

Dear Church family,

We will have In-person and Online Worship at 10am on **Sunday, April 24, 2022.**

The information for Online Worship is:

<https://www.littlefallsumc.org/onlineworship>

YouTube <https://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

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 and Luke 24:13-35

Lay Servant, Ken Griffin will deliver the message titled,

'Will you walk with Jesus?'

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: <https://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

Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022 - 10 am



CHRIST IS RISEN!

*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: Come now is the time to worship

All: Now is the time to come before our god

Leader: Come just as you are to worship

All: Let us give praise and thanks to our god

‡Praise Song

Lord I lift your Name on High

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Verse

Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Lord, I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life.

I'm so glad You came to save us.

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth

to show the way,

from the earth to the cross

my debt to pay.

from the cross to the grave,

from the grave to the sky.

Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Children's Time

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 April 24, May 1 and 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.

Announcements

- We have **'In-Person' Worship in the Sanctuary** and **'Online Worship'** at 10 am on Sunday, April 24, 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,
<https://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 <https://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.
- **Fellowship Time after Worship** - We will resume the Fellowship time (The Coffee Hour) on ***May 1***. Let us have a good fellowship time every Sunday after Worship. We need your help to continue the coffee hour. Please contact Ken G. for details.
- **Altar Flowers** – Thank you to ***Melissa & Marilyn Downing*** for providing the altar flowers for Sunday Service for Lorraine’s birthday. If you would like to offer the altar flowers, please contact Janet (973) 896-8936 (ladyteddy@aol.com).
- **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.
- **A Special Charge Conference** – We will have a Special Charge Conference for the Election of a new SPRC Chairperson on ***April 26th, Tuesday***, at 7:30 pm via Zoom. The church leadership (officials) will receive the Zoom link to the conference. We will update all of you regarding the conference.
- **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.
- **Easter Flowers** – Thanks for making a beautiful alter with your Easter flowers today. Please take your flowers from the Narthex.
- **UMW Victorian Tea & Auction!** - UMW will hold the annual Victorian Tea & Auction at Noon on ***Saturday, April 23***. Tickets will go on sale in March at \$20 per person. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa (201) 452-7759 or melissadowning82@gmail.com or Lorraine (973) 641-2695 or lordecaprio@yahoo.com

- **Church Forum** – We concluded “Church Forum for Church ministry” with the last meeting. The team will present the accomplishment through the church forum. We will begin another church forum for the church ministry on **Saturday, April 30th** as the initial 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 5th** 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 <https://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.

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession

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

Almighty and wondrous God, on this day of new beginnings, we offer our songs to proclaim your victory over death. All that you have done is marvelous in our eyes, and so we offer our praise to your holy and powerful Name. Receive the joyful thanksgiving which we offer to you and bless it as a declaration of your worthiness to be worshipped. In the empty tomb, God declares that nothing can separate us from the love of God; nothing we have done, or left undone; no one whom we have been or failed to be. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Please empty our tombs of concerns, worries, and situations but fill our hearts with hope and joy of resurrection that you have shown through Jesus Christ so that we praise you with joy and gratitude on this glorious day. 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

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Thanksgiving for Recovery from Illness

- ¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
- ² Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- ³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
- ⁴ Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray, save my life!”
- ¹² What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?
- ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,
- ¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.
- ¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.
- ¹⁶ O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.
- ¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.
- ¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,
- ¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!

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

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:13-35

The Walk to Emmaus

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Last Sunday we took part in the joyous celebration of Easter. While I was putting this message together, I began to realize that Easter means different things to us according to our age. For our children, it was a time to collect plastic eggs and enjoy the candy that was inside. For us as adults, the meaning of Easter has three different parts that we need to remember. The first is that we have over 2000 years of biblical truth that presents to us the story of what happen to Jesus in the city of Jerusalem. This wasn't the case for the men who walked the Emmaus Road. They were confused and even afraid of the thought that the Romans would do the same thing to them.

Then a stranger began to ask them questions. The apostles were amazed that there was someone in the city who were not aware of what happen. They asked him, "Are you the only one in the city of Jerusalem who is not aware of what happen these last two days? Then the man simply said to them tell me.

This brings me to second point. We should never act in a judgmental way when someone says to us tell me about this Jesus. We are called to let everyone know about the sacrifice that Jesus made at the cross for us all. However, there is one thing we must remember. Whatever we do in the name of Jesus we must do in love. Jesus calls us to love one another as he first loved us.

So the disciples began to have a conversation with the man. When they heard the sound of his voice, they couldn't help but feel like they knew him. Then the time came for them to part company. It was getting late, and it was time for the evening meal. As the man walked away the disciples encouraged him to join them in the breaking of the bread. When he gave the blessing and broke the bread the disciples began to realize who it was that they had been talking to and walking with, it was Jesus! Jesus was alive! They were with Jesus but not as they had known him before. Jesus was with them in his resurrected glorified body.

This brings me to the third point. As you can see, the Emmaus story contains many parts. But they all refer to one thing. That is our relationship to the son of God. For me, the greatest part of the story is that it is a call to that it is a call to discipleship. True the story is about our relationship to the son of God, but the message goes beyond that. It goes beyond the cross and even the tomb. It calls us to go beyond the safety and security of our comfort zone. It calls us to go out into the world and preach the message of Christ crucified which is the good news. It calls us to convert sinners and make disciples in his name.

The key point of the Emmaus message is to let everyone know that our savior reigns. He is willing to enter the heart of all who seek him and are willing to surrender at the cross. Then like the disciples after seeing that the tomb is empty be willing to walk the Emmaus Road and proclaim that Jesus is alive, that Jesus is Lord. Amen

