**Linway United Presbyterian Church**
**January 31, 2021 10:30 a.m. Bulletin for Worship**
**The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

Prelude
Greeting and Announcements
Gathering Prayer: (unison) **Loving God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and make known your glory in the renewal of our lives. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**
Call to Worship
L: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts.
**P: The whole earth is full of his glory**.
L: Hear the voice of the Lord who says, *whom shall I send, and who will go for us?*
**P: May God hear me when I say, *Here I am, send me!***
L: Come, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Please refrain from singing
Invitation to Confession Gwenn Heshizer, Liturgist
Unison Prayer of Confession: **O God, we confess that we would rather seek you on the mountaintop, than in the valley of everyday life. We confess that we would rather be dazzled by your splendor, than obey your commands in the wilderness of our lives. We confess that we find it easier to worship the wonder-working Jesus, than to follow the Lamb of God, who was obedient unto death. Merciful God, forgive us our sin. Help us to discover your presence in our lives, and to serve your will in the work and witness, the mission and ministry of your church. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**
Declaration of Pardon
L: *Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God; let us hold fast to our confession*.
**P: *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but we have one who, in every respect, has been tested as we are, yet without sin*** (Hebrews 4:14-15)**.**
L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:
**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

*Gloria Patri - *Please Stand* Please refrain from singing
Special Music
Scripture Reading: Psalm 111
Morning Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and Response
Sermon: **"Don't Forget the Focus"** Rev. Eric E. Dennis
*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed
Closing Hymn *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name* Please refrain from singing
*Charge and Benediction
*Postlude

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

*Hallelujah! I will praise the LORD with all my heart !*
-Psalm 111:1

## When Attending Worship Services in the Sanctuary

-We ask that you please complete an attendance card & place it in the basket when exiting the Sanctuary in case contact tracing becomes necessary. Include name, address, phone, & email.
-Please place any offering in the box when exiting the Sanctuary.
-Please use the restrooms located in the Preschool Hallway.

**Please Remember In Our Prayers**: John Arnold, Tracy Augustin, Charlotte Ban, Pat Brant, Betty Brinker, Clark Danner, Janet Doherty, Mike Feigh, Betty Frommell, Richard Hickox, Nancy Kelley, Kim, Audrey Koppel, Jean Lawton, Linda, Linderman Family, Edward Lloyd, Lois, Rita Marrow, Carol Pascarella, Bill Patterson, Dorothy Churchfield Pavlik, Joey Pecar, Ann Puscaric, Renee, Patty Rodgers, Michael Spingola, Rose Stark, Barbara Stoop, Tom Szmuc, Wilma Taylor, Peg Torbich, Ed Waszkiewicz, Ted & Linda Wirth, Irene Young

### Scripture Readings

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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20, 10 — Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13 — Mark 1:21-28

The family of Fran Peppler would like to thank the Linway congregation for remembering their mother in prayer.

**Valentine Boxes:** Monetary donations are being collected by the Deacons to send treat boxes to our college students/ military members. Donations to help with shipping & purchasing items can be placed in the offering box or mailed to church. Please mark that it is "For Valentine Boxes". Thanks!

### Soup-er Bowl of Caring: Sunday, Feb. 7

Monetary donations for our local food bank, Ma's Pantry, will be collected through Feb. 7. Donations can be placed in the soup pot or mailed to church. Please mark that it is "For the Soup-er Bowl". Thanks!

**Church Security** this week: Rob Trout

### Annual Meeting of the Congregation Today, Jan. 31 at 11:30 a.m. In-Person & On-Line

We will hear reports from the Committee Chairpersons of activities during the 2020 calendar year. Members are encouraged to remain in the Sanctuary at the conclusion of the worship service for this meeting. Those at home may join the meeting via Zoom using this log-in information:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89812279886?pwd=d2pRL3k3M3NWclQzUGRhYUw5YmdXZz09

Meeting ID: 898 1227 9886
Passcode: 935549

Committee Chairpersons: Don't forget to please prepare a short presentation about your committee's activities in 2020.

Our sympathy is extended to the Thornton Family. Tom's father, John Thornton, went home to be with our Lord on January 19.

### 2 Volunteers Needed at MA's Pantry

Two Friday mornings each month at 9:00 a.m. to help load/unload the truck. See Linway Newsletter for more info or call 412-848-1407.

**Meals on Wheels:** Thank you to those who gave monetary donations towards a dessert or who purchased dessert for Meals on Wheels!

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