We gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.**

Leader: In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

People: **We gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.**

Leader: In a world filled with hunger and greed,

People: **We gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.**

Leader: Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,

People: **The Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.**

All: **Let us Worship God!**

A CANDLE FOR THE LOSS OF CHILDREN IN TEXAS

HYMN BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored
He has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword
God's truth is marching on
Glory, Glory hallelujah
Glory, Glory hallelujah
Glory, Glory hallelujah
God's truth is marching on

God has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat
and is sifting out all human before the judgment-seat
Oh, be swift, my soul to answer
Oh, be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on
Glory, Glory hallelujah
Glory, Glory hallelujah
Glory, Glory hallelujah
God's truth is marching on

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me
As he died to make men holy let us live to make men free
While God is marching on
Glory, Glory hallelujah
Glory, Glory hallelujah
Glory, Glory hallelujah
God's truth is marching on

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their life for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Empower us to work for your Kingdom in this world, and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the next. 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

HYMN ETERNAL FATHER STRONG TO SAVE

Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm does bind the restless wave, Who bids the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep; O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word The winds and waves submissive heard, Who walked upon the foaming deep, And calm amid the rage did sleep; O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood Upon the waters dark and rude, And bid their angry tumult cease, And give for wild confusion peace; O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r, Your children shield in danger's hour; From rock and tempest, fire, and foe, Protect them where-so-e'er they go; Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

A TIME FOR THOSE WHO ARE YOUNG

SPECIAL MUSIC - GOD BLESS AMERICA - Larison's Corner Choral Choir

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE, 1 2 Kings 2:1-6

2:1 Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 2:2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. 2:3 The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." 2:4 Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. 2:5 The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." 2:6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE, 2 2 Kings 2:7-15

2:7 Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 2:8 Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. 2:9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." 2:10 He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." 2:11 As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. 2:12 Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. 2:13 He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. 2:14 He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over. 2:15 When the company of prophets who were at Jericho saw him at a distance, they declared, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." They came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

MESSAGE "Going out in Glory"

HYMN MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride, From ev'ry mountainside Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills. My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song; Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake; Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, To thee we sing; Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light. Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King!

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 TIME OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE FOR MEMORIAL DAY

UNISON PRAYER (From Refuge & Strength – Theodore W. Edwards, Jr.)

As we pause to life out hearts and minds in prayer, let us be mindful of those who have laid down their lives in the service of their country. O God, we ask your strength, that we might dedicate ourselves to perfecting your kingdom of peace and justice among the nations. Let us give thanks for the many blessings of freedom which we possess, purchased at the cost of many lives and sacrifices. Fill us with courage to fulfill our tasks and in no way break faith with the fallen. We commend these fallen to your mercy and ask that you give them eternal rest. This we ask and pray in your name, Amen.

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

TODAY Luz Pons, May 29, Lois & Richard Riggs Anniv - May 29, & TOMORROW, Carol & Nelson Ward's Anniv - May 30, Betty Jane Biache, June 5, Teresa Martin, June 5, Sandy & Chris O'Hagen Anniv - June 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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From A Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

HYMN AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL – The Chime's Choir and Congregation

Oh, beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.

Oh, beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress A thoroughfare of freedom beat Across the wilderness! America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw, Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law.

Oh, beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife, Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life! America! America! May God thy gold refine, Till all success be nobleness, And ev'ry gain divine.

Oh, beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP every Sunday at 11 AM! - Worship is live-streamed on Facebook at 11 AM; Recordings of worship available at a later date.

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP OUTSIDE, June 6, 11 AM COMMUNION & PENTECOST,
Guest Preacher: Mark Spildooren (Pastor Courtney is away for a Memorial Service)

THIS WEDNESDAY, June 1, 7:00-8:30 pm We will have bible study with both Men and Women in-person and/or online with Zoom. Pastor Courtney leads this Study.

Wednesday, June 8, 3PM – Tea and Bible Study – Tea & Bible Study meets the Second and Fourth Wednesdays at 3 pm. Tea and English pastries served. Men and women are invited to attend. Join anytime. To learn more, contact Lois Riggs.

Flea Market, June 11, 9 AM – 2 PM 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 items for the church to sell. Water and Bake Sale Items will be sold. **Help is needed for setting-up on Friday, June 10, for Baking & Selling Goodies, Manning the Church Table, etc..** So, if you would like to Sign-up for a "spot" for \$20, or if you would like to help with set-up, clean-up, please reach out to any of the following: Kathy Kovacs, Barri-Lynn Everitt or Lois Riggs.

Pig Roast & Ice Cream Social, Saturday, June 11, 4-7PM. We are hosting a pig roast and homemade ice cream social! Adults \$12.00, Children Under 10 \$8.00 / Rain or Shine. Take out/Under a Tent Fresh Pulled BBQ Pork, Homemade Cole Slaw & Baked Beans, & Homemade Ice Cream ***Volunteers needed to help with serving, set-up & clean-up, selling tickets, etc. See Lois Riggs for more info**

Music Ministry Update: Choral Choir Rehearsal & Chimes' Rehearsals are Thursday evenings. All are invited to join the Choral Choir and/or the Chimes Choir. Do you play a musical instrument? Contact Sharon Keyes, Director of Music, for more info.

Food Drive for Those in Need –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. Place donations in bin outside side entrance of the church. 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. Know a family who needs help? contact 908.782.1177 or admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org

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 give on Facebook in our "about" section or by clicking here: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=4558529> - Once in Tithely, you can set up a one-time gift, ongoing gifts, or a special gift. **Give today with your cell phone camera on the image to the right and follow the link.*



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Charlie Rogers

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