**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-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude

Andante tranquillo from Sonata III
Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome & Announcements
Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Cribbs, Jr.

Call to Worship
Sue Leathers

One: Come into this time of worship by the new and living way in Christ Jesus.
Many: We come with true hearts in full assurance of our faith.

One: Come with joyful expectation.
Many: We gather in full confidence of the gospel’s promise.

One: Let us praise God together and open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit
Many: That we may encourage and support each other to love our neighbors
as ourselves and to be God’s instruments of grace.

*Hymn 110
You Servants of God
Hanover

Invocation
Sue Leathers

In you, O God, we find refuge from our turbulent world.
We work each day to bear witness to your justice through our ministries.
While the journey toward true peace that lies ahead is long,
our incremental steps continue to take us closer to that promised day.
Renew in us the strength, faith, and courage we need to persevere
so that the promised day will come when your will
will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace
Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Cribbs, Jr.

In Person: You may stand if you are able and offer a wave or a peace sign - please
maintain social distancing.
Online: Please type your words of peace in the chat box. We will not unmute at this time.

Anthem
Sing Praises Forever
Sanctuary Choir

Purcell/Liebergen
Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Cribbs, Jr.

We see injustices all around: in the papers, on television, on the web, or walking through our community. Yet we often cannot bring ourselves to speak out or take action against them. Forgive us for our silence. We know you created this world with enough for everyone. Yet, in this land of plenty, people know deprivation. Forgive us that we have not done enough to sustain and support the sacredness of the common good. Amen.

Scripture

1 Samuel 1:4–20
Mark 13:1–8

Sue Leathers

Sermon

“Praise the Holy One”

Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Cribbs, Jr.

Mission Moment

Clark Beil

Call to Offering

Sue Leathers

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Sue Leathers

* Doxology

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 may come to the floor microphone one at a time. Those worshiping on Zoom may 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 from whom the request is coming. If you do not wish to share your prayer concern with the congregation, you may always email Pastor Art at pastorart@lrucc.org.

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.

* HYMN 686 Of Women, and of Women’s Hopes We Sing
(see back of bulletin for music insert)

* BENEDICTION
Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Cribbs, Jr.
Our worship has ended. Now, our service begins.
Let us go into the world with faith: Unafraid, Unashamed and unapologetic.
Let us go and be audacious, bodacious, and courageous. Amen.

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE The Golden Trumpet Franklin D. Ashdown

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

TODAY

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

Neighbors in Need Offering Today
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.
LRUCC Book Group

Today, 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.

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**NEXT SUNDAY**

**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.

Next Sunday, 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.

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**THIS WEEK AND BEYOND - EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

**Fellowship Hour**

Wednesday, November 17 - 12:30 p.m.

This is an opportunity for all of us to enjoy some enriched time together during the week with the Pastor. All are welcome! Everyone is encouraged to bring their own lunch/snacks and drinks.

**Pilgrim Youth Fellowship (PYF) Event**

Friday, November 19 - 6:30 p.m.

The PYF will be going to see *Dolittle Jr.*, on Friday, November 19. Please meet at door 14 of Lake Braddock Secondary School at 6:30 p.m. PYF has funding to purchase tickets for PYF youth wishing to attend. Parents are welcome to attend, too, but we’d ask you to pay for your own ticket ($10). Parents are not required to stay. The show is approximately 1 hour long, so if you plan to drop off your youth, please be at the school by 8 p.m. for pick up. Please sign up with the link below so we know how many tickets to purchase (and seats to save).

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849ADA92FA64-dolittle
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

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**MORE CHURCH NEWS**

**Nominations and Appointments**
Nominations and Appointments (Nanda) wishes to thank all the officers and committee chairs and members who have been working so steadily for Little River this year. Thank you for your dedication!

Now Nanda is seeking candidates for the upcoming year. There are many opportunities for service to match up with your talents and interests. For more information, check out the Leadership Roster at https://www.lrucc.org/documents/2018/6/5/board-roster. You may also email Nanda@lrucc.org or reach out to N&A committee members Carrie Douglas, Carolyn Johnson, Ellen Wertman, Dottie Lamb, Bunny Jones, or Karen Flann.

**Seeking Input for Senior Pastor Search Committee**
The Intentional Interim Team invites members of the congregation to put forward names of possible search Senior Pastor Search Committee members—these are suggestions. The 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. 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.

**“Forward with Faith” 2022 Stewardship Campaign**
The Stewardship Committee offers sincere thanks to the LRUCC Members and Friends who have made a pledge for 2022. 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. We have passed the 70% mark for both 2022 Stewardship Pledges and for the number of pledges we hope to receive. **If you have not made a pledge, please prayerfully consider your pledge and complete the form online at https://bit.ly/LR-Stewardship** or contact the church office for printed materials.
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**

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

**Volunteer for New Worship Media Team**

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**

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**

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! (bit.ly/LR-WorshipVol)

**Flower Donation**

If you would like to give flowers on the Sunday of your choice, email 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.
# Events of the Week of November 14, 2021

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1. You serv-ants of God, your Sav-iour pro-claim,
   and pub-lish a-broad that won-der-ful name:
   the name, all vic-to-rious, of Je-sus ex-tol;
   who, sov-reign and glo-ri-ous, now rules o-ver all.

2. God’s truth reach-es high, al-might-y to save,
   and yet re-mains nigh: God’s pres-ence we have.
   The great con-gre-ga-tion God’s tri-umphs shall praise,
   as-cry-ing sal-va-tion to Je-sus al-ways.

3. Sal-va-tion to God who sits on the throne!
   Let all cry aloud for what God has done.
   The prais-es of Je-sus the an-gels pro-claim;
   still veiling their fac-es, they wor-ship the Lamb.

4. Then let us ad-ore and ren-der God’s right,
   all glo-ry and power, all wis-dom and might,
   all hon-or and bless-ing with an-gels a-bove,
   and thanks nev-er ceas-ing and in-fi-nite love.

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Of Women, and of Women’s Hopes We Sing 686

Unison

1. Of women, and of women’s hopes we sing:
2. We praise the God whose image is our own,
3. We labor for the commonwealth of God,
4. For giving what is past, we seek the new:

of sharing in creation’s nurturing,
the mystery within our flesh and bone,
and equal as disciples, walk the road,
a finer justice, and a peace more true,

of bearing and of birthing new belief,
the woman-spirit moving through all time
in work and status, asking what is just,
the promise of empowering for our day

of passion for the promises of life.
in prophecy, magnificent and dream.
for sisters of the family of Christ.
when men and women roll the stone away.

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