

Dear Church family,

We will have In-person and Online Worship on **Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 10 am.**

The information for Online Worship is:

Website: www.littlefallsumc.org

YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCOzxLc7UQjeMNprjm9u8gtQ

You can join Online Worship using your home phone or cell phone.

Call 646-876-9923, enter Meeting ID, 917 9067 6301, enter Passcode 139139.

Sunday Scriptures

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 and John 15:1-8

I will deliver the message titled,

‘Church Vitality’.

If you have any concerns and joys and share with the congregation and ask the church to pray on Sunday, please let me know! You can email, call, or text me. Or you can submit your prayer concerns and joys here: www.littlefallsumc.org/prayer

Your generous financial support is significant and appreciated very much.
We have continued our ministries with your support.

You can support God’s ministry in three ways:

1. Putting your offerings in the plates at the Offering Station at the in-person Worship
2. Mailing your offerings and tithes to the church office (139 Main St. Little Falls, NJ 07424)
3. Doing online donations at www.littlefallsumc.org/donation

Again, we appreciate your generosity very much.

Please see the bulletin for other announcements!

Have a good day! & See you on Sunday!

Pastor Jin

Little Falls United Methodist Church Sunday Worship

August 14, 2022 - 10 am



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“A Welcoming Community of Faith, Hope,

Mission and Outreach Sharing Christ’s Love”

“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World”

**“I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship.” (Romans 12:1)**

Called to Praise

‡Prepare your heart and body for Worship

Welcome & Greeting

‡Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord calls us to grow in faithfulness.

All: Take away our greed and selfishness, O Lord!

Leader: The Lord challenges us to serve others in loving ways!

All: Help us grow in our service and witness to your mercy and peace.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who delights in our witness.

All: Let us praise God who is always with us. AMEN.

‡Praise Song

Jesus Messiah

Chris Tomlin

Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Bridge

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Ending

Jesus Messiah
Lord of all
The Lord of all
The Lord of all

Children's Time

The Battle of Jericho

Joshua 6

After the Spies were safely home, God told Joshua, “March your army around Jericho with the priest blowing their horns. Do this once a day for six days. On the seventh day, Have your army march around the city seven times.” Joshua did exactly as God said. The priests blew their trumpets. The soldiers shouted as loud as they could. Then the great walls of Jericho came tumbling down. The Israelite army rushed in and took over the city. The spies kept their promise to Rahab. Her whole family was saved!

Announcements

- We have **‘In-Person’ Worship in the Sanctuary** and **‘Online Worship’** on **Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 10 am.**
- You can join our online worship via YouTube or Facebook for Online Worship. Type “Little Falls United Methodist Church” in the search window on Youtube or Facebook. You can use the link below to join in Online Worship.
YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCOzxLc7UQjeMNprjm9u8gtQ/
- You can join the Online Worship by your phone. Call (646)-876-9923 and enter the Meeting ID, 917 9067 6301, and Passcode 139139.
- **Prayer Concerns & Joys** - If you would like to share your concerns and joys with the congregation, Pastor Jin will lift up the names in the order of prayer in our worship. Please email Pastor Jin at jkim@littlefallsumc.org or use the online form, www.littlefallsumc.org/prayer.
- **Altar Flowers** – Thank you, **Cheryl Mitchell**, for providing the altar flowers in **Honor of Jennifer & Matthew Mitchell**. If you would like to offer the altar flowers, please contact Janet (973) 896-8936 or ladyteddy@aol.com.
- **Fellowship Time after Worship** – Thank you **Bethany Hope Circle** for providing the refreshments. Let us enjoy a good fellowship time every Sunday after Worship. We need your help to continue the coffee hour. Please contact Ken Griffin (201) 458-4638 or Ken.Griffin89@yahoo.com for details.
- **Ice Cream Sundae Social** – We will have Ice Cream Sundae Social in the **Fellowship Hall at 7 PM on August 17, 2022, Wednesday**. Come and enjoy! Build your own ice cream sundae! Choose your flavor and favorite topping!
- **Church Forum** – The next Church Forum meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM on September 3, 2022, Saturday. Please join us at our next meeting! Let’s work for God’s ministry together!
- **Treasured Memories** – “Treasured Memories” is a grief group for those who have lost their loved ones. The ongoing meeting gathers every **2nd Wednesday of the month** in Lee Lounge at 7 pm. Contact Allison for details (973) 800-4152.
- **The Post-Confirmation Class** – The first meeting will be held at 5 pm on **Sunday August 28, 2022**. The class is for youths who completed confirmation class. We will talk about life and faith and pray for one another.

