

Dear Church family,

We will have In-person and Online Worship at 10am on **Sunday, March 6, 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**  
**Romans 3:23-26, 1 Peter 2:20-24 and John 15:12-17.**

**I will deliver the message titled, 'Jesus Takes Your Place'.**

***We will have Holy Communion during Sunday Worship on March 6<sup>th</sup>.  
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).  
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**

**First Sunday in Lent**

**March 6, 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: We are brought here today to glimpse the hope that Christ has for us.

**All: Open our hearts to receive that hope.**

Leader: We are brought here today to be healed of our fears.

**All: Heal us, Lord Jesus, with your love and power.**

Leader: Come, let us receive the vision and healing love of God.

**All: Praise be to God who continues to bless and restore us. AMEN.**

#### ‡Praise Song

#### *To God Be the Glory*

UMH 98

To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.  
Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.  
Refrain

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our victory, when Jesus we see.

#### Children's Time

#### *Lent*

#### Announcements

- We have '**In-Person**' Worship in the Sanctuary and '**Online Worship**' at 10 am on **Sunday, March 6, 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.
- **Holy Communion** – We will have Holy Communion at ***Sunday Worship on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am.*** If you plan to join us Online service, please prepare Holy Communion elements, Bread (or a cracker) and Grape juice (or water).
- **Altar Flowers** – Thank you to ***Cheryle Mitchell*** for providing the altar flowers for Sunday Service in ***Memory of Cathi Conti and Dale Mitchell.*** 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 every ***Wednesday from March 9 to April 13.*** 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.
- **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.
- **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, March 3*** 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!**
- **Shoptite Gift Card** - If you want to buy a Shoptite 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. 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

*O How He Loves You and Me*

TFWS 2108

Verse 1

Oh how He loves you and me  
 Oh how He loves you and me  
 He gave His life  
 What more could He give  
 Oh how He loves you  
 Oh how He loves me  
 Oh how He loves you and me

Verse 2

Jesus to Calv'ry did go  
 His love for sinners to show  
 What He did there  
 Brought hope from despair

Oh how He loves you  
Oh how He loves me  
Oh how He loves you and me

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

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

Gracious God, we give thanks to you for your grace and mercy. We are grateful for your presence in our lives. Your presence is with us always, lifting, healing, restoring, encouraging us to move forward on the journey of service and compassion. We bring to our prayers today needs of others and situations which are difficult and sorrowful. We implore God to respond with compassion and care for these, our loved ones. Help us, O God, to remember that you are in the midst of these times, giving hope and love. Enable us to feel the power of this love in our own lives. Empower us to share this love with 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.*

### **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           Romans 3:23-26**

<sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

#### **NT Lesson           1 Peter 2:20-24**

<sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> “He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

<sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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

**Gospel Lesson**

**John 15:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

***Jesus Takes Your Place***

**Rev. Jin Kook Kim**

Good morning, Church Family! I hope you had a blessed week in Christ last week. Now, we are in Lent. As we considered at Ash Wednesday Service, The Lenten season is the time to meditate on God's grace through Jesus' sacrificial love that was shown on the cross. Also, it is the time for us to participate in Jesus' passion in many ways that we can do. Are you wearing the bracelet? Your bracelet is a reminder for us to meditate on Jesus' love and our commitments to participate in Jesus' passion. Let us not pass this Lenten season but put ourselves fully in meditation on Jesus' love and participation in Jesus' passion during Lent.

Jesus' death on the cross centers in the Lenten season. What is your understanding of Jesus' death on the cross? What does it mean to you? To help us to deepen our understanding of Jesus' death and passion during this Lenten season, I will deliver a sermon series that is based on the book *Savior*, which is about what the Bible says about the cross. There are many meanings and understandings of Jesus' death on the cross, and each of them will help us understand the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross deeper and broader.

