

Dear Church family,

We will have In-person and Online Worship at 10am on **Sunday, May 1, 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

Acts 9:1-6, John 21:1-14

I will deliver the message titled, 'Remember the risen Jesus'.

We will have Holy Communion during Sunday Worship on May 1st.

The elements will be given to those who are in the Sanctuary right after worship.

Online Folks, please prepare a piece of bread (or a Cracker) and a small cup of juice (or Water) as the elements of Holy Communion before worship.

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

Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 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, let us sing our songs of joy to the Lord!

All: We will tell of God's power and victorious love!

Leader: Let our voices be heard everywhere!

All: Let our songs of praise never end!

Leader: Let all the earth echo the songs of God's mighty love!

All: Let us feel the strength of God coursing through us!

Leader: Shout the good news!

All: Christ is Alive! Christ calls us! Praise be to God!

‡Praise Song

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

UMH 304

Easter people, raise your voices,
Sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;
Heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Easter people let us sing!

Fear of death can no more stop us
From our pressing here below.
For our lord empowered us
to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter,
with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs!

Children's Time

A Net Full of Fish

John 21:1-14

Peter went fishing with some of the disciples. They fished from their boat all night, but they did not even catch one fish. Early the next morning, someone from the shore shouted, "You have not caught any fish, have you?" "No," they replied, "Cast your net to the right side of the boat," the man said. As soon as they did, Their net was full of fish! Then Peter Knew the man was Jesus. He jumped out of the boat and swam to shore. Jesus asked him, "Do you love me?" Peter said, "You know I do." Jesus said, "If you love me, then take good care of my people."

Announcements

- We have **'In-Person' Worship in the Sanctuary** and **'Online Worship'** at 10 am on **Sunday, May 1, 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.
- ***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 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**.*
- **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** –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 had a Special Charge Conference on **April 26th**, Tuesday and Scott Fitzgerald was elected as the chairperson of Staff Parish Relations Committee. Please pray for Scott for his service as the SPRC Chairperson and help him.
- **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.

- **UMW Victorian Tea & Auction!** – UMW had a successful event last Saturday. Thank you, everyone for your help, support, and generosity!
- **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 & Bake sale. Contact Allison for more details 973-809-4152. 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 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.

‡Hymn of Prayer

I love You, Lord

TFWS 2068

I love You Lord, and I lift my voice
to worship You, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what You hear
may it be a sweet sweet sound in Your ear.

Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession

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

Lord Jesus, we slouch in our seats. We sit back and relax. The rush of Easter is over, the excitement which carried us to Easter and to the room where Jesus appeared to the disciples is wearing off. We just aren't sure what to do now that the journey to the Cross is completed. Help us to understand that the Cross is not our ending point, but rather the pivotal point. Help us to be people of astounding faith, who have seen the light of Resurrection, who know that you have conquered death. Fear cannot claim and bind us. You have released us to serve others and witness to the glorious, good news. As we have brought the names of those near and dear to us to you in prayer, help us to feel the rejuvenating power of your love in our lives. Inspire us to move into compassionate ministries to your world. For we ask these things in the name of our Risen Lord. 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 9:1-6

The Conversion of Saul

9 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am

Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

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

Gospel Lesson

John 21:1-14

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

21 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Remember the Risen Jesus

Rev. Jin Kook Kim

Good morning, Church Family! I am glad to see you, everyone, and to worship God together as a church family this morning. I hope you had a blessed week in Christ. I pray that God’s love, grace, and guidance are always with you in your faith journey. Last Sunday, Ken shared the message that our lives are the journey with Jesus and walking with Jesus, our Savior, and the son of God. Let us walk with Jesus, our Savior, all the time. Walking with Jesus, let us serve others to see Jesus’ love and grace.

My wife and I have helped them to pray to God to give thanks for food before they eat. They usually give thanks to God through prayer before they eat. I don’t remember when but years ago, they had a meal without prayer, so I said, “Would you pray to give thanks to God because

God gives you the food?” One of them said, “Mommy gave us food. That was not God.” I replied, “God gives Mommy and Daddy so we can give you food. Let us pray to give thanks to God for giving us food.” Then we prayed, and the kids ate the rest of the food.

