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-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude
Prelude on 'St. Patrick’s Breastplate'
RICHARD PEEK

Welcome & Announcements
REV. DR. ARTHUR L. CRIBBS, JR.

Call to Worship
Psalm 127
CHRIS WEAKLEY

One: Unless our God builds the house, its builders labor in vain.
All: We have come into this house, built by the Holy One, to worship the God of Creation.

One: Unless our God watches over the city, those who watch stand guard in vain.
All: We have come to listen to the stories of people who throughout the generations have shown us the way by their trust in the promises of God, who is always watching over us.

One: The widow who gives her last coin and Naomi and Ruth who are lifelong companions for each other remind us of the risks we are free to take with confidence that God is present through times of plenty and times of want, all along our journey through life.
All: So let us celebrate this gathering which can bind us together. Give thanks that we are no longer strangers with God’s people here or throughout the nations.

One: Let us worship God!

Hymn
Gladly to God’s Holy Temple
MICHAEL
(see back of bulletin for music insert) verses 1–3, 5

Invocation
CHRIS WEAKLEY

Everliving God, instill in us, we pray, the trust and self-giving that your Word imparts to us. Teach us again during this time together that you are always with us. Remind us that all that we have is a gift from you and is meant to be shared. The Holy Spirit calls and empowers us to live beyond our own desires. So, send your Holy Spirit, we pray, that we might be overcome with its liberating courage and sustenance. Amen.

Passing of the Peace
REV. DR. ARTHUR L. CRIBBS, JR.

In Person: Please remain seated and wave or offer a peace sign.
Online: Please type your words of peace in the chat box. We will not unmute at this time.
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Thank you, loving and merciful God, for calling us out of the busyness of our lives and into this space made sacred by its purpose for us to worship and honor you. For you alone are God and there is no other god but you. Your mercy endures forever and gives us peace. Breathe on each of us right now and allow us to feel your empathic presence. You are the Breath of Life. Renew and restore us. Fill our hearts with courage and surprising joy. Give us the single desire to praise and worship you with enduring souls. Amen.

SCRIPTURE
Ruth 3:1–5; 4:13–17
Mark 12:38–44

CHRIS WEAKLEY

SERMON
“Risk and Restoration”
REV. DR. ARTHUR L. CRIBBS, JR.

MISSION MOMENT
DREW NETTINGA

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.

CHRIS WEAKLEY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
CHRIS WEAKLEY

DOXOLOGY
OLD HUNDREDTH

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

THANKSGIVINGS & CONCERNS
REV. DR. ARTHUR L. CRIBBS, JR.

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.
Remembering Those Who Have Died

Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Cribbs, Jr.

After the reading of the names and the tolling of the bell, you are invited to come forward to light a candle in remembrance of those you have lost. Please maintain social distance and respect the flame. Those on Zoom may add names to the chat to be read by a deacon and included in the sanctuary with a candle.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. 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.

Sacrament of Communion

Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Cribbs, Jr.

Invitation

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Sharing the Cup

For those worshiping online, please have your own bread and juice, or whatever elements you would like, ready to share in communion together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn 637 For All the Saints Sine Nomine
(see back of bulletin for music insert)

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Cribbs, Jr.

Sisters and brothers, neighbors and companions, our worship has ended and now it is time for our service to begin. We are the people of God, called to take the church out of the sanctuary and into the streets. Let us go unafraid, unashamed, and unapologetic. Let us leave this space and be audacious, bodacious, and courageous. Amen.

Postlude Fantasy on ‘Sine Nomine’ Michael Bedford

Today’s sanctuary flowers are given by the Hartzler Family in memory of Bill Hartzler and by the Wallace Family in memory of Don Wallace.
Those We Remember

