

Dear Church family,

We will have In-person and Online Worship at 10am on **Sunday, April 3, 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

Psalm 51:1-7, John 1:29-36

I will deliver the message titled, 'Jesus Makes Us Clean',

We will have Holy Communion during Sunday Worship on April 3rd.
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

Worship Bulletin

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 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 our hearts this morning to hear your word, O God.

All: Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!

Leader: Come and let us worship with great joy!

All: Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us down!

Leader: God is about to do something new in our lives!

All: Let God's will become strong in our lives. AMEN.

‡Praise Song

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

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Verse

Lord I lift Your name on high;
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life;
I'm so glad You came to save us.

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth
to show the way,
from the earth to the cross
my debt to pay;
from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky;
Lord I lift Your name on high.

Children's Time

Pharaoh's Dreams 1

Genesis 39-41

The traders took Joseph to Egypt. He was thrown into jail. But he did nothing wrong, Joseph trusted God to help him. He made friends with some of the prisoners. One of them had been a wine taster for Pharaoh. Pharaoh was the leader of Egypt. The wine taster said, "Last night, I had a dream. I was picking grapes and squeezing them into Pharaoh's cup. Then I put the cup in his hand. What does this mean, Joseph? Joseph answered, "You will be Pharaoh's wine taster again. Once you are free, please don't forget about me. Help me get out of jail, too." A few days later, the wine taster's dream came true. He got out of jail and became Pharaoh's wine taster once again. But he forgot about Joseph.

Announcements

- We have '**In-Person' Worship in the Sanctuary** and '**Online Worship**' at 10 am on **Sunday, April 3, 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.
- **Holy Communion** – We will have Holy Communion at **Sunday Worship on April 3rd 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 **Ken Griffin** for providing the altar flowers for Sunday Service. 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.
- **Holy Week & Easter Sunday Services**
 - Palm Sunday – at 10 am on April 10th.
 - Maundy Thursday Service – at 7 pm on April 14th.
 - Good Friday Service – at 7 pm on April 15th.
 - Easter Sunrise Service – at Church Front Yard at 6 am on April 17th.
 - Easter Sunday Worship Service – at 10 am on April 17th.
- **Lent Bible Study** – We will have the Lent Bible Study on **Wednesday, 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. We have collected monetary Donation and Medical/baby Items. We concluded monetary donation last Sunday. Thank all for participating in the collection of monetary donation. your donation will go to Ukraine people through United Methodist Committee on Relief. We continue to collect items. For detail, Janet D. for collecting items.
- **Easter Flower Sale!** – Order forms are available and due back by Sunday, April 10 the latest. You can easily place your order online. Call the church office if you need help with online orders.
- **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 or Lorraine (973) 641-2695 or 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, April 7th** 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.** 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.
- **The Unity Circle** has an ongