

Dear Church family,

We will have In-person and Online Worship at 10am on **Sunday, January 30, 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 with the number 646-876-9923.

Meeting ID, 917 9067 6301, and enter Passcode 139139.

***The scriptures for this Sunday are Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Luke 4:21-30.
I will deliver the message titled, 'Doubt or Trust'.***

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). 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

Worship Bulletin

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 30, 2022 - Sunday Worship: 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: God has called us to share the good news of God's love.

All: But who am I, that God should call me?

Leader: You are a beloved child of God.

All: But I am weak I'm not a great speaker or preacher.

Leader: God is with you; don't be afraid.

All: Lord, help me to trust in your presence with me. Help me to serve you. AMEN

‡Praise Song

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness

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Morning by morning

New mercies I see

All I have needed

Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness

Lord unto me

Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness

O God my Father

There is no shadow

Of turning with Thee

Thou changest not

Thy compassions they fail not

As Thou hast been

Thou forever wilt be

Verse 2

Summer and winter

And springtime and harvest

Sun moon and stars

In their courses above

Join with all nature

In manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness

Mercy and love

Verse 3
Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

Children's Time

Trust God

Genesis 13

Abraham's nephew was Lot. Lot and all his helpers went with them, too. The helpers began to fight. There was not enough grass for all the animals. So Abraham said to Lot, "You pick your own land to live on." Lot chose the best land. It has the most grass and the most water for his animals. Lot moved to his new home. Then God gave Abraham a blessing. God said, "All the land you see here will be yours forever. Also, you and Sarah will be blessed with many children." God led Abraham and Sarah to a place called Hebron. It was beautiful.

Announcements

- We have '**In-Person**' Worship in the Sanctuary and '**Online Worship**' at 10 am on **Sunday, January 30, 2022.** You can choose In-person worship or Online worship to worship with us.
- We highly recommend you to wear a mask during in-person Worship to protect one another. We are following the CDC guideline to protect everyone.
- 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>
- We will use YouTube for Online Worship. We have used both YouTube and Facebook for Online Worship. Click the link to join in Online Worship. Please join in Online worship 10 minutes before the Worship Time!
YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOzxLc7UQjeMNprjm9u8gtQ/>
- You can join the Online Worship by your home phone or flip cell phone. Call with the number 646-876-9923 and enter the Meeting ID, 917 9067 6301 and # Key and then press # key again! Passcode 139139.
- If you cannot join in online worship, please have Worship Service with your family at home using the attached worship bulletin. The worship bulletin includes scripture and sermon notes.

- 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.
- **Holy Communion** – We will have Holy Communion at *Sunday Worship on February 6th at 10am.* If you plan to join us Online service, please prepare Holy Communion elements, Bread (or a cracker) and Grape juice (or water).
- Please contact Pastor Jin or the church office if you need any help from Pastor Jin or church members! We are here to help you.
- **Church Forum** – Thanks for join the Forum Yesterday. The date and time for the next Forum will be at announced. Let’s work on God’s ministry together!
- **Stewardship Campaign** – **Thank you to those who already gave us your pledge card.** We continue to receive pledge cards, so you are not late. please participate in our Stewardship Campaign with your generous, faithful hearts, if you didn’t give us your pledge card, God Bless you as you fill out the pledge card and mail it back, drop it off at the church, put it in the offering plate, or add it to the Pledge Box in the Narthex.
- **Kids For Christ** – Next Meeting will be on *February 4* at 6:30 pm. KFC is a Friday night program for children. We will have KFC every first and third Friday of the month. Please encourage children to join KFC.
- **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 (leave message).
- **SUPER BOWL SUNDAY CHILI & SUB SALE IS BACK!**
Sunday, February 13, 11am to 1pm, Order forms are available now.
- **Ruth Lee Meeting** – *February 23, 2022,* at 4pm.
- **The Unity Circle** is starting to collect gloves, hats, scarves, and mittens to fill our snowman box. Please see Betty Caceres for more information. **Thank you for your support!**
- **Shoprite Gift Card** - If you want to buy a Shoprite gift card, please contact Pete (973) 595-5765 (*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.

‡**Hymn of Prayer**

God Will Take Care of You

UMH 130

Verse 1

Be not dismayed whate'er betide
 God will take care of you
 Beneath His wings of love abide
 God will take care of you

Chorus

God will take care of you
 Through every day o'er all the way
 He will take care of you
 God will take care of you

Verse 2

Through days of toil when heart doth fail
 God will take care of you
 When dangers fierce your path assail
 God will take care of you

Verse 3

All you may need He will provide
God will take care of you
Nothing you ask will be denied
God will take care of you

Verse 4

No matter what may be the test
God will take care of you
Lean weary one upon His breast
God will take care of you

Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession

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

Loving God, you are LOVE. In you resides all hope, peace, and justice. Your love has been poured out on us and all creation from before the beginning of time. Teach us again the great message of hope. Remind us that love is also risk. We risk censure and alienation from people who don't understand. Let us know that you are with us, through this time. Give us courage to be your faithful witnesses, by the kinds of loving service and care we give to others. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. 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.

Choir Anthem

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 Jeremiah 1:4-10

Jeremiah's Call and Commission

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” ⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

This ends the OT Lessons.