In today’s scripture, Jesus prepared breakfast for the disciples and gave them bread and fish when they came from fishing. Jesus was their teacher, and they were his disciples. Usually, disciples prepared meals for their teacher rather than a teacher preparing meals for disciples. Why did he prepare a meal for them and give them food? Did they do something good or well to be served by Jesus? No, not at all. As we read the scripture, it was the third time that Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from death. They were fishing. However, they should not fish at that time. Rather than fishing fish, they should go out and proclaim Jesus’ death and resurrection because they witnessed Jesus’ death and resurrection. And their mission given by Jesus was to save people by serving them to accept Jesus Christ as Jesus called them to fish for people. They failed to follow Jesus’ call and direction. Even they failed to fish for fish. They worked all night, but they didn’t catch a fish.

When Jesus came to them, Jesus stood on the beach and said, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they did and could catch as many fish as they couldn’t haul the net. Then they found that the person who gave them the direction was Jesus, the risen Jesus, and came to him. Jesus gave them bread and fish as their breakfast.

What do you think? Why did Jesus prepare food for them and give them the food? I believe it was not because of what they did good or well but because Jesus wanted to care for them and provide what they needed. That was Jesus’ care and provision for them. Jesus cared for them although they failed their mission and calling. Jesus encouraged them to go the right way by giving bread and fish and by letting them experience catching many fish when they followed Jesus’ direction.

They went back to their previous lives, which were to fish, although they witnessed Jesus’ resurrection. They didn’t know what to do, although they had seen the risen Jesus two times already. They were so happy and surprised when they saw the risen Jesus. However, the witness didn’t stop them from going back to their previous lives. Then, Jesus appeared to them again and cared for them, and encouraged them to walk with him on their life journey. Likewise, we often lose the joy and the hope of Easter and the risen Jesus in our lives, but the risen Jesus comes to us and lets us have the joy and the hope of Easter in our lives again.

On Easter Sunday, we celebrated Jesus’ resurrection. We shared the message that we have hope and joy in us and our lives for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is risen. We sang, “Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because he lives, all fear is gone. Because I know, He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.” Are we still have the same joy and hope of Easter now? Or did we already lose the joy and the hope of Easter? Let us remember the risen Jesus to have the joy and the hope of Easter in our lives forever. Every Sunday is Easter Sunday, so we don’t count Sunday as one of the 40 days of the Lenten season. We get together and praise God together on Sunday, not Saturday, the day of the Sabbath, because Jesus’ resurrection is the foundation of our faith. Let us remember Jesus’ resurrection when we get together for Sunday Worship. Let us remind ourselves that Jesus gives us hope and joy through his resurrection when we worship together on Sunday.

Also, let us remember the risen Jesus when we have food. Jesus' disciples would remember the breakfast that Jesus prepared for them after Jesus was ascended. Of course, they would remember the last supper where Jesus asked them to remember Jesus giving them bread and wine. The disciples would remember not only Jesus' cross but also Jesus' resurrection when they ate food. Even we know that the two disciples who went to Emmaus realized their companion was Jesus when Jesus broke the bread and gave it to them. Let us remember the risen Jesus when we eat something. Let us remember that the joy and the hope of Easter are with us and in us when we eat or drink something. Let us remember that the risen Jesus' care and provision are with us when we eat. We don't skip meals even when we are in trouble or fail something. Whenever we have a meal in the midst of hardship, let us remember that the risen Jesus is with us and the hope of Easter is with us, and Jesus' care and provision are with us.

Little Falls Church family, we know that everything comes from God. Food comes from God. Although we work and buy food to have food, we know that God is the ultimate source of food and our lives. Rather than saying, "Mommy gave us food. That was not God.," let us give thanks to God for the food that God provided us and give thanks to God before we eat. Also, let us remember the risen Jesus, the hope and the joy of Easter, and God's love and provision whenever we eat or drink. The risen Jesus is with us. The risen Jesus cares for us and provides what we need. Let us remember the Risen Jesus! Amen!

THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION

Response 1

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Response 2

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Response 3

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: Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Called to the World

‡Closing Hymn *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* UMH 462

Verse 1

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know thus saith the Lord

Chorus

Jesus Jesus how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more

Verse 2

O how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust His cleansing blood
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing cleansing flood

Verse 3

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace

Verse 4

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus Savior Friend
And I know that Thou art with me
Wilt be with me to the end

‡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.