

Linway United Presbyterian Church
July 26, 2020 9:15 a.m. Bulletin for Worship

Prelude

Nancy Kelley, Organist

Greeting and Announcements

Gathering Prayer: (unison) **Eternal God, protector of all who put their trust in you, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy: fill us with your Spirit and guide us in our witness. May we remember that all we do is to be done in response to what you have done for us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Call to Worship:

L: *Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength,*

P: they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

L: *they shall run and not be weary,*

P: they shall walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31).

L: Come, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

I Love You, Lord

Please refrain from singing

*Invitation to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession: **Holy God, your love for us is like a gentle wind that is forever guiding us along. Yet how often we turn away from your support and attempt to push ahead in our own way. We prefer our plans and miss seeing how we might seek your will. We believe that it is by our own efforts that we accomplish the deed or possess the reward. With our preoccupation with worldly things, we often miss the spirit of joyful thanksgiving. We live without gratitude and languish in isolation. Forgive us our sin, O God. Open our eyes that we may receive that which you have given to us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*Declaration of Pardon:

L: In Jesus Christ we have the assurance that we dwell not alone.

P: The Holy Spirit bestows the truth promised by Jesus Christ.

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Special Music

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:26-39

Morning Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and Organ Response

Sermon: "**Love: A Four Letter Word**"

Rev. Dr. Mary Louise Russell, Guest Speaker

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Invitation to the Lord's Table:

L: Friends, this is the heavenly table spread for us.

P: Our Savior invites those who trust in Him to share the feast which He has prepared.

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Give thanks to God.

P: God's love endures forever.

Prayer of Consecration and Thanksgiving

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

The Response:

L: Lord Jesus Christ, around your table we have celebrated our unity with you and with brothers and sisters of faith in all ages. We pray for your Church in the world, that she may continue to reach out to those who have not yet welcomed you into their lives.

ALL: Risen Lord, give us strength to share in the work and witness of your Church, that every knee would bow and every tongue confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Blessed Assurance

Please refrain from singing

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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***Indicates those who are able to please stand**

Place attendance card in basket at door when exiting. Include name, address, telephone, & email. Please place offering in box when exiting the Sanctuary. Please use restrooms in Preschool Hallway.

THANK YOU for your patience and understanding!

Please Remember In Our Prayers:



Helen Alexander, John Arnold, Dennis Bernhardt, Betty Brinker, Bill Chobanic, Clay & Lois, Clark Danner, Dorothy, Cindy Druga, Mike Feigh, Betty Frommell, Gloria, Jason & Jackie, Karen, Wendie King, Audrey Koppel, Linda, Edward Lloyd, Rita Marrow, Miller Family, Nellie Nicholls, Anne Nutter, Nan Oskin, Carol Pascarella, Pat, Fran Pepler, Ann Puscaric, Renee, Doreen Sever, Linda Smith, Michelle Smith, Cindy Taylor, Jim Welsh, Irene Young

Scripture Readings

The following scripture readings have been suggested by the Presbytery for July 26:

Genesis 29: 15-28

Psalms 105: 1-11, 45

Romans 8: 26-39

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

This is a great opportunity to double your monetary gift for the Pantry! Since we are combining all donations given through Linway, no monetary amount is too small.

If you'd like to help, **please mail your donation to Linway or place in the offering plate. Checks should be made payable to "Linway Church" and in the memo line mark that it is for "MA's Pantry".**

This December, MA's is suspending the Giving Tree Program in which church members purchase & wrap presents for pantry recipients. Instead, MA's is asking those who normally purchase a gift, to instead make a \$20 monetary donation through Linway by August 18 so that it may be matched by the Pittsburgh Foundation. This way, the amount you normally spend on a gift at Christmas may be doubled, and Ma's can use those funds to purchase Christmas gift cards for its recipients.

MA'S

MATCHING GIFTS

1. YOU DONATE.

2. THEY MATCH.

3. DOUBLE THE IMPACT.

Matching Donations for MA's Pantry Through the Pittsburgh Foundation's Day of Giving:

The Pittsburgh Foundation will match online gifts given to them on August 19 for our local Food Bank, MA's Pantry! Linway will collect monetary donations for MA's Pantry through August 18 and will make one online gift from Linway.