

Dear Church family,

We will have In-person and Online Worship at 10am on **Sunday, March 20, 2022.**

The information for Online Worship is:

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

YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOzxLc7UQjeMNprim9u8gtQ/>

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**

**1 John 3:18-24, Matthew 5:43-48, John 13:34**

**I will deliver the message titled, 'Jesus Shows How to Live'.**

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,

or online at [www.littlefallsumc.org/donation](http://www.littlefallsumc.org/donation)

(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**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 20, 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: Wrap yourselves in the healing love of God!

**All: We seek God’s presence in our lives.**

Leader: Know that God continually surrounds us with patience and persistence.

**All: Even though we have not produced the “fruits” of hope that God seeks, yet God forgives and heals our weakness.**

Leader: Rejoice! Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

**All: We will turn our lives again to the Lord, to serve and seek God’s presence.**

**AMEN.**

**‡Praise Song**

*This Is the Day*

UMH 657

Verse

This is the day

This is the day

That the Lord hath made

That the Lord hath made

Let us rejoice

Let us rejoice

And be glad in it

And be glad in it

This is the day

That the Lord hath made

We will rejoice and be glad in it

This is the day

This is the day

That the Lord hath made

**Children’s Time**

*Joseph’s Colorful robe 1*

**Genesis 37**

Joseph was one of Jacob’s twelve sons. Jacob loved him more than all of his other sons. Jacob made Joseph a colorful robe. His brothers were jealous. They wanted nice robes, too. And they wanted to be loved as much as Joseph was loved.

**Announcements**

- We have ‘**In-Person’ Worship in the Sanctuary** and ‘**Online Worship**’ at 10 am on ***Sunday, March 20, 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 with the number 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 ***Lorraine De Caprio and Janet Dewes*** for providing the altar flowers for Sunday Service on ***March 13 & March 20 respectfully***. If you would like to offer the altar flowers, please contact Janet (973) 896-8936 ([ladyteddy@aol.com](mailto:ladyteddy@aol.com)).
- **Prayer Concerns & Joys** - Please email Pastor Jin ([jkim@littlefallsumc.org](mailto: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.
- **Lent Bible Study** – We will have the Lent Bible Study on ***Wednesday, March 23, 30, 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!** – Baked Potato Dinner will be on ***Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>***, 5:30 to 7:00pm. Tickets are available now at \$17 per person. Please contact Cheryle (973-508-7402) or the church office (973-256-0993) for more details.
- **Easter Flower Sale!** – Order forms will be available next week and due back by Sunday, April 10 the latest.
- **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](mailto:melissadowning82@gmail.com) or Lorraine (973) 641-2695 or [lordecaprio@yahoo.com](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup>*** 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 7 th*** 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 ***2<sup>nd</sup> 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!**
- **Shoprite Gift Card** - If you want to buy a Shoprite gift card, please contact Pete (973) 595-5765 or ([detroit50@aol.com](mailto: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. **Online Donation is now Available!** [www.littlefallsumc.org/donation](http://www.littlefallsumc.org/donation) 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.

**The Report of Church Forum**

**Beth Billig**

**‡Hymn of Prayer**

***Sweet Hour of Prayer***

**UMH 496**

Verse 1

Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer  
 That calls me from a world of care  
 And bids me at my Father's throne

Make all my wants and wishes known  
In seasons of distress and grief  
My soul has often found relief  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare  
By thy return sweet hour of prayer

Verse 2

Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer  
The joys I feel the bliss I share  
Of those whose anxious spirits burn  
With strong desires for thy return  
With such I hasten to the place  
Where God my Savior shows His face  
And gladly take my station there  
And wait for thee sweet hour of prayer

Verse 3

Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To Him whose truth and faithfulness  
Engage the waiting soul to bless  
And since He bids me seek His face  
Believe His Word and trust His grace  
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care  
And wait for thee sweet hour of prayer

Verse 4

Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer  
May I thy consolation share  
Till from Mount Pisgah's lofty height  
I view my home and take my flight  
This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise  
To seize the everlasting prize  
And shout while passing through the air  
Farewell farewell sweet hour of prayer

## **Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession**

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

We put everything off until the last minute, Lord. You have invited and encouraged us on this journey, reminding us of the struggles and of the hope. You ask us to let go of the things that bind us from serving freely, but we have a nasty tendency to wait until it's almost too late - until the last minute. We can't seem to let go of the hurt, fear, and pain. On this journey, remind us again of your healing love, your forgiving power. Help us to trust the goodness and potential for good that you have placed in all of us. We have come to this place to hear your word, to sing and pray to you in hope. Enable us to find the courage to really believe in you, that your healing love may permeate our souls and prepare us for true witness; 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.***

### **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**

#### **1 John 3:18-24**

<sup>18</sup> Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup> And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup> whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup> and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup> All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

***This ends the NT Lessons.***

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

#### **Gospel Lesson**

#### **Matthew 5:43-48**

#### **Love for Enemies**

<sup>43</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

## **John 13:34**

<sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

***Jesus Shows How to Live***

**Rev. Jin Kook Kim**

Good morning, Church Family! I hope you had a blessed week in Christ last week. We are in Lent, and I hope all of us give our efforts to meditation on God's grace through Jesus' sacrificial love and participate in Jesus' passion doing our best. I share the sermon series, 'Savior,' that teaches us what the Bible says about Jesus' sacrificial love on the cross. Last Sunday, we considered together that Jesus set us free by paying a ransom; that was his life. Jesus sets us free not only from the captivity of sins but also other chains that block us from the free and forgiven life that God intends for us. Let us give thanks to Jesus, who sets us free from sins and other chains. Let us pray and sing hymns to remind ourselves of the freedom that Jesus gave us.

