

Dear Church family,

We will have In-person and Online Worship on **Sunday, October 29, 2023, 10am.**

Online Worship

Website: www.littlefallsumc.org

YouTube: www.youtube.com/@lfumc

You can join Online Worship using your home phone or cell phone.

Call 646-876-9923; enter the Meeting ID 917 9067 6301; and enter the Passcode 139139.

Sunday Scriptures

1 John 4:7-11 and Matthew 22:34-40

Today's Message! 'Love God with All'.

If you have any concerns and joys and want to share them 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: www.littlefallsumc.org/prayer

Your generous financial support is significant and appreciated very much.
We have continued our ministries with your support.

You can support God's ministry in three ways:

1. Put your offerings in the plates at the Offering Station at the in-person Worship
2. Mail your offerings and tithes to the church office: 139 Main St. Little Falls, NJ 07424
3. Make online donations 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

Sunday Worship Service

October 29, 2023 - 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

Greeting & Announcements

- We have 'In-Person' & 'Online Worship' on **Sunday, October 29, 2023, 10am.**
- You can join our online worship via YouTube or Facebook. Type "Little Falls United Methodist Church" in the search window on YouTube or Facebook. Please use the link below to join in Online Worship. YouTube: www.youtube.com/@lfumc
- You can join the Online Worship by your phone. Call (646)-876-9923 and enter the Meeting ID, 917 9067 6301, and Passcode 139139.
- **Prayer Concerns & Joys** – If you would like to share your concerns and joys with the congregation, please email Pastor Jin (jkim@littlefallsumc.org) or complete the online form, www.littlefallsumc.org/prayer.
- **Altar Flowers** – Thank you **Ken Jennings** for providing the flowers **In Memory of Davcute**. If you would like to offer the altar flowers, please contact Janet (973) 896-8936 or ladyteddy@aol.com.
- **Fellowship Time after Worship** – Thank you **Unity Circle** for hosting the coffee hour. Let us enjoy a good fellowship time every Sunday after Worship. Please help us with hosting the coffee hour. The Sign-up board is on the table in the Narthex. Please contact Cheryle or Kathy F. if you have any questions about the coffee hour.
- **Stewardship Campaign for the year 2024** – We will start the Stewardship Campaign for our church ministry for the year 2024 on **October 29, 2023**. Our offerings and tithes are an expression of our faith as we put our first priority in God's ministry in our lives. Our offering and tithes are a form of self-denial, a form of worship, a means of serving, a way of recognizing that all of life is a gift, an attempt to give back, an expression of love and gratitude, and a means of following Jesus. Please participate in this campaign with your generous, faithful hearts. **We will dedicate our pledge cards on Sunday, November 26.** God Bless you as you fill out the pledge card and mail it back, drop it off at the church, put it in the offering plate, or add it to the Pledge Box on the Narthex.
- **All Saints Sunday** – We will observe All Saints Sunday on the First Sunday in November, **Nov. 5, 2023**. **Please bring a photo of your saints who showed you the model of Christian faith and gave you the legacy of faith and put the photo on the table at the altar before the service.** We will commemorate them.
- **Prayer Meeting** - We will have our Prayer Meeting in **the Chapel at 1:30 pm.** Meeting Dates on **November 8, and December 6.** Terrie and Ken will lead the meeting. Please keep this prayer meeting in your hearts before our Lord, that we are open to his guidance and faithful to follow through.
- **Coffee and Bible** – We will have Bible Study every **Thursday, September 14 to November 16**, at 1 pm, at Lee Lounge. We will read the **Book of Revelation (Part**

2) in the New Testament in the Bible and have a conversation, having coffee. Jung Ae will lead the study. Sign up online or contact Jung Ae, cclim92@gmail.com. Please join us!

