Welcome!

We are glad you are worshiping with us today! Since our founding in the 1950s, we at Little River United Church of Christ (UCC) have been called by God to celebrate diversity, independent thought, and faithful action. This call led us to become racially integrated in the segregated Virginia of the 1950s. That same call led us in 2001 to become open to and affirming of LGBTQ+ folks, including full access to the rites of ordination and marriage. Today, we build on our heritage of proclaiming God’s radically inclusive love to our congregation, neighborhood, and world by nurturing individual and congregational spirituality, serving our community, and advocating for all God’s creatures and creation. We’d love to have you join us in these sacred tasks! You may make your presence known by emailing us at office@lrucc.org. Welcome!

Worship and Meeting Changes in Response to Coronavirus

We are excited to start welcoming members and friends back to the sanctuary for in-person worship. Remember for in-person service to observe social distancing and masks are required for everyone at all times. There will be no congregational singing or in-person coffee hour. Coffee hour socializing will continue to occur online via Zoom. Worship will also continue to be offered online via Zoom.

NOTE: Children's Sunday School is now being offered outside on the back patio for children from kindergarten through fifth grade during the 10 am worship service. Be sure to dress your children for the weather - it can get chilly in the shade. Please check with an usher for the location of the class if the weather is not conducive to be held outdoors.

Service Credits

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Communications at Little River UCC

Little River UCC produces a weekly e-newsletter, Current Tidings, and periodically sends out Alerts (emails with significant, time-sensitive information). All submissions for the weekly Bulletin, Current Tidings, and online Currents should be submitted to the office by Wednesdays at noon. We also send out a monthly print newsletter, Current Reflections. To receive any of these communications, please send an email to currents@lrucc.org or call the church office to give us your contact information.

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SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude

Prelude on St. Martin's
Mark Fax

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Arthur L. Cribbs, Jr.

CALL TO WORSHIP
Sallyanne Harper

One: We may come here for a glimpse of glory,
All: But Jesus asks us: “Can you drink the cup that I drink?”

One: The cup of Jesus’ own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope.
Fullness of life! We may come here to get close to Jesus,
All: And Jesus asks us: “Can you be baptized with my baptism?”

One: Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships! We may come here for honor or fame,
All: But Jesus challenges us: “To become great you must serve!”

One: Why are we here?
All: To drink the cup of fullness of life; to immerse ourselves in Jesus’ struggle for justice and peace;

One: To learn how to serve so that the world may be healed. Amen.

Hymn

Seek Ye First the Kingdom
Cranham
(See back of bulletin for music insert)

Invocation
Sallyanne Harper

Holy Dwelling Place, your tent is wide enough to provide shelter for all who seek you, food for all who hunger, and healing for all who suffer. Meet us here today, and fill us with confidence in your presence, that we may risk sharing Jesus’ cup and his baptism so the world may become the place of love and justice you desire for all. Shelter us with your light, and clothe us with your heavenly garments. Teach us how we may best serve ourselves and one another on this daring adventure. Amen.

Passing of the Peace
Arthur L. Cribbs, Jr.

In Person: Please remain seated and wave or offer a peace sign
Online: Please insert words of peace in the chat box

Anthem
Brother James’s Air
The Women of the Sanctuary Choir
arr. Gordon Jacob
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, your people are gathered together in your house to worship you. They are here to feel your presence and to be assured your love endures forever. Your people seek your word to do your will. Let your light shine so they will know again that you are God and there is no other god. Come now and heal us and make us whole. Come, O God, for your people are ready to receive Your Word. Amen.

SALLEYANNE HARPER

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 53:4–12; Mark 10:35–45

SALLEYANNE HARPER

SERMON

“GREAT SERVICE”

ARTHUR L. CRIBBS, JR.

MISSION MOMENT

BRUCE SUMMERS AND BARBARA LOWREY

CALL TO OFFERING

You can give your offering to Little River UCC by mailing a check to the church, or by visiting the Donate Online page on our website. Thank you.

SALLEYANNE HARPER

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SALLEYANNE HARPER

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host.