- **Online Donation** – Online donation is available now. Please visit the church website and click ‘Donation.’ The link is www.LittleFallsUMC.org/donation.
- **Shoprite Gift Card** - If you want to buy a Shoprite gift card, please contact Pete (973) 595-5765 or detroit50@aol.com.
- **Kohl’s Gift Card** - If you want to buy a Kohl’s gift card, please contact Allison (973) 800-4152.
- **AmazonSmile Program** - Please choose Little Falls UMC as your charity organization at www.smile.amazon.com. All services and prices will be the same and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to the church.
- Your financial support and generosity are greatly appreciated and essential for our church ministry and mission. Please consider sending your tithes and offerings to Little Falls UMC (139 Main St. Little Falls, NJ 07424). You can send your offerings and tithes to the church every week. Or you can send offerings and tithes for a month with a check. Thanks again for your generosity!
- **Let’s Help Ukraine** – We continue to collect Medical/baby Items. Contact Janet (973) 896-8936 or ladyteddy@aol.com. if you have any questions. Thank you all for participating in the collection.
- **LFUMC FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED** - Many families depend on the Food Pantry on a regular basis. The Pantry needs the following non-perishable items; canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, adult/children’s cereal, pasta & sauce, instant potatoes/rice, tuna, chicken, sardines, fruit, apple sauce, juice, and granola bars.
- **SOCKS FOR SOULS - Do your feet get cold?** Please help Unity Circle to provide new or gently used socks to the homeless. There is a constant need. Please drop off your socks in the large white sock in the Narthex.
- **Ongoing Collection** - UMW also collects postmarked stamps, can pull tabs, Box Tops for Education, and the front of greeting cards. Items are donated to different charities and organizations.
- **A New Member** – We will receive **Eunice** as a new church member during **Sunday Worship on Sunday, August 21**. Let us welcome her as our new sister in Christ on the day!

Blessing Congregational Care Team and the ministry

**Pete Dewes
Terri Velella
Lynn Wilenga**

‡Hymn of Prayer

In His Time

TFWS 2203

Verse 1

In His time in His time

He makes all things beautiful
In His time
Lord please show me ev'ry day
As You're teaching me Your way
That You do just what You say
In Your time

Verse 2
In Your time in Your time
You make all things beautiful
In Your time
Lord my life to You I bring
May each song I have to sing
Be to You a lovely thing
In Your time

Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession

Prayers of the People (Response: God, in Your Mercy, hear our prayers.)

Today we have gathered in worship to praise you and to offer our gifts. But it is our commitment and our lives of service that you would appreciate. Witness and service to you are not easy. They may require some sacrifice. We may face some misunderstanding and ridicule from others. But you call us to be faithful, to be steadfast. Help us, O Lord, to make the kinds of commitments which will bring healing and hope in this troubled world in which we live. We lift up the names and situations for ourselves, our families, friends, and neighbors. We lift up all people who are suffering in the world. Gracious God, have mercy on us! We are seeking your healing and peace. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

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. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Called to the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

All: Amen

OT Lesson

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

⁹ Two are better than one,
because they have a good return for their labor:
¹⁰ If either of them falls down,
one can help the other up.
But pity anyone who falls
and has no one to help them up.
¹¹ Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.
But how can one keep warm alone?
¹² Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves.
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

***This ends the OT Lessons.
Let us turn to the Gospel Lesson. Please stand, if able.***

Gospel Lesson

John 15:1-8

The Vine and the Branches

¹ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.
⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Church Vitality

Rev. Jin Kook Kim

Good morning, Church Family! I hope you had a blessed week in Christ last week and God’s love and grace had been full in your lives. I have shared with you the sermon series, “What the Bible Says about the Church” for the last six Sundays. The church is the people having faith in God, worshiping God together, caring for one another, welcoming all, sharing their faith with others, and working together as the body of Christ. These features of the church are the foundations of all churches in the world, and we also are on the same foundations. I hope we keep our features as a church community and develop ourselves in accordance with God’s will and desire and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I would like to ask you to think of the church and pray for the church for three minutes every day because we need to gather our hearts for our church and its ministry, and we need everyone’s prayers for the church and its ministry.

I had a blood test last week. It was the annual blood test. The health insurance company provides it every year encouraging people to have the test. I got the test result, and it showed

many numbers such as cholesterol, blood sugar, iron, protein, etc. The test result let me see whether each level is in the normal range or not and the numbers and ranges indicate what follow-up we should make. When we get hurt in our arm, hand, or leg, we have pain and the pain notice us that we should do something. Also, when we have a fever or chill, the feelings let us know to take rest or medication. However, we cannot see the level of each in the blood without a blood test. The numbers and levels of the blood test result are the markers that we need to monitor to prevent the worst case and keep our health.

When we see the people in ICU, we see they have monitors for their heartbeat, pulse, and oxygen level. Nurses and doctors monitor those numbers or graphs to care for them because those numbers or graphs are vital signs that show their vitality.

