

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



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SUNDAY WORSHIP, MAY 8, 2022, 11:00 AM

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GREETING AND WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today, we celebrate God's goodness through the gift of women who have been our mothers and mother figures who have loved and shaped us.

People: We recall with gratitude all the ways these women continually demonstrate Your sacrificial love to us.

Leader: Like a righteous mother, surround us with Your arms of grace, protect us from harm, touch us with Your amazing love, and fill us with Your grace.

All: Let us worship God!

HYMN JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, the Son above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest, Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest! Loving Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are Thine; Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus, Which the morning stars began; Father love is reigning o'er us, Human love God's holy plan. Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife, Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*) Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, in Christ's Name

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 – Recognition of Mothers

HYMN ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

The purple headed mountain, The river running by, The sunset and the morning, That brightens up the sky

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OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 1:24-28 - 24 When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. 25 Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. 26 And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. 27 For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. 28 Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.” She left him there for the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Ephesians 6:1-3 - 1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “Honor your father and mother” - this is the first commandment with a promise 3 “so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

MEDITATION – “Hannah: A Model for Mother’s Day”

SONG A MOTHER’S DAY PRAYER – HANNAH’S SONG

My sweet baby on loan from above
No better treasure could I more love
I stand here beside your bed as I pray
I lay my hand on your head and I say
May you grow up to serve Him
All of your days May He lead you and guide you
In all of your ways
May His hand bless your future with Friendships that last
May you cherish your youth
And not grow up too fast

I stare in wonder at your tiny frame
Just to think that God knows you by name
He knows every hair on your beautiful head
He knows all your thoughts before they are said
May you grow up to serve Him
All of your days May He lead you and guide you
In all of your ways
May His hand bless your future with Friendships that last
May you cherish your youth
And not grow up too fast

WORDS: May God grant you peace
In the midst of a storm
May God give you strength even
When you’re forlorn
May you answer the door when Jesus comes knocking
May wisdom guide you
when Your mouth is talking
May discretion protect you
And keep you pure
May you never stumble
Or fall for a lure
May your heart remain humble
To the very end
May uprightness and truth
Be what you defend
May the world not ensnare
Or change who you are
May the light that’s within you
Shine like the stars
May angels surround you
Body, spirit, mind
May favor and peace be yours to find
May rejection and pain
Never reach you
May your spirit grow bold
For what you’re called to
As you rest in
God’s care
I will rest too
Knowing that Jesus is watching over you
Amen “I love mommy”

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.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR MOTHER'S DAY

We believe in God, Creator and Sustainer of all that lives; the One in whose image all are made; the One who kept covenant with Sarah and Abraham and never forgot Hagar, answered Hannah's deepest prayer, and gave songs to Miriam, Deborah and Mary; the One who loves, hears and sings over us still today. We believe in Jesus Christ, Redeemer and Savior of all who believe; the One who loved Martha and Mary; the One who fed the crowds, healed the woman who bled, raised Jairus' daughter and Lazarus; the One whose love, life, death and rising re-creates us still today. We believe in the Spirit, Comforter and Interpreter for all who cry out; the One who came in fire and wind; the One who gave courage to Esther, caused David to dance; and made John leap in Elizabeth's womb, the One who breathes life into the Word still today. We believe that the Body of Christ is made up of hands large and small, hearts old and young, legs strong and weak, and feet made beautiful as they carry the Good News to the nations.

SONG COAT OF MANY COLORS

Back through the years I go wonderin' once again
Back through the seasons of my youth I recall
a box of rags that someone gave us
And how my momma put the rags to use
There were rags of many colors
And Every piece was small
And I didn't have a coat
And it was way down in the fall
Momma sewed the rags together
Sewin' every piece with love
She made my coat of many colors
That I was so proud of

As she sewed, she told a story
From the Bible, she had read
About a coat of many colors
Joseph wore and then she said
Perhaps this coat will bring you
Good luck and happiness
And I just couldn't wait to wear it
And momma blessed it with a kiss

My coat of many colors
That my momma made for me
Made only from rags
But I wore it so proudly
Although we had no money
I was rich as I could be
In my coat of many colors
My momma made for me