ARTHUR L. CRIBBS, JR.

THANKSGIVINGS & CONCERNS

If you have a prayer concern or thanksgiving to celebrate, we encourage you to share with the congregation at this time. Those worshiping in person are welcome to come to the floor microphone one at a time and share. Those worshiping on Zoom are welcome to type their prayer in the chat box for a deacon to share in the service on your behalf. Please add your name to the prayer request so we will know whom the request is coming from.

If you do not wish to share your prayer concern with the congregation, you may always email Pastor Art at pastorart@lrucc.org.

ARTHUR L. CRIBBS, JR.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ARTHUR L. CRIBBS, JR.
THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.
    Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
    Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
    For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN 602  O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
(SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MUSIC INSERT)

BENEDICTION
    Our worship has ended; it is time for our service to begin.
    We have been called to leave the sanctuary and go into the world
    as the people of God who are unafraid, unashamed, and unapologetic.
    And so we go now to be audacious, bodacious, and courageous. Amen.

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE  Voluntary in F

TODAY

Coffee Hour and Fellowship  11:00 a.m.
All are welcome to stay on worship service Zoom and in the Sanctuary to share thoughts,
reflections, and fellowship.

“Forward with Faith” Stewardship Campaign  Month of October
The Stewardship Committee continues the 2022 LRUCC Annual Stewardship Campaign
today and through the week of October 24. Our theme this year is “Forward with Faith.”
We need your help and cordially invite you to complete a Pledge Form to make a donation to
support our church Operating Fund.

You and your family should have received letter in the mail with:

    · An Invitation to give/Facts about the campaign
    · A Pledge Form, and
    · A Guide to Giving

Information is also available on the church’s website and Facebook pages including a virtual
Pledge Form; visit https://www.lrucc.org/news/2022stewardship.
2022 is an important year: we will likely call a new senior pastor, we will move forward with faith as we transition to more in-person events, programs, and ministries for youth and all ages. Thank you for your support financially, but also for the time and talent you contribute to our church and other communities.

Bruce Summers, Doreen Manchester, Adam Honeysett, Jenny Planert and Ruth Duncan
LRUCC Stewardship Committee

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**This Week and Beyond - Events and Meetings**

**Fellowship Hour on the Patio**  Wednesday, October 27 - 12:30 p.m. (new time)
LRUCC has ended our weekly Wednesday prayer calls and will transition to a monthly in-person fellowship hour on the Little River Church patio. This is an opportunity for all of us to enjoy some face time together during the week with the Pastor. All are welcome! Everyone is encouraged to bring their own lunch/snacks and drinks. If the weather is not conducive for outside seating, arrangements will be made to be indoors.

**Fun in Film Event**  Friday, October 29 - 6:00 p.m.
The Board of Christian Education invites Little River UCC to attend a Fun in Film night on Friday, October 29, beginning at 6 p.m. All are invited to bring their lawn chairs, a picnic supper if desired, and meet on the patio. There will be outdoor games and a time to chat before we show our feature film, *Wallace and Grommet: Curse of the Were-Rabbit*. In the event of inclement weather, we will move indoors to the Social Hall. This event is free. Please bring a mask. For more information, contact Sarah Wilbur at dhakamedic@hotmail.com.

**Remembering Loved Ones Recently Deceased**  November 7
On November 7, we will offer prayers of thanksgiving for loved ones who have died during the past 12 months. We invite you to contribute the names of family members and close friends whose loss you mourn. Please email office@lrucc.org or call the church office at 703-978-3060 with the name of the individual and your relationship to that person. Information will be collected through noon on Tuesday, November 2.