Jesus died on the cross. We have heard that many times and we know the story well. How does Jesus' death on the cross relate to us? For us, Jesus died on the cross. Instead of us, Jesus died on the cross. Instead of us, Jesus got the punishment to save

us. Jesus takes our place. That is the essential meaning of Jesus' death on the cross for all of us. It is more than that the innocent Jesus died. Jesus died without sin. He didn't do any wrongdoing to be put to death, but he died on the cross taking our place. It is more than the very Jesus who we love died. We love Jesus so Jesus' death can be related to us as our loved ones' passing matter to us. However, it is more than that. Jesus loved us first, and Jesus, who loves us so much, died on the cross instead of us, taking our place. Jesus, who loves us and who we love so much, died on the cross, taking our place.

As I mentioned in the story of the movie, *Unforgivable*, at Ash Wednesday service, The grown-up big sister took charge of murder instead of the young sister, who was five years old. She was in prison for twenty years, where the younger sister should be. She took her baby sister's place to let her free from the charge because she loved her so much. She raised and cared for her sister as if she was the mother of her sister because they didn't have parents. She loved her younger sister to give out her life to save her sister.

We all have sinned before God. The punishment for sinners is death, as we read in the Bible, that the result of sin is death. As sinners, we should be on the cross, and we should be put in death. However, Jesus took our place. Jesus took our cross. Instead of us, Jesus took the punishment that we should take. As we read 1 Peter 2:24, "He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed."

Instead of us, Jesus died on the cross. He took our place because he loves us so much. Jesus said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13) Jesus laid down his life for us. There is no greater love than this. Holy Communion reminds us of Jesus' sacrificial love. Jesus said, "Take, eat. This is my body which is given to you. Drink from this. This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Church Family,

Jesus died on the cross for us, laying down his life for us, giving his body and blood for us. Although the place is death, he took our place because he loves us so much. Jesus took my place and your place. Please note that Jesus died for us, each of us. Although Jesus' death was offered to all people, let us not hide in a group. We sometimes hide our individual being in a group and our individual names in a group name to protect us. It would be easy to say, "That's our fault," rather than, "It is my fault." Maybe it is easier for us to say, "Jesus died for us, instead of us," than "Jesus died for me, instead of me." It would be easier for us to say, "Jesus died for our sins," than "Jesus died for my sins." Jesus' death is for each of us. Jesus died for me, Jin, and you, your name. Jesus died on the cross instead of me, Jin, myself, for my sin, Jin's sins. Likewise, Jesus died on the cross instead of you, your name, yourself, for your sins.



Church family,  
Instead of us, Jesus died. Because of our sins, Jesus died. Jesus took my place and your place of death because Jesus loved you and me, each of us. Let us give thanks to Jesus for his sacrificial love. And as Jesus called us to love others as Jesus loved us, let us love Jesus more and let us love others more. Amen.

**THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION**

**Rev. Jin Kook Kim**

**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: Mighty God, as we remember the strength of Jesus facing the temptation offered by the devil, we remember too clearly how the temptations of food, of authority, and power have overcome us. We've been tricked to believe our wants were needs and more is always better. May we offer our gifts to you this day with generosity and gratitude; strengthen us to resist temptation that would present security or power in anyone but you. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**Called to the World**

**‡Closing Hymn**

***I Stand Amazed in the Presence***

**UMH 371**

Verse 1

I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus the Nazarene  
And wonder how He could love me  
A sinner condemned unclean

Chorus

How marvelous how wonderful  
And my song shall ever be  
How marvelous how wonderful  
Is my Saviour's love for me

Verse 2

For me it was in the garden  
He prayed not My will but Thine  
He had no tears for His own griefs  
But sweat drops of blood for mine

Verse 3

In pity angels beheld Him  
And came from the world of light  
To comfort Him in the sorrows  
He bore for my soul that night

Verse 4

He took my sins and my sorrows  
He made them His very own  
He bore the burden to Calvary  
And suffered and died alone

Verse 5

When with the ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see  
'Twill be my joy through the ages  
To sing of His love for 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.