Don Collins  Member, Little River UCC
Paul James Crepeau  Friend, Little River UCC
Jim McLuckie  Member, Little River UCC
Siggi Moser  Member, Little River UCC
Donald Wallace  Member, Little River UCC
Beth Jones  Friend, Little River UCC
Jim Toner  Friend of Fran DuRocher
Martin Leonard  Son of George & Ruth “Terry” Leonard
Bob Griesse  Brother of Ron Griesse
Virginia Rank Griesse  Sister-in-Law of Ron Griesse
Jennifer  Friend of Mary Summers
Mary Payne  Grandmother of Adam Honeysett
Frances Matkins  Aunt of Dave Shepherd
Gary Sykes  Brother of Carol Henning
Bill Henning  Brother-in-Law of Carol Henning
Terry Dick  Brother-in-Law of Carol Henning
Sue Quaschnik  Sister of Joe Christiansen
Scott Miller Chase  Cousin of Joe Christiansen
Lucinda Thomas  Mother-in-Law of Jonnalee Christiansen Nichols
Peggy Gott  Friend of Jane Filkins
Jim McRae  Friend of Jane Filkins
Virginia Nowell  Friend of Jane Filkins
Ken McFarland  Friend of Jane Filkins
Nan Finch Stevens  Grandmother of Susan Davis
Barbara Tennis  Aunt of Chris Weakley
Joanna Elpers  Friend of Chris Weakley & Chris Stevens
Thomas Ertter  Grandson of Jane Wallace
Margaret Rapier  Friend of Jane Wallace (Son’s Mother-in-Law)
Maria Rosenfeld  Friend of Jane Wallace
Jan Mather  Friend of Jane Wallace
Richard H. Ross  Uncle of Barbara Lowrey
Lynne Xavier  Friend of Emily Wheelock-Davis & John Davis
Tom Howe  Cousin of Carrie Douglas
Rosa Machado  Friend of Carrie Douglas
The Rev. Sidney Lovett  Friend of Carrie Douglas and
Former Pastor of Rock Spring UCC & CAC Minister

Medardo Jimenez Escobar  Grandfather of Deniz, Gary, & Wayne Lopez
Father of Yolanda Jimenez
Today

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

Memorial Service for Donald Wallace 2 p.m.
All are welcome to join in-person or via Zoom for a service celebrating the life of Don Wallace.

Neighbors in Need Offering Sunday, November 14
Each year Little River participates in five special offerings with the broader United Church of Christ. The 2021 Neighbors in Need “Unfailing Love” offering supports organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities. We invite you to support the Neighbors in Need offering through November 14 with a gift online, in worship during the offering, or by mail to the church office. Please indicate “Neighbors in Need” in the memo if you send a check.

Reconciliation Sunday Sunday, November 21
This year Little River is setting aside a special time to bring forward the worries, concerns, and unfinished issues that clog our lives. Life is an experience with faith. We honor the Creator in worship and service to people beyond ourselves. Amid all the various things we do, we make mistakes. We fall short and sometimes we stumble. No matter what we do or happens to us, we have the assurance of God’s mercy.

On Sunday, November 21, we invite you to bring the weight of your life to the sanctuary and release whatever burdens you are carrying. Also, come with a spirit of Thanksgiving and express your gratitude for the marvelous things God has done for you. We will share in a moment of reconciliation, healing, and renewal.

Whether you are online or in the sanctuary, our worship will focus on the many things for which we are thankful and those issues and concerns that give us pause. Please plan to join us as we offer ourselves to God with the faith we are never forgotten or forsaken.

Upcoming Pilgrim Youth Fellowship (PYF) Events

PYF Book Club Sunday, November 14 - 9:30 a.m.
The PYF Book Club is open to youth in grades 6-12. Please wear a mask and bring a water bottle. RSVPs recommended but not required. RSVP and/or submit book recommendations to Sarah Wilbur at dhakamedic@hotmail.com.
“Forward with Faith” 2022 Stewardship Campaign

Good News: We offer our sincere thanks to the LRUCC Members and Friends who have already made a pledge. We are getting new pledges every day and we are well past the 50% mark for both 2022 Stewardship Pledges and for the number of pledges we hope to receive.

However, we still need your help. We would like to raise between $535,000 and $575,000 for 2022. Our goal for reporting purposes is $560,000. Pledges fund the Church Operations Budget. We use these funds to support our Church Ministries, Programs, Benevolences, our Staff salaries and benefits, also for the maintenance of our Building and Grounds.

Pledging is easy:
- You can complete and submit an “Online Pledge Form” and submit it online
- You can download and complete a 2022 Pledge Form and email it to Stewardship@lrucc.org.
- You can mail a completed Pledge Form to the church office: Attn: 2022 Stewardship Campaign, Little River UCC, 8410 Little River Turnpike, Annadale, VA 22003.

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND - EVENTS AND MEETINGS

LRUCC Book Group Sunday, November 14 - 12 p.m. via Zoom
The last book for 2021 is The Yellow House. This book tells the story of one family, their yellow shotgun house, and their corner of New Orleans, America’s most mythological and deeply divided city—over the course of the twentieth century. Please contact Jean Wheelock at wheelocks@verizon.net or email the church office at office@lrucc.org.