- **Young Adult & Family Gathering** – We will have a Young Adult and Family Gathering on **Sunday, November 5, at the parsonage after Fellowship, from Noon to 1:30pm.**
- **Baked Potato Dinner, Saturday, November 4. Tickets are on sale now.**
- **SAVE THE DATE! – Holiday Craft Fair, Saturday, November 18. More information to follow!**
- **Treasured Memories** – “Treasured Memories” is a grief group for those who have lost their loved ones. The ongoing meeting gathers every **2nd Wednesday of the month** in Lee Lounge at 7 pm. Contact Allison for details (973) 800-4152.
- **Kids & Youths For Christ** – The next meeting will be held at 5 pm on **Thursday, November 2nd.** Kids & Youths For Christ is a program for Kindergarten to grade 12 of Christian education and fun activities. K.Y.F.C. will get together every first and third Thursday from **September 21, 2023 to June 6, 2024.** All Students are welcome!
- **Thanksgiving Baskets** – UMW gives Thanksgiving Baskets to the clients of the food pantry every year. Linda T. is starting to collect food for the Thanksgiving baskets. Please contact her to sign up.
- **Online Donation** – Online donation is available now. Please visit the church website and click ‘Donation.’ The link is www.LittleFallsUMC.org/donation. 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!
- **Shoprite Gift Card** – To purchase a Shoprite gift card, contact Pete (973) 595-5765 or detroit50@aol.com.
- **Kohl’s Gift Card** – We are selling Kohl’s Gift Card. Contact Allison.
- **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 collects postmarked stamps, can pull tabs, and the front of greeting cards (No Hallmark). Items are donated to different charities and organizations.
- **The UMW is collecting lunchbox snacks and juice boxes for CUMAC and Oasis during the month of October.** Donations can be placed on the marked table in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for supporting this mission project!

‡Call to Worship

Leader: Our hearts are lifted up toward God.

All: God created all that is!

Leader: We celebrate that great love of God.

All: God gifted us with God's only son, Jesus the Christ.

Leader: Rejoice and be glad today!

All: Our hearts and spirits praise God for all God's blessings. AMEN.

‡Praise Song

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

Children's Time

Jesus Teaches on a Mountain

Matthew 5:1-12

All sorts of people went to see Jesus. Children, mothers, fathers, grandmas, and grand pas. They all wanted to hear what he was teaching. "Look at the birds," said Jesus. "Do they store up food in a barn? No God feeds them." "Look at the flowers," said Jesus. "They don't work or make clothes. God dresses them in lush leaves and pretty petals." Then Jesus said, "You are

much more important than birds. You are much more important than flowers. So do not worry. If God takes care of them, God will take care of you.”

‡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 steadfast love. Your love and grace make our lives beautiful and grateful all the time. This morning, we come to you and worship you, our creator. We lift up joys and concerns of ours, our family's, our friends, and all people's in the world. God have mercy on us and listen to our prayers. We know that you always answer our prayers in your ways and in your time. We need your healing mercy, peace, guidance, and provision. We trust in you because we know that you have cared for us all the time. Lord, pour out your Spirit, love, and grace on us and let us share all your blessings with others who are in need. Let us be your hands, feet, and hearts to people in the world so that all people know that you are with them and cares for them through us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. 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 4:7-11

God Is Love

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

This ends the NT Lessons.

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

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:34-40

The Greatest Commandment

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Love God with All

Rev. Jin Kook Kim

Good morning, Church Family! I hope you had a blessed week in God's love and grace last week. Last Sunday, we considered the story of Jesus' first miracle: Jesus changed water to wine. The servant's work on filling the jars with water seemed meaningless. However, Jesus made their work a miracle by changing water to wine. Our work on the ministry of Evangelism seems meaningless but God works in people's hearts in God's mysterious ways. Our work on Evangelism is precious and meaningful. By doing that we can serve others to know God's love and grace, to change their lives in Christ, and to have a new life in God. Also, by doing that, we practice Jesus' great commission, "Go to the world and make disciples." Church family, let us keep working on the evangelism ministry together!

As we greet one another at the beginning of worship, God loves us so much! How sweet God's love for us is! How great God's love for us is! We know that God loves us so much and we believe that God loves us so much! Then, how much do we love God? What do you do to express your love to God?

In today's scripture, Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself." These words were the answer to the question of an expert of the law: "What commandment in the law is

the greatest? In fact, an expert of the law didn't have an interest in the greatest commandment. He wanted to put Jesus in trouble by answering the question. He was an expert of the law, so he knew the law well and followed the law as much as he knew the law as a faithful and religious person. His plan was to give Jesus another law if Jesus would give him a law as the greatest. However, Jesus didn't pick one of the laws but answered him, "You shall love God and love your neighbor."

Jesus' answer was perfect because to love God and love neighbor is the Spirit of the law and the principle of the law. The law that was given by God can be divided into two categories. One category is our relationship with God and the other is our relationship with others. When we act with our love for God, we can keep the law related to our relationship with God. Let's see the first four of the ten commandments which is the foundation of the law: Do not have other gods; Do not make for yourself an idol of God and worship it; Don't make wrongful use of the name of the Lord; and Keep the Sabbath day to worship God. When we love God, we will not worship other gods, nor make idols for ourselves, nor make wrongful use of the name of God, but keep worshiping God on Sunday. Likewise, when we act with our love for our neighbor, we can keep the law related to our relationship with our neighbor. When we love others, we don't murder, commit adultery, steal, bear false witness, or covet our neighbor's belongings.