**Meditation Group Meeting**  Sundays - 9:00 a.m.
The Little River Meditation Group will meet every Sunday via Zoom Video Conferencing during this time of social distancing. All are welcome to join in at 9:00 am as the group explores meditation as a contemplative practice that helps to quiet the mind. Meetings will end at 9:50 a.m., just in time for participants to make it to the online worship services. Below is the information to join the meeting. Questions? Contact Sallyanne Harper at Saharper1@verizon.net. Join in here:
Meeting ID: 152 414 500; Passcode: 015001
Upcoming Pilgrim Youth Fellowship (PYF) Events

PYF Movie Night
Friday, October 22 - 6:30 p.m.
The PYF (youth in grades 6-12) are invited to October PYF Movie Night, 7 p.m. on the patio of Little River. Please bring your lawn chairs, snacks/picnic supper, drinks, and a mask. We will begin with a brief meeting, followed by a cartoon and our featured film.

PYF Ropes Course Event
Sunday, October 24
The youth of the church (grades 6-12) are invited to participate in our upcoming Ropes Course event at Climb Upton in Arlington, on Sunday, October 24, in the afternoon. Please see the Sign Up Genius [link to sign up genius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849ADA92FA64-ropes) to sign up or or contact Sarah Wilbur at dhakamedic@hotmail.com.

Helping Hands Needed - Being in Service

Hygiene Drive to Support Local Shelters
LRUCC members are invited to donate hygiene items, in travel or full size, and/or personal items listed below to support two local charities: Sasha Bruce Youthwork and Friends of Guest House. Donations will go to a new shelter Sasha Bruce is opening for at-risk youth in Suitland, Maryland, and to Friends of Guest House, a local shelter in Alexandria, Virginia, that helps women successfully reenter the community from incarceration.

The following items can be dropped off through October 24 at LRUCC before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays or on Sundays when in person worship services are held: Razors; Shampoo; Soap; Toothpaste; Deodorant; Lotion; Shaving Cream; Fleece Blankets; Wash Cloths; Journals; Adult Coloring Books; Marker/Colored Pencils. Travel size items will be combined into hygiene kits for Sasha Bruce youth. Gender neutral items are preferred. Thank you for your generosity!

Neighbor to Neighbor Welcoming New Immigrants (formerly Homework Club) and Afghan Refugees Assistance Needed
This is Homework Club’s New Name, because our first name no longer represented the scope of our work. We are grateful to you, Little River members, for your generous support of our work through gift cards and volunteering. Here are ways to continue with help: 1) donate Target gift cards with receipt attached—you may drop them off at the church office Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. or leave them in the basket at the welcome desk on Sundays; 2) volunteers for English practice; 3) volunteer drivers; 4) mentors to help families become adjusted. 5) If you have furniture or household goods to donate, please contact Lutheran Social Services; their office is located in Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Little River Turnpike. [www.homesnotborders](http://www.homesnotborders) will pick up in Fairfax County if there is a larger number of items. Janet Parsons Mackey is the representative from Little River to the planning team, and is happy to respond to questions or concerns at j.parsmack@gmail.com.
Volunteers Needed to Teach Church School

Volunteers Needed to Teach Church School on Sundays. Email Emily Makos at ejmingus@gmail.com if you would be willing to teach Church School this year.

Volunteer for New Worship Media Team

Volunteer for New Worship Media Team on Sundays. If you are interested in helping our staff run Sunday service via Zoom and have a passion for media and technology, volunteer for the new Worship Media Team by emailing office@lrucc.org.

Volunteers Needed for Sunday Front Door Greeters

Volunteers Needed for Sunday Front Door Greeters on Sundays. The sign up sheet for Front Door Greeters for Sunday worship services is located on the bulletin board in the atrium. Please sign up for a Sunday. Arrive at 9:20 a.m. with a smile on your face and greet the people coming for the service. There are no meetings, just a smile needed! For questions or more information contact Bunny Jones, 703-218-9888 or mkbjones@cox.net. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed To Help with Worship Service

Volunteers Needed To Help with Worship Service on Sundays. The Board of Deacons invites members and friends of the congregation to assist in leading worship by volunteering to be a greeter, liturgist, or prayer person on Sunday mornings during our hybrid services. Sign up to volunteer here!