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

Gospel Lesson Luke 4:21-30

²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers^[a] in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Doubt or Trust

Rev. Jin Kook Kim

Good morning, Church Family! I hope you had a blessed week last week. Last Sunday, we considered Jesus' preaching. After reading the scripture, Jesus said, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." He showed his words were true through his ministry that helped people experience freedom from poverty, evil spirits, and blindness. Jesus makes the scripture real in our lives. I pray that we experience Jesus' salvation in our daily life. I also

pray that we serve others to experience Jesus' salvation in their daily life through the church ministry as the body of Jesus Christ and our personal ministry as the followers of Jesus Christ.

Today's scripture is the description of the event that happened after Jesus preached, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." The congregation was amazed by Jesus' preaching, his gracious words. However, they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" That was not a question to clarify Jesus' identity. It was their voice of doubt about Jesus and his preaching. How do you know? We can see that from Jesus' answer to the question. Right after he listened to the question, he said, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" Based on Jesus' answer, we can see that they couldn't believe Jesus' words. Why?

First, it was because they had known Jesus from his birth, and they were the people of Nazareth, Jesus' hometown. They doubted Jesus' identity as the Son of God because Jesus grew up with them or their children. Jesus was not a special child in the town. As we know, there is not any description regarding Jesus' childhood except the event that Jesus was lost and found in Jerusalem when he was 12 years old. For them, Jesus was one of their friends or one of their neighbors as a normal person like them. Now, Jesus preached with the gracious words, and they were amazed, but it was not enough for them to change their thought about Jesus' identity. "Doctor, cure yourself." What does that mean? If you are a doctor, you can heal yourself because you have the knowledge and skill. Don't we read similar words in the Bible? When Jesus was on the cross, people said to him, "King of Jews, save yourself! You said you are the king of Jews, the son of God, and you are here to save people as the savior. If you are the savior, save yourself!" The congregation couldn't believe Jesus' preaching because they doubted Jesus' identity as the Son of God, and they doubted Jesus's authority of his preaching, "Today, this scripture has fulfilled in your hearing."

The second reason that they couldn't believe Jesus' preaching was that they couldn't see any miracles and wonders from Jesus when Jesus preached. Jesus said to them, "you will say 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" What did Jesus do at Capernaum? Jesus was at many synagogues in other towns, and one of the towns was Capernaum. A man who was possessed by an evil spirit shouted to Jesus when Jesus preached God's words because the evil spirit recognized Jesus as the son of God who had the power to destroy it. Jesus cast out the evil spirit from the person. And people saw that miracle. The congregation of Nazareth heard the miracle, but they couldn't see such a miracle when Jesus preached to them. They doubted Jesus' words because they couldn't see any miracle when Jesus preached to them.

Their doubt on Jesus and his words made them not accept God's words, although they were amazed by Jesus' teaching on God's words. Their doubt on Jesus and his words made them not see any miracles and wonders. Jesus had the power to carry out miracles and wonders, but

their doubt made him not carry out any miracles and wonders in their town, which was also Jesus' hometown. That was a tragedy. People in other towns accepted Jesus as their savior and experienced miracles and wonders. However, the congregation in Nazareth couldn't accept Jesus and his words nor experience Jesus' miracle and wonder, although Jesus was closer to them much more than people in other towns.

Little Falls Church Family,

Such a tragedy sometimes happens in our lives. Through the Bible, hymns, sermon, the Bible study, and daily devotional, God talks to us, "I love you so much. I am with you. I will protect you. I will save you. I will change other's lives through you. I will change the world into my kingdom through your church." and Jesus talks to us, "Today, the scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." However, we sometimes doubt God's words and Jesus's words because of our limited experience of God and God's works in our lives. We have known God and Jesus for a long time, and we assume what God will do or can do for us or what Jesus does not do for us based on our experiences, so we doubt God rather than trust God. In another case, we doubt God because we cannot see God's immediate work or intervention for us in our lives.

Church Family,

As we sang our opening hymn, God is faithful, and God's faithfulness is great. God loves us, cares for us, helps us, and supports us. God is with us. God makes us change one's life and makes our church change the world into the kingdom of God. God has the power, and God is powerful enough to do that. Let us trust God rather than doubt. When we trust God and follow God's will step by step, we will see God's miracles and wonders in our lives, in others' lives, in our church ministry, and in our community.

Trusting God is to believe in God's love and presence. God is walking with us in our life journey, caring for us and experiencing everything that we experience. Trusting God is to have hope in God. We have peace in our hearts and expect God's works for us all the time, even in the time of trials. Trusting God is to wait for God's time. We are disappointed because we don't see anything here and now because we know God is working, and God will show us God's work when God's time comes. Trusting God is to change our mindset. When we do our church ministry or personal life ministry, our mindset and attitude on the ministry are full of joy and hope because we trust God can do everything through us when we trust God and follow God.

Church family, let us trust God! God's words toward us are God's promises toward us. God already promised all things to us, and we will receive all blessings in Christ. Let us not doubt but trust God; then we will see God's miracles and wonders in our lives, in others' lives who we serve, in our community. Let us not lose the privilege but accept it and use it for all God's people. 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 God, we have been blessed with so much through your goodness. As we bring our gifts in gratitude this morning, you remind us that it doesn't matter what we have in our lives, if we do not have love, we have nothing. This love is not the love of Valentine's Day cards, and not even the love we feel among families, which are both rich blessings. You long for us to experience agape love – the love of the world, the love for those we don't even know. Open our eyes and our hearts. In Christ, our teacher, we pray. Amen.

Called to the World

‡**Closing Hymn** *Standing on the Promises* **UMH 374**

1 Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

3 Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

4 Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,

resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. [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.