

Dear Church family,

We will have In-person and Online Worship at 10am on *Sunday, May 8, 2022.*

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

Acts 9:36-43, John 10:22-30

I will deliver the message titled, 'Resurrection Is Yours'.

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.

Thank you for your financial support with your service for the church and the congregation. Please mail your offerings and tithes to the church office (139 Main St. Little Falls, NJ 07424). You can give us your offerings before or after worship on Sunday or during the church office hours, (Tuesday – Friday, 10 am – 1 pm) or online 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022 - 10 am



*Let's Celebrate
the Easter Season
Together!*

Sunday Worship, 10am

In-Person & Online Worship
(Via You Tube Live)

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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: Awake! Rise up!

All: There is much to be done in the Lord's Name today.

Leader: Get ready to worship and to serve God.

All: We are ready to hear God's word for us and to respond in action and love.

Leader: Open your hearts to God's will this day.

All: Praise be to God who walks with us and guides us. AMEN.

‡Praise Song

The Day of Resurrection

UMH 303

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is there-in!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

Children's Time

Pharaoh's Dream

Genesis 39-41

Later, Pharaoh had two strange dreams. In one dream, he saw seven heavy cows and seven skinny cows. The skinny cows ate up all the heavy cows. In another dream, Pharaoh saw seven healthy plants. Then he saw seven dried-up plants. The dried-up plants ate all the healthy plants. Pharaoh was confused. Pharaoh's wise men were confused, too. Then the wine taster remembered Joseph. He told Pharaoh that Joseph could explain his dreams. With God's help, Joseph told Pharaoh what his dream meant. "For the next seven years, plenty of food will grow. For seven years after that not enough food will grow because there will be no rain." Pharaoh said, "Joseph, you are a very wise man. I will make you a ruler over Egypt."

Announcements

- We have 'In-Person' Worship in the Sanctuary and 'Online Worship' at 10 am on Sunday, May 8, 2022. You can choose In-person worship or Online worship to worship

with us.

- Wearing a mask is optional in the church. If you don't feel good, we recommend wearing a mask.
- The Worship Bulletin will be sent to you by email (most people) or mail (those who cannot access email). You can see the bulletin on the church website, www.littlefallsumc.org/onlineworship
- You can join our online worship via YouTube or Facebook for Online Worship. Type "Little Falls United Methodist Church" in searching 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 # Key and then press # key again! Passcode 139139.
- **Prayer Concerns & Joys** - Please email Pastor Jin (jkim@littlefallsumc.org) 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.
- **Altar Flowers** –Thank you **Janet & Peter Dewes** for providing the altar flowers for Sunday Service in **Honor of All Mothers**. 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 **Unity Circle** for providing the coffee hour refreshments **In Honor of All Mothers**. Let us enjoy 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.
- **Blanket Magic - Church World Service Blankets** - Your donation for a blanket gives God's love and grace to those who are in hard times. On **May 8**, you will have the opportunity to donate in honor or in memory of someone. **\$10** will provide a blanket. Contributions of any amount will be appreciated. If writing a check, please make it out to United Methodist Women (UMW) and note that it is for CWS Blankets. Please save your change; we will be having a **NOISY OFFERING** for Blankets on **May 8**.
- **Let's Help Ukraine** – Janet delivered the collected items to the Ukraine Church in Clifton. The minister expressed gratitude to our congregation. We continue to collect Medical/baby Items. Contact Janet D. if you have any questions. Thank you all for participating in the collection.
- **Church Wide Spring Yard Sale!** – **Saturday, May 14, 9:30am to 3:30pm**, Rain or Shine. Rent a space to sell your items. Hot dog lunch sale. Contact Allison for more details 973-800-4152. Hope to see you there!

- **Church Forum** –We began another church forum for the church ministry last Saturday as the initial meeting. Please join us in the next meeting! Let’s work on God’s ministry together!
- **Kids For Christ** – Join us in KFC! All Children (K – 5th grade) are welcome. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 19th** at 5pm to 6:30pm. K.F.C. is a program for children. We have KFC every first and third Thursday of the month.
- **Treasured Memories** – “Treasured Memories” is a grief group for those who have lost their loved ones. The ongoing meeting is held in Lee Lounge at 7pm on every **2nd Wednesday of the month.** Contact Allison for details (973) 800-4152.
- **Online Donation** – Online donation is available now. Please visit the church website and click ‘Donation.’ The link is here: 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.
- **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 again!
- **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.

‡Hymn of Prayer

Still

W&S 3134

Verse 1

Hide me now

Under Your wings
Cover me
Within Your mighty hand

Chorus
When the oceans rise
And thunders roar
I will soar with You
Above the storm
Father You are King
Over the flood
I will be still and know
You are God

Verse 2
Find rest my soul
In Christ alone
Know His power
In quietness and trust

Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession

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

Help us to move beyond the “sampler” prayer so often found printed on pillows, on wall hangings: "The Lord is my Shepherd." Help us to understand what those words truly mean, O Lord. We can count on you. You are the one who holds our lives, guides our steps, comforts and sustains us. You want for us the lush greenness of verdant pastures and the alluring draw of still waters; yet you know that our lives will not be smooth; there will be rough times. We can count on you, Lord. We can place our trust in you. Help us to feel the power of the Psalmist's words: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me." Nothing can trouble, nothing can threaten. You are with us. As we reach out in love and service to others, remind us that the work we do in your name, with love and compassion, is an echo of your tender mercy and loving care. Strengthen us and give us enthusiasm to follow the Shepherd all the days of our lives. 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

NT Lesson

Acts 9:36-43

Peter in Lydda and Joppa

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This ends the NT Lessons.