So with patches on my britches
And holes in both my shoes
In my coat of many colors
I hurried off to school
Just to find the others laughing
And making fun of me
In my coat of many colors
My momma made for me

I couldn't understand it
For I felt I was rich
And I told 'em all the love
My momma sewed in every stitch
And I told 'em all the story
Momma told me while she sewed
And how my coat of many colors
Was worth more than all their clothes

But they didn't understand it
And I tried to make them see
That one is only poor
Only if they choose to be
And I know we had no money
I was rich as I could be
In my coat of many colors
My momma made for me
Made just for me

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

Upcoming Birthdays/Anniversaries: Christine & Hector Molini Anniv May 8; Amanda Wengryn, May 11; Mark Spildooren, May 14; John & Donna DeVico Anniv, May 16; Zena Tredinnick-Kirby, May 19

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 LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down, fix in us Your humble dwelling, all Your faithful mercies crown. Jesus, Lord of all compassion, love unbounded love all pure. Visit us with Your salvation; let Your love in hearts endure.

Finish, then, Your new creation; pure and spotless gracious Lord. Let us see Your great salvation perfectly in purest love. Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we sink before Your mighty, lost in wonder, love and praise.

BENEDICTION

A Prayer for Mothering Sunday



Loving God, thank you for mums and children and for all the joy of family life.

Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother; be close to those who are struggling because they have no children; be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love.

Let your love be present in every home, and help your church to have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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.

SESSION MEETS THIS TUESDAY, MAY 11, AT 7:30 PM

THIS SATURDAY, MAY 14! POSTPONED FROM YESTERDAY DUE TO RAIN - HELP NEEDED! VENDORS NEEDED! Larison's Corner Flea Market, May 14th, 9am – 2 pm - Our Corner Club is planning a Flea Market Spots are available for those who want to sell new or used 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. **DONATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER TODAY.** Hot Dogs, Water, and Cookies will also be "For Sale." **Help is needed for setting-up tables, pop-up tents, etc. on Friday, May 13th & Saturday, May 14th** Folks are also needed to bake cookies! **On May 14th we need help Selling Food Items, Manning Church Table, and Other Errands.** To Sign-up for a vendor "spot" for \$20, contact Ruth Chiesa at: 908.507.9757. To help w/clean-up, cooking, etc., please reach out to Ruth and John Chiesa or Lois Riggs.

THIS Wednesday Bible Study and Tea, May 11, 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. *There is no Tea and Bible Study on Wednesday, May 25

NEXT SUNDAY - Great is Thy Faithfulness: Celebration of Hymns and Their Stories, May 15, 11 AM We will sing the old, traditional hymns we love and learn their stories in this Service of Celebration of Hymns & Their Stories. Come join us!

Trivia, Bingo, & Game Night, Monday, May 16 7-8:30 pm A fun night of Trivia, Games, Fellowship, and Fun Snacks. There will be prizes too!

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

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.

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.

Scottish Heritage Sunday, Sunday, May 22 at 11 AM We will celebrate the Scottish Heritage of our Presbyterian Church with Scottish music, Scottish Psalter, and bagpipes.. Wear something plaid and bring an item to be blessed! Everyone is welcome—bring your friends

Craft Night, Wednesday, May 25 6:30-8:30 pm We will be making Memorial Day/Patriotic Crafts. \$5 suggested donation. Come out and join us – invite a friend!

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.

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

This June, we return to hosting a pig roast and homemade ice cream social! Adults \$12.00, Children Under 10 \$8.00 / Rain or Shine. Take out, indoor or under a tent dining MENU: Fresh Pulled Barbequed Pork, Homemade Cole Slaw and Baked Beans, & Homemade Ice Cream ***Volunteers are needed to help with baked beans, set-up & clean-up, selling tickets, advertising, etc. See Lois for more info.**

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.*



Session

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

Class of 2022

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Class of 2023

Lysa Reiter
Lois Riggs
Charlie Rogers

Class of 2024

Betty Jane Biache
Ruth Chiesa

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Bill Heilman
Jodi Reed

Donna DeVico
Marlene Lambert

Judy Grignon
Paula Melbourn

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