Food Pantry Drop-offs

Food Pantry Drop-offs. Little River is still collecting donations of non-perishable food items, toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, baby wipes, and feminine hygiene products for neighbors in need across Northern Virginia. Items especially needed are: fruit cups or canned fruit, peanut butter, canned vegetables, tomato sauce, dry pasta, dish soap, diapers, dry beans, rice, Maseca (corn) flour, powder milk. Donations can be dropped by the front door of the church on Wednesdays before 5:00 pm. If you would like to arrange a different drop-off time, please contact the church office at office@lrucc.org. Please be mindful of expiration dates. Items may stay in the food pantry for extended time until donated. Thank you for your continued support and faithful giving during these challenging times!

Flower Donation

Flower Donation. Have you noticed the beautiful flowers in the sanctuary? If you would like to give flowers on the Sunday of your choice on a first-come basis you may email office@lrucc.org. Please include in your email address, the date you would like to give flowers, and a dedication (in honor, in celebration, or in memory) you would like to have listed in the bulletin. If you would like a certain type of flower, you can contact Ms. Ruth Duncan at 703-944-4874. The flowers typically cost between $75 and $100; the amount of your check is at your discretion. Please make a check payable to Little River United Church of Christ, and designate “Flower Fund” on the memo line and mail the check to Little River Church, 8410 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003.
More Church News

Today is Virtual and In-Person Worship. We welcome members and friends back in the sanctuary for in-person worship as we continue to offer worship online via Zoom. Please keep in mind that no childcare will be offered, masks are required for everyone at all times, and there will be no congregational singing or in-person coffee hour. Coffee hour socializing will continue to occur online via Zoom. Thank you for your patience and support!

Intentional Interim Pastor Update
Our Transition Process toward calling a Senior Pastor has begun with the completion of our Sacred Listening Circles. Now, the next step involves our Sacred Vision Circles where we share our hopes and desires for Little River UCC into the future. What do you need and want from our church? How might we look in the future as we seek to share God’s Good News for all people?

Also, we have placed a DROP BOX in the church where you can write a note with your comments, concerns, suggestions, and vision. You may include the names of persons and situations you have experienced that benefited the congregation; or, they may have hurt the church or you, personally. This is a confidential process. Your privacy will be preserved.

Please feel free to talk to any member of the Intentional Interim Team, if you have any questions or concerns. Dropping a note in the box is both pragmatic and healing. We will read your notes and respond, privately and individually. Putting a note in the box also represents a spiritual letting go.

Intentional Interim Team:
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Events of the Week of October 17, 2021

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“Seek Ye First the Kingdom”

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Norman Elliott, 1951

Gustav Holst, 1906

1. “Seek ye first the king-dom: ’tis your Fa-ther’s will” — so the voice of
2. As for hid-den trea-ure or for match-less pearl, when at last dis-
3. As the si-lent leav-en works its se-cret way, or as grows the
4. As the ten-der seed-ling grows up tall and strong and the birds of
5. Hum-blest shall be great-est, poor in spir-it reign; home shall come the

1. Je-sus bids us fol-low still. Sav-ior, we would hear thee,
2. cov-ered, some will sell their all; so, when breaks the vi-sion
3. seed grain through the night and day; Lord, so be the in-crease
4. heav-en to its branch-es throng, so shall all God’s chil-dren,
5. child-like, born thro’ thee a-gain; ea-ger hearts ar-rive there

1. fol-low, find, and see, and in life’s ad-ven-ture thy dis-ci-ples be.
2. of that king-dom fair, ours shall be its rich-es and its beau-ty rare.
3. peace-a-ble but sure, of thy word with-in us, and thy king-dom’s power.
4. from the east and west, gather to his king-dom, in its shad-ow rest.
5. on the pil-grim’s road. Hail! the king-dom glo-rious of the liv-ing God!
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1. O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly
paths of service free; tell me thy secret;
help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
winning word of love; teach me the wayward
feet to stay, and guide them in the home-ward way.

3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer,
dearer company, in work that keeps faith
sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

4. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the
future’s broadening way; in peace that only
thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

WORDS: Washington Gladden, 1879
MUSIC: Henry Percy Smith, 1874