

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

Prelude

Nancy Kelley, Organist

Greeting and Announcements

Gathering Prayer: (unison) **Grant us, O Lord, the grace to do and think according to your will and purpose. May our lives be a visible witness to your love for us. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Call to Worship:

L: God gives us one day at a time:

P: long enough for laughter to follow any tears;

L: deep enough for prayer and silence to share space together;

P: time enough to help someone in need;

L: time to notice beauty and praise the Creator;

P: time to embrace a friend, smile at strangers, play with children, and praise God for the day we are given.

L: Come, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

And Can It Be

Please refrain from singing

*Invitation to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession: **Persistent and loving God, you are forever drawing near to us, always calling us to follow, faithfully beckoning us to trust you in the deeper waters of life. Yet how often we choose easier paths and turn away from your still small voice. We see our limitations but not your assurance of blessing. We wallow in guilt and refuse to believe the Good News is for us, as well as for all who will receive it. We miss your summons in the beauty of the day, the words of a friend, of the hope that underlies discouragement. Forgive us our sin, O God. Speak to our hearts, lift us from despair, and place us on the path of discipleship once again. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Declaration of Pardon:

L: *Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:68).*

P: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4).

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

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Special Music

Scripture Reading: Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

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

Sermon: **"Not Who We Were"**

Rev. Eric E. Dennis, Pastor

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Closing Hymn

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

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.

Please Remember In Our Prayers:

Helen Alexander, John Arnold, Dennis Bernhardt, Betty Brinker, Bill Chobanic, Clay & Lois, Clark Danner, Deneen, Dorothy, Cindy Druga, Dziak Family, Mike Feigh, Betty Frommell, Gloria, Jason & Jackie, Karen, Wendie King, Audrey Koppel, Karen Kordalski, 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

No Linway Flea Market: due to Covid-19, the Fundraising Committee has decided it would be best to postpone the annual August Linway Flea Market until next year.



It's Back! Linway Chicken Barbecue: Sat., August 15 2:00-6:00 (or when all chix is sold)
Pull into our East Parking Lot (across from Big Ross Hoagie) to order. No need to exit your car! A volunteer will approach your car to take your order. Cost: \$10.00 per dinner includes half of a delicious barbecued chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll & butter, and a bottle of water.

Remember: Everyone looks forward to our Chicken BBQ and in June we sold out before 6:00.

Volunteers are needed to help in a number of ways both Friday & Saturday, Aug. 14 & 15. If you can help on Friday at 11:00 with preparing the chicken and cleaning the potatoes, please contact Scott Gray at 412-977-8254. Saturday help is needed setting up outside, taking orders, and clean-up afterwards. Contact Jamie Stewart at 412-419-7179 if you are able to help on Saturday. **Saturday's volunteers are asked to park in the West Lot (the Getgo side of the church).**

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.

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".

Last year's effort raised \$19,993.24 for MA's—in just one day! This year's goal is \$22,000.

Scripture Readings

The following scripture readings have been suggested by the Presbytery for this week:

Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

Psalms 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45

Romans 10: 5-15

Matthew 14: 22-33

Christmas in August

& you get to be MA's Santa Claus!

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.

Remember, MA's Pantry receives nothing from the Pittsburgh Foundation if donations aren't made. When you give, the Pantry will receive your gift and the MATCHING funds.