

Dear Church family,

We will have In-person and Online Worship at 10am on **Sunday, March 13, 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.

Sunday Scriptures

Acts 16:16-26 and Luke 4:16-21

I will deliver the message titled, 'Jesus Sets You Free'.

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

Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 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: Open your hearts to God's love today.

All: In the midst of winter darkness, we seek the brightness of God's love.

Leader: Don't be afraid. God is with you.

All: With the Lord's help, we can overcome the darkness.

Leader: The Lord is your light and your salvation.

All: Even though everything around us is disturbing, yet God's love is constant. Thanks be to God. AMEN.

‡Praise Song

Welcome

W&S 3152

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
To build a world where love can grow, and hope can enter in
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace

Refrain

Singing welcome, welcome to this place
You're invited to come and know God's grace
All are welcome the love of God to share
Cause all of us are welcome here
All are welcome in this place.

Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast
Where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least
And joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray

Refrain

Singing welcome, welcome to this place
You're invited to come and know God's grace
All are welcome the love of God to share
Cause all of us are welcome here
All are welcome in this place.

Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one
A city built of love and light the new Jerusalem
Where our mourning turns to dancing every creature lifts its voice

Refrain

crying welcome, welcome to this place

You're invited to come and know God's grace
All are welcome the love of God to share
Cause all of us are welcome here
All are welcome in this place.

Children's Time

Jacob and Esau Meet Again

Genesis 29

While Jacob lived with his uncle Laban, he became a shepherd. He fell in love and got married. God blessed Jacob with many sons. Jacob also had many sheep, donkeys, and camels. One day, God told Jacob to go back to his homeland. Jacob wanted to go back, but he was afraid of his brother, Esau. He thought Esau would still be angry with him. But Jacob obeyed God. He and his family packed up everything they owned. Jacob sent servants ahead to offer gifts to Esau. Much to Jacob's surprise, Esau ran to meet him and he gave Jacob a big hug. There were so happy to see each other again.

Announcements

- We have **'In-Person' Worship in the Sanctuary** and **'Online Worship'** at 10 am on **Sunday, March 13, 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 **Allison, Jennifer, Kelly, Terri, Sean** for providing the altar flowers for Sunday Service in **Memory of Stephen Smith**. 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.

- **Lent Bible Study** – We will have the Lent Bible Study on **Wednesday March 16, 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.
- **Baked Potato Dinner!** – Baked Potato Dinner will be on **Saturday, March 26th**, 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, melissadowning82@gmail.com or Lorraine (973) 641-2695, 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, 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 2nd Wednesday of the month. For Wednesday, March 9 & April 13, we will meet at 6:30pm. 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).
- **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** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* **TFWS 2193**

Lord, listen to your children praying.
 Lord, send your spirit in this place.
 Lord, listen to your children praying.
 Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession

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

Special prayers for the people of the Ukraine

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 16:16-26

Paul and Silas in Prison

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you^[a] a way of salvation.” ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened.

This ends the NT Lessons.

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

Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:16-21

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Jesus Sets You Free

Rev. Jin Kook Kim

Good morning, Church Family! I hope you had a blessed week in Christ Jesus last week. We are in the Lenten season, and today is the second Sunday of Lent. Do you wear a Lenten wristband and think of Jesus whenever you see the band? I pray that all of us meditate on God’s grace through Jesus’ sacrificial love on the cross and participate in Jesus’ passion. I am preaching the sermon series based on the book ‘Savior,’ which helps us to understand what the bible says about the cross. Last Sunday, we considered that Jesus died for us, taking our place. Jesus loves us as much as Jesus took our place of death on the cross. We are sinners, and Jesus, our savior, took our place to save us. Let us give thanks to Jesus and let us love one another as Jesus loves us.