Love is the key for our faith journey for us as children of God, and disciples of Jesus Christ. As a pastor, I have been given the privilege of officiating a wedding. Whenever I give a message to the new couple and their families and friends, one of the main themes is that love is the key for their marriage life. Why do they want to get married? Because they love one another so much and they want to love more. Love is the key for everything in their marriage life. The marriage is in vain if there is no love in the marriage life. Without love, they gain nothing, and they are nothing according to 1 Corinthians 13. So, I encourage them to love each other more and more in their lives.

Likewise, love is the key for our relationship with God and our life in God. There is nothing if there is no love between God and us. However, graciously, God loves us so much. As we read the scripture, God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. That's not all. God didn't leave us after saving us. Rather, God has always been with us and cares for us. God has poured out mercy and grace on us. God has given us guidance to let us go on the right paths. God has given us God's blessings in many ways: family, church, and friends. There is always God's love between God and us. God's love is always at the center of our relationship with God. Think about this: how God has loved you, how God has shown God's love for you in your life, and what blessings you have received from God. We are happy for God's love for us all the time. Do you know how much bright your face is when you greet one another saying, "God loves you so much"? God's love makes us happy, and God's love makes our lives.

Then, let us ask these questions to ourselves. Do we love God? How much do we love God? In what ways, do we express our love for God? Jesus said, "Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." Do we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength? Or do we love God with a part or a little of our heart, soul, mind, and strength?

As a parent, raising my kids, I found that parents' love for children is much bigger and greater than children's love for parents. So, as time goes on, I appreciate my parents for their love for me more and more. Parents' love is like unrequited love. Kids know not all parents' love for

them. They don't know how much the parents sacrifice themselves to provide them with the best. Kids sometimes seem that they deserve something that is an expression of parents' love, rather than showing their gratitude for that, so they are lazy to express their love for us. I was the same as them when I was younger. How about you?

The relationship between parents and kids and the unequal love between parents and kids can be found in our relationship with God. Maybe that is why Jesus gave us the parable, the prodigal son. In the parable, Jesus wants to point out the father's great love for his son to let us know God's love for us is great.

Church family, I hope we love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength rather than a part of or a little of our whole being. God already showed God's steadfast love a lot and keeps loving us and expressing God's love for us in our lives. Let us not make God's love be unrequited love for us. Let us not be lazy to express our love for God to God. God deserves our love for God. God loves us all God is, all God has, and all God can do. Let us love God with all we are, with all we have, with all we can do. What can be the expressions of our love for God in our lives? Let us give ourselves, our presence, our time, our talents for God and God's ministry, our praise, worship, and gratitude. One of the ways that we express our love for God is by giving to God: our offerings and tithes. Let us give offerings and tithes to God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength as we love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength. Let us give the best offering and tithes to God as God gives us the best with all God's heart, mind, soul, and strength. Please participate in the Stewardship Campaign for 2024 as you love God so much. Please take a moment to remember God's great love for you and pray to express your gratitude for God's love before you complete the pledge card. Please write your best number with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Lastly, please pray for the church and the church ministry to glorify God.

Church family, let us love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength. Let us give God our best with our heart, mind, soul, and strength as we love God so much.

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: God of unimaginable love, you have given us so much and asked so little. In the words of Jesus, we have been commanded to love you with our whole being, love our neighbors, and love ourselves. For that simple price, you have given us everything and promised to love us and not desert us. It is a covenant more generous than anyone could imagine, and yet how often we fail to keep the bargain. We love you when it is convenient and will not embarrass us before others. We pick and choose which neighbors we love. as we pick and choose

when we will love ourselves. As we dedicate our gifts this morning to bringing acts of love, may we also resolve to better keep our side of your covenant of love. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Called to the World

‡Closing Hymn

I Surrender All

UMH 354

All to Jesus, I surrender;
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.
Refrain

I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender;
Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;
Take me, Jesus, take me now.
Refrain

All to Jesus, I surrender;
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.
Refrain

All to Jesus, I surrender;
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power;
Let Thy blessing fall on me.
Refrain

All to Jesus I surrender;
Now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory, to His Name!
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