Let us turn to the Gospel Lesson. Please stand, if able.

Gospel Lesson

John 10:22-30

Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Resurrection Is Yours

Rev. Jin Kook Kim

Good morning, Church Family! I hope you had the joy and the hope of Easter in your lives in Christ last week. Have you reminded yourself of the risen Jesus when you eat or drink something? Have you tried to remember Jesus' care and provision when you eat or drink? Did you remind yourself of the risen Jesus when you came to worship this morning? Let us remember the risen Jesus whenever we get together for Sunday worship or any other ministries. Let us

remind ourselves that we are always in the risen Jesus' care and provision whenever we eat or drink something.

As we read the New Testament lesson, Acts chapter 9, Tabitha was a good person who devoted herself to helping others. One day, she got an illness and died. People washed her body and laid her in a room upstairs. This description showed us that she was dead. Washing the body and laying the corpse in a room upstairs were not because they expected something would happen to the body. That was a Jewish tradition. According to the Jewish tradition, when a person dies, Jews wash the corpse and lay the corpse in a room upstairs and stay with the corpse, reciting psalms. These are parts of funeral rituals for Jews. Tabitha died, and people were doing their rituals. Peter was called by them and came to them. He knelt and prayed and said to the corpse, "Tabitha, get up!" and she became alive. She was resurrected. Isn't that amazing? A dead person rose from death and was alive again. That is an amazing event. However, what we can see from the scripture is not only the fact that Tabitha was raised from the dead but also the fact that we will be resurrected.

Tabitha was not Jesus, but she was resurrected. Jesus' resurrection became Tabitha's resurrection because Jesus gave her the resurrection. Likewise, we will be resurrected because Jesus gave us resurrection. We will be resurrected someday, although we are not Jesus. However, we are united with Jesus when we accept Jesus as Christ, our savior. Jesus' resurrection is ours because God has promised our resurrection. Resurrection is ours because it is God's gift for us.

Tabitha's resurrection shows us that she was resurrected by God through Peter, although Jesus was not physically with her. There are people who were resurrected from death in the Gospels. Who were they? Can you remember? Yes, Lazarus and a girl, a daughter of Jairus. The two people were dead once, but Jesus resurrected them when he came to them and was with them physically. We can easily accept their resurrection because Jesus, the son of God and the savior who had power and all authority, was with them and resurrected them. However, Tabitha's case was a little different. Not Jesus himself, but Peter was with her. Not Jesus, but Peter prayed for Tabitha, and God resurrected her from death, and she was alive again. Jesus is with us, although we cannot see his body with our eyes. Jesus is with us, and we will be resurrected. God has the power to resurrect us. Resurrection is ours because God is with us.

In today's gospel lesson, Jesus said, "I will give my sheep eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. We are God's, and we are Jesus.' No one can take us from God's hands. We are always in God's arms. Resurrection is God's and God's power and authority. No one else has the power and authority of resurrection. God is the creator who makes life and gives us life. God is the one who controls life and death. Our life is in God's hands. Our resurrection is in God's hands. In God's hands, we have life, eternal life, and resurrection. No one can snatch it from God's hands. No one can snatch the life, eternal life, and resurrection from us because it was given to us by God, and we are in God's hands. Resurrection is ours because we are in God's hands.

Like a mother, God cares for us. My mother has given herself to her family, especially to my brother and me. She fed us with food that we liked, giving up her favorite food. She clothed us

with new clothes, giving up hers. She woke up early every morning to give us breakfast and pack our lunch and dinner boxes when we went to high school. She stayed with us and did her best to care for us. Even after we had grown up, she still cared for us, even my kids. This is my mother, and her care toward us never ends. I believe your mother cared or has cared for you like my mother, and you as a mother also have cared for your children whether they are young or grown-up. Like a mother, God cares for us. God cares for us all the time, whether we are good or bad, in a good situation or bad situation. God's care toward us never ends. Psalm 23, David's profession, shows us God's never-ending care toward us well. Would you recite this with me?

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.” (Psalm 23)

Our care toward someone is limited because we are limited, and our ability and our availability are limited as human beings. However, God's care is not limited because God is almighty. The very almighty God loves us and cares for us forever. Even death cannot stop God from God's caring for us. Death cannot stop God from giving us resurrection and eternal life.

Little Falls Church Family, Resurrection is ours because we are in God's hands. Resurrection is ours because resurrection is in God's hands. Resurrection is ours because God has promised to give us resurrection. God showed Jesus' resurrection to let us know we would be resurrected. God showed Lazarus's resurrection, Jairus's daughter's resurrection, and Tabitha's resurrection to let us know the resurrection is ours. Let us trust in God and let us remind ourselves that we and resurrection are in God's hand. Also, let us help others to see that resurrection is also for them in God as God called us to spread out the good news to all people in the world. Resurrection is ours! 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: Gracious and loving God, all your works, all that you have done for us, testify to your love. You gave everything to bring us the promise of eternal life. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may all that we do and all that we are testify to your amazing care and compassion. In gratitude and love, we offer ourselves to you. Amen.

Called to the World

‡**Closing Hymn**

In the Garden

UMH 314

I come to the garden alone
while the dew is still on the roses,
and the voice I hear falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.

Refrain

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
and He tells me I am His own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me
within my heart is ringing.

Refrain

I'd stay in the garden with him
though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; through the voice of woe
his voice to me is calling.

Refrain

‡**Benediction**

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“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.