To those interested in participating in next year’s book group, please submit your ideas for next year’s reads! Send nominations to Jean Wheelock today at wheelocks@verizon.net.

Meditation Group Meeting Sundays at 9:00 am
The Little River Meditation Group meets 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 am, 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: https://bit.ly/LR-Meditation

NOTE: Rachel Lane will be celebrating her 99th Birthday on November 16. Rachel is a member of LRUCC and a Greenspring resident. Her family and friends have requested to “shower” her with birthday cards and best wishes. If you would like to send a card to Rachel her address is: 7448 Spring Village Drive, Apt. 421, Springfield, Virginia 22150
MORE CHURCH NEWS

Seeking Input for Senior Pastor Search Committee
An important next step in the process of calling a Senior Pastor for Little River is to establish the actual search committee. After consulting with some of the participants in previous search processes and taking the lessons learned from their experience, the Intentional Interim Team would like to invite members of the congregation to put forward names of possible search committee members—these are suggestions. Our search committee will read ministerial profiles, screen candidates, conduct interviews, check references, and eventually select a candidate who will be recommended to the entire congregation. Previous search committee members shared that the process can be spiritually and personally meaningful as well as just plain fun.

Please help us come up with a dynamic team ready to move Little River into the next phase of our journey. Submit suggestions, either yourself or other members of the congregation, by dropping names into the suggestion box located in the atrium or completing this Google form (https://bit.ly/LR-Search). Your thoughtful suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to talk to any member of the Intentional Interim Team:

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Janet Parsons Mackey: j.parsmack@gmail.com

Helping Hands Needed - Being in Service

Food Pantry Drop-offs
Little River collects 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 pm. If you would like to arrange a different drop-off time, please contact the church office at office@lrucc.org.

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

Volunteer for New Worship Media Team
Sundays
If you are interested in helping our staff run Sunday service via Zoom, please volunteer for the Worship Media Team by emailing office@lrucc.org.
Volunteers Needed for Sunday Front Door Greeters  
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 with a smile on your face and greet the people coming for the service. There are no meetings, just a smile is needed! For questions or more information contact Bunny Jones, 703-218-9888 or mkbjones@cox.net.

Volunteers Needed to Help with Worship Services  
Sundays
The Board of Deacons invites members and friends to assist in leading worship by volunteering to be a greeter, liturgist, usher, or Thanksgiving and Concerns reporter and/or note taker during Sunday worship services. [Sign up here!](https://bit.ly/LR-WorshipVol)

Flower Donation
If you would like to give flowers on the Sunday of your choice, email [office@lrucc.org](mailto:office@lrucc.org). Please include the date you would like to give flowers, and a dedication you would like listed in the bulletin. If you would like a certain type of flower, you can contact Ruth Duncan at 703-944-4874. Flowers typically cost $75–$100; the amount of your check is at your discretion. Make your check payable to Little River UCC and designate “Flower Fund” on the memo line.

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1. Gladly to God's holy temple we in faith have found our way,
2. All along the pilgrims' pathway mercy's monuments we trace,
3. As for me and for my house-hold, we will love and serve the Lord,
*4. "Go, baptize the waiting nations: in God's name the peoples cheer;
5. Glory to our kind Creator, glory to our living Lord!

1. in our Father's house to worship, with our friends to sing and pray.
2. love and judgment, joy and trial, all have spoken of his grace.
3. in his covenant delighting who himself is our reward.
4. I am with you now and always; see, I bring my Kingdom near!
5. Glory to the bounteous Spirit, flooding earth with gifts out-poured.

1. God is good! God is wise! Comes his word to us today.
2. God was there! God is here! God's great deeds all time embrace.
3. God is love! God is light! Fainting faith is here restored.
4. Jesus lives! Jesus leads! Master, speak, your servants hear!
5. This is God! God be praised! In all life be God adored!

Ps. 122:1; Josh. 24:15; Mt. 28:20
For All the Saints

Unison

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might: their
3. O blest communion, company divine!
4. And when the strife is fierce, the conflict long,
5. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through

1. Thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
2. Strength and solace in the well-fought fight;
3. We live and struggle, they in glory shine;
4. Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
5. Gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

1. Name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
2. Thou, in the darkness drear, the one true light.
3. Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
4. And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
5. Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Alleluia, alleluia!