We will consider another meaning of Jesus’ sacrificial love on the cross this morning. Have you heard about ransomware? It is a computer virus. When the virus, ransomware infect your computer, your computer is locked, and you cannot access your data, computer files, for example, documents and photos until you pay a cost, ransom, to unlock your computer and get back your computer files. Only after you pay the ransom, you can access your data. In May 2021, the computer system of Colonial Pipeline was attacked by ransomware, the computer virus. The company has a large oil pipeline system that originates in Houston, Texas, and carries oil to the Southeastern United States. They couldn’t control their operating system due to the ransomware attack, so they couldn’t use their pipeline to carry the oil at that time. The Hacker asked for a ransom, and they could use their system after they paid it.

Jesus sets us free from the captivity of sin by paying a ransom. Sin holds us hostage when we commit sin as the computer virus holds the computer files as hostages. We become captives of sin when we commit sin as the computer data becomes captives of a computer hacker when the virus comes into the computer. Sin blocks us from living the free and forgiven life that God intends for us, and we cannot escape from the captivity of sin on our own efforts. We cannot make ourselves free by ourselves. However, Jesus set us free from the captivity of sin by paying the ransom on the cross, which was his life. Jesus saves us from captivity, giving out his life on the cross. What has Jesus done on the cross? Jesus gave up his life as a ransom to set us free from sins.

Little Falls Church Family,

Jesus sets us free by paying a ransom. Jesus sets us free from the captivity of sin by paying for his life. Because of Jesus’ sacrificial love, we become free. Because of Jesus’ sacrificial

love, we enjoy the free and forgiven life in God. Let us praise God and let us give thanks to God, for God gives us freedom through Jesus' death on the cross. Church family, we are here to proclaim the freedom that God gives us. We are here to inform people that Jesus sets them free too. Let us deliver this good news to others, "Jesus sets you free by paying ransom with his life."

Jesus frees us not only from the spiritual bondage of sin but also from all other forms of bondage. In Luke 4, Jesus read the scripture, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he said, "This scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus was on the side of the oppressed. In his time, Jesus gave people freedom not only from the spiritual bondage of sin but also from poverty, illness, disability, and oppression. Jesus fed people, healed them, let them free from evil spirits, and forgave them. Jesus freed them from what they were captured in.

What are we in bondage within our lives? From what chains do we need to be freed? Addiction, one of guilt, hopelessness, anger, bitterness, or resentment? Skeptical doubt about our Christian experience? The fear of death, anxiety about our future, or one of disease? In what prison are we in as hostages and let us not live the free and forgiven life that God intends for us? Wherever we are captured and suffer, Jesus can free us. Jesus paid ransom on the cross already to walk out from our prison. Jesus sets us free by paying the ransom, his life, already so we can get out of the prison.

Praying and singing are two ways of claiming our freedom. When Paul and Silas were in prison, although they didn't do any wrongdoing, they prayed and sang hymns. As we know, prayer is powerful. It is a privilege for us to talk with God Almighty. Through the conversation with God, we can claim freedom from our chains in our lives. We know the power of songs. We feel happy and comfortable when we listen to music. Hymns are the prayers with tunes. Singing hymns make us feel God's presence and comfort. Singing hymns reminds us of God's grace through Jesus Christ. Through singing hymns, we can claim freedom from our chains.

Little Falls Church Family,

Jesus sets us free from sins and other bondages. Jesus paid the ransom with his life to save us to give us freedom in God. Let us believe that we are free from everything because Jesus sets us free. Let us claim freedom by praying and singing hymns. In God and in Christ, we are free! Amen.

Reception of A New Member – Teresa Velella

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: Generous God, as we travel this Lenten journey, allow us to walk beside Jesus as he makes his journey into Jerusalem. As we offer our gifts this morning, may it be our way of saying we won't turn away from the problems and conflicts of this world; but like Jesus, we will walk toward them. All we take for the journey is the compassion, mercy, and sacrifice that he carried—moving toward what waited in the Holy City. We journey in Christ's steps and pray in Christ's holy name. Amen.

Called to the World

‡**Closing Hymn**

Jesus Loves Me

UMH 191

Verse 1

Jesus loves me This I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak but He is strong

Chorus

Yes Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so

Verse 2

Jesus loves me This I know
As he loved so long ago
Taking children on his knee
Saying let them come to me

Verse 3

Jesus loves me still today
Walking with me on my way
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live

‡**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.