Children do not follow what you say but what you show. I said these words to a young family recently. The family came to church to have a conversation with me regarding their baby boy's baptism. I gave them the general information of the church and provided them the education of baptism, the meaning of the baptism. And I said those words, "Kids do not follow what you say but what you show. Baptism is an initiation of one's faith journey, and you would want your kids to live in God's love and blessings as you want your baby to be baptized. The best way to teach him to live with faith is to show how to live with faith. And it is also a responsibility to the parents who seek their children's baptism. So, I encourage you to resume your faith journey at a church if you do not have a church community that you can call your spiritual home."

Showing how to do something is the best teaching method. It is easy to learn something when someone shows you how to do it, rather than reading written directions. For example, you can learn how to make pasta when someone shows the process. That is much easier for us to learn compared to learning from a cookbook, a written direction. These days, people can easily learn many things from videos on the internet because the videos show what they want to learn.

Jesus shows us how to live. Through his life, he shows us how to live. He stopped for the sick and healed them rather than just passed, although he was on the way to going somewhere. He was like the Samaritan man who helped the robbed in his parable. He fed five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish when he saw they were hungry. It was right after he taught them. He had done his job, teaching them. Feeding them was not his responsibility, but he fed them. He was patient with his disciples when his disciples didn't understand his teaching or his way for ministry.

On the cross, Jesus shows us how to live. He asked God's forgiveness for the soldiers who mocked him, taunted him, nailed him, and speared him. He saved one of the criminals who hung on the cross next to him by promising him the kingdom of God. He refused sour wine, which can be a painkiller for him to fulfill God's words. He praised God even in suffering and pain with Psalm 22 that begins with the words, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me."



The best one that Jesus showed on the cross was how to love. Jesus gave up his life for us on the cross to save us. He died on the cross for us because he loves us so much. Jesus paid his life for us because he loves us and wants us to have a new life in Jesus. Jesus said that there is no greater love than laying down one's life for others, and Jesus laid down his life for us because he loves us. The cross shows us how much he loves us. He loves us as much as he gives up his life. How many people can die for us? How many people can die for each of you? And for how many people can you give up your life? It would be hard for us to answer. We know the story that Jesus died for us already, so we often do not consider his death and love deeply. We may think Jesus is Jesus, the son of God who came to the world to save us. He did his job. Should Jesus love us because he was the son of God? No. Was it not big for him to give up his life for us? No. He prayed to God that if it were possible, he would like to pass the cup. He took the cross because he loved us so much. He died on the cross because he chose to love us. Through the cross, he showed us how to love and what true love is.

Little Falls Church Family,

Jesus shows us how to live. Jesus wants us to follow Jesus and his life. Also, we have committed to follow Jesus as Christ-followers, Christians. Let us follow Jesus and his life. Let us follow what he showed. Let us love one another as Jesus showed his love on the cross. Jesus said, "you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Let's love one another. Jesus' love is not cheap because his life was not cheap. We have debts of his love and let us love one another.

As you know, we are collecting monetary donations and medical items, and baby items to help Ukraine. I give thanks to you because these collections were initiated by you and your warm hearts, kind hearts, and compassionate hearts. Many people reached out to me if we could do something to help them and gave me the information so we could start these collections. The collections for Ukraine are our acts of love toward the people of Ukraine. Also, we love our neighbors who need our help, such as Oasis, the homeless, and others. Let us love one another by participating in the collections. We can love through those campaigns.

Church Family,

Jesus is our role model for our lives. Jesus shows us how to live and what is the best life. And Jesus invited us to follow him and his life to love others as he has loved us. Let us accept his invitation and let us love one another as Jesus has loved us. I pray that we show how to live to the people in the world throughout our lives, so all people follow Jesus' love. 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: Patient and merciful God, we bring our offerings humbly on this day, hoping they will bring fruit to the ministry of your church on earth. We ourselves have not always set our priorities on bearing good fruit, and yet you are a patient gardener. You have sent saints into our midst to make the soil richer, yet like the stubborn fig tree, good fruit has been scarce. May our journey this Lenten season feed our spirits to bring forth the fruit you desire. We pray in the name of our savior and redeemer, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

### Called to the World

### ‡Closing Hymn

### *Are Ye Able*

UMH 530

"Are ye able," said the Master, "to be crucified with me?"

"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered, "to the death we follow thee."

Refrain:

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.  
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.  
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be  
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

Are ye able to remember, when a thief lifts up his eyes,  
that his pardoned soul is worthy of a place in paradise?  
(Refrain)

Are ye able when the shadows close around you with the sod,  
to believe that spirit triumphs, to commend your soul to God?  
(Refrain)

Are ye able? Still the Master whispers down eternity,  
and heroic spirits answer, now as then in Galilee.  
(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.