What would be the vital signs of the church? What do you think? What can be the vital signs of the church? The United Methodist Church, our denomination, and our Annual Conference, has encouraged us to monitor the five markers of the church's vitality. These are the five markers of church vitality.

First, worship attendance is a marker of church vitality. Worship is one of our foundations as a church family. As we considered in the sermon series, What the Bible says about the church, the church is the people having faith in God and worshiping God together for God's love and grace, salvation, and forgiveness. We are a worshiping community with our gratitude and commitment. Active and faithful Christians worship God and put their priority on Worship in their lives so the worship attendance shows the church's vitality.

Second, making new disciples is a marker of church vitality. Making new disciples mean receiving new members. As our mission statement indicates, we are here to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We are here to help people to accept Jesus as their Savior by sharing the Gospel with them such as who God is, What Jesus has done for us, and how the Holy Spirit leads us in our life journey. When Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, shared his faith and proclaimed the Gospel, people repented their sins and accepted Jesus as their savior, and formed the first church community in the Bible. The church grows and thrives when we have new members. Making new disciples shows our vitality as a church community.

Third, the small group is a marker of church vitality. It is hard for us to share our lives with others in a big group such as Sunday Worship. A small group is a good place where we share our lives with others. In a bible study group, a prayer group, a children's group, a youth group, a young adult group, or a circle of women or men, we can share our lives with others and learn from one another and encourage one another for our faith journey as companions. When we have more small groups, we can learn more, share our lives more, and have fellowship more.

Fourth, the mission is a marker of church vitality. God calls us to help others and share God's love and grace. The active church and growing church engage the local community and the world well. Through mission work, we help people in the world to experience God's love and grace. Through the hands-on mission, we can engage the people in our local community by seeing them, helping them, and connecting to them. The church should not be isolated but be in the community because God wants everyone in the world to come to God.

Lastly, giving is a marker of church vitality. Giving means our offerings and tithes. Our offerings and tithes are our hearts for God's ministry because we need resources to do our ministry. We

believe that every resource that we have is from God and God wants us to use it not only for us but also for God's ministry that helps people to experience God's love and grace and accept Jesus's love in their lives. Giving means not only giving our money but also our all resources, such as our spiritual gifts and talents, our knowledge, skill, and strength. When we give more, the church can do ministry more. When the church does ministry more, the church becomes active and thrives more.

These are the five markers of church vitality that the United Methodist Church encourages us to monitor for the church vitality. As you see, these five markers are basic ones. We will find other markers of the church's vitality if we want. However, these five markers can be our starting point to evaluate ourselves and to see where we should go or do.

These questions can help us to think of the church and ministry. How can we make our worship rich and beautiful more than now? How can we make our Sunday Worship engage the people in the local community and in the world? How can we invite people to our Sunday service? How can we make new disciples? How can we share the gospel and our faith with others in our daily lives? How can we have more small groups? What small group would people be interested in? What small group can help people to share their lives, encourage one another to go on the path of God, and pray for one another with hearts? What are the needs of our local community and the world? How can we engage the local community and the world more? How can we help people in the world? How can we give more? How can we encourage one another and new people to give their resources to God and God's ministry?

Little Falls Church family,

Jesus said, when we are in Jesus and Jesus is in us, we can bear fruits. We cannot bear any fruits when we leave Jesus. I pray for you, and I try to be in Jesus. That means we follow Jesus' teaching and life. That means we have the heart of Jesus. That means we consider what Jesus wants from us. Let us be in Jesus!

We cannot do the church ministry alone. We need all of you. We need all church members and friends to keep our church vitality and increase the church vitality. As we read the scripture this morning, two are better than one person because two can help one another and strengthen one another. Three would be better than one or two. Ten would be better than two or five. Fifty people would be better than thirty people. Little Falls Church family, it is much better that all of us work together than a few people work.

I would like to ask all of you to think of church vitality and share your idea with all of us and work together as one body, the body of Christ. When we gather our hearts and strength, when we work together in Christ, we will bear the fruits that God gives us. Amen.

Called to Share

Response to Our Generous God

‡Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

‡Prayer of Dedication

All: Loving Gardener, we offer ourselves into your nurturing hands. Receive the devotions of our labors, the fruits of our vines, and all that we are and know, that we may make a difference: in our homes, in our communities, and in our world. Receive these sacrifices, as a pledge to live our beliefs, through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. In the name of your son, our teacher and savior, we pray. Amen.

Called to the World

‡Closing Hymn

I Need Thee Every Hour

UMH 397

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

Refrain

I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.

Refrain

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is in vain.

Refrain

I need Thee every hour; teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.

Refrain

I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.

Refrain

‡Benediction

Rev. Jin Kook Kim

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. Amen