

Dear Church family,

We will have In-person and Online Worship at 10am on **Sunday, March 27, 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

Ephesians 2:13-18, 2 Corinthians 5:18-20, Luke 23:32-34

I will deliver the message titled, 'Jesus Restores Our Relationship'.

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

Worship Bulletin

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 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: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

All: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

All: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

All: AMEN!

‡Praise Song

O How I love Jesus

UMH 170

Verse 1

There is a name I love to hear
I love to speak its worth
It sounds like music in my ear
The sweetest name on earth

Chorus

O how I love the Jesus
O how I love the Jesus
O how I love the Jesus
Because he first loved me

Verse 2

It tells me of a Saviour's love
Who died to set me free
It tells me of His precious blood
The sinner's perfect plea

Verse 3

It tells of One whose loving heart
Can feel my deepest woe
Who in my sorrow bears a part
That none can bare below

Children's Time

Joseph's Colorful Robe 2

Genesis 37

Joseph had a dream. He told his family, "We were bundling grain from the field. Your bundles of grain bowed down to mine. Then Joseph had another dream. He said, "This time, the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." His father asked, "Does this mean our family will bow down to you someday?" The brothers were even more angry. They threw Joseph into a dry well. Along came some traders. The brothers sold Joseph to them as a slave.

They lied to their father and said Joseph had been killed by a wild animal. But God was with Joseph.

Announcements

- We have **'In-Person' Worship in the Sanctuary** and **'Online Worship'** at 10 am on **Sunday, March 27, 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>
- 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.
- **Altar Flowers** – Thank you to ***Ken Griffin*** for providing the altar flowers for Sunday Service. 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.
- **Holy Week & Easter Sunday Services**
 - Psalm Sunday – at 10 am on April 10th.
 - Maundy Thursday Service – at 7 pm on April 14th.
 - Good Friday Service – at 7 pm on April 15th.
 - Easter Sunrise Service – at Church Front Yard at 6 am on April 17th.
 - Easter Sunday Worship Service – at 10 am on April 17th.
- **Lent Bible Study** – We will have the Lent Bible Study on **Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 pm and April 13 at 7:30 pm**. We will study the book, ***Witness at The Cross***. Please sign up for the class and a copy of the book. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.
- **Let's Help Ukraine** – With God's compassion, we want to help Ukraine in two ways, Monetary Donation and Collecting Items, such as medical items and Baby items. For detail, please contact Melissa D. for monetary donation or Janet D. for collecting items.

- **Baked Potato Dinner!** – Thank you for joining us! Special Thanks for the team who worked on this fundraising event.
- **Easter Flower Sale!** – Order forms are available and due back by Sunday, April 10 the latest. You can easily place your order online. Call the church office if you need help with online orders.
- **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** – We change the day and the time for KFC. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 7th** at 5pm to 6:30pm. KFC is a program for children. We will have KFC every first and third Thursday 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.
- **The Unity Circle** is collecting gloves, hats, scarves, and mittens to help people. Please join the ministry by putting the times in our snowman box. Please see Betty Caceres for more information. **Thank you for your support!**
- **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.

‡Hymn of Prayer

Open Our Eyes

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Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
 To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
 Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
 Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Open our hearts, Lord, that we might receive You,
 Open our spirits, and teach us to worship.
 Open our lips, Lord, and teach us to praise You,
 Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession

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

Gracious Lord, we have set aside this day to celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing, a time in which we can offer our help and our substance for the work of your kingdom in helping others. We have created a special day for this offering, yet you would have us adopt this attitude of sharing all of our days. Bring us to the understanding of the joy of sharing all that we have with others; of reaching out to others in compassion and love as you have done for us. We hear the words of scriptures about the Hebrew people who had wandered long in the wilderness. They were fed on the manna which you provided for them; at last they were able to provide for themselves. Help us to realize that you have given us all that we need to be those who would bring peace and hope to others. Let us place our trust in you so that our sharing is a reflection of your forgiving and reconciling love. In Jesus Christ, we offer this prayer. 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

Ephesians 2:13-18

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

This ends the NT Lessons.

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

Gospel Lesson

Luke 23:32-34

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

***Jesus Restores Our Relationship* Rev. Jin Kook Kim**

Good morning, Church Family! I hope you had a blessed week in Christ. We are in Lent, and today is the fourth Sunday in Lent. I pray that you fully participate in the Lenten season by meditating on Jesus' sacrificial love and participating in Jesus' passion. Our meditation and participation help us to realize God's grace and Jesus' love in our hearts deeply and make us praise God and give thanks to God. Let us meditate on Jesus' love on the cross whenever we see the Lenten wrist band. Also, let us try to participate in Jesus' passion with prayers and

grateful hearts. It is not late to plan or begin something for meditation or participation. You can make the Lenten season meaningful this time. We still have half of the Lenten season.

One of the parents' roles is intercession for their kids when they fight. My wife and I become intercessors for my kids when they fight. When a kid makes a mistake, and the other gets angry or cries, we ask the kids to say sorry and the other to accept the apology. And let them give a hug and say, "I love you." If both kids make mistakes, we let them say what they did wrong and ask them to say sorry to each other, hug each other, and say, "I love you." That worked when they were younger but now, not always. They sometimes don't accept the other's apologies but say, "I am not ok." and go somewhere. Sometimes they don't want to say "Sorry," pointing out the other's mistakes. That makes us be hard to help them to reconcile. They are still young kids, so the situation does not last long. They usually reconcile their relationship and get back to playing together.

How about adults? It is usually hard to reconcile when you break your relationship with others by your fault or when the other breaks your relationship with the one by one's fault. It is hard for people to reconcile their relationships. And it is harder to help people to reconcile their relationship as an intercessor when your friends or family members break their relationships. Reconciliation is a good word. However, it is hard to see or try. It is very hard to reconcile a broken relationship.

One of the meanings of Jesus' sacrificial love on the cross is the restoration of relationship, reconciliation. God always wants to be in a relationship with us. God created human beings in God's image to be in relationship with us. God didn't create us as puppets or programmed robots. God gives us God's characteristics to be in relationship with God. And God loves us so much. However, we often break our relationship with God by committing sins. We often push God away from us by committing sins. We get ourselves from God by committing sins. We build a wall higher between God and us by committing sins. We see that in the Bible a lot. From the story of Adam and Eve who disobeyed God's will and broke their relationship with God. The people of Israel betrayed God many times, committing sins, and broke the relationship. It is always human beings who break the relationship with God. And God still wants us to get back to being in relationship with God as we know one of Jesus' parables, the story of the prodigal son.

Jesus restored our relationship with God through his sacrificial love on the cross. He became an intercessor between God and us. As we read the Gospel lesson, Jesus prayed to God for those who crucified him, saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." Jesus asked God to forgive them although he was in great pain on the cross by them. Jesus became the intercessor for them for God's forgiveness and the reconciliation of their relationship with God. Jesus gave up his life for us to reconcile our relationship with God. He not only prayed but also gave up his life for our relationship with God. Through his sacrificial love, Jesus lets us get back to God when we get away from God by committing sins. Through his cross, Jesus broke the walls that we made between God and us by committing sins. Jesus restored our relationship with God. Colossians 1:21-22 describes that well. "Once you were alienated from God, and you were enemies with him in your minds, which was shown by your evil actions. But now he [Jesus] has reconciled you by his physical body through death, to present you before God as a people who are holy, faultless, and without blame."

Church family,

We couldn't restore our relationship with God by ourselves, but Jesus could, and he restored our relationship with God for us, giving up his life on the cross. Our restored relationship with God is worthy because the cost is Jesus' life. Let us give thanks to Jesus for his sacrificial love and the restoration of our relationship with God. Let us keep our restored relationship with God in our faith journey.

Let us consider how important our relationship with God is in our life journey in the light of Jesus' death on the cross for that. Our relationship with God is very important as much as the worth of Jesus' life. That is why he died on the cross for our relationship with God.

We can see in the Bible that there are two important relationships: first, our relationship with God, and second, our relationship with one another. As we can see, the ten commandments talk about the two relationships. The first four commandments are to have a good relationship with God: don't put other gods before God, don't make any image or other things to bow down, don't use God's name in vain, and keep the sabbath. The next six commandments are for our relationship with one another: honor your parents, don't kill, don't commit adultery, don't steal, don't bear false witness, and don't covet others'. God wants us to have a good relationship with God and a good relationship with one another among us because all people are God's children whom God loves so much.

Jesus wants us to restore our relationship with others. In Matthew 5:23-24, Jesus says, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift." Church family, I know it is not easy for us to reconcile our broken relationships with others. However, I hope we try to reconcile our relationship with others if we are a broken relationship with others as Jesus gave up his life for us and our relationship with God. Let us try. If we caused a broken relationship, let us go to them and ask for their forgiveness. If others caused a broken relationship, let us ask God to give us the heart of forgiveness and approach them to forgive them. In these ways, we can follow Jesus' will and life in our lives, and we will have the benefit of a restored and reconciled relationship with others.

Moreover, God wants us to serve others to restore their relationship with God and others. "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; we are ambassadors for Christ since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." (2 Cor. 5:18, 20) Jesus became an intercessor between God and us and among us. And now, we are ambassadors for Christ who restores our relationship with God and people. Let us serve people to restore their relationship with God and people. As Jesus makes peace in us, let us make peace in the world throughout our lives and ministries. 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: O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received, accept this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given, and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all peoples, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Called to the World

‡Closing Hymn

Let There Be Peace on Earth

UMH 431

Verse 1

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony

Verse 2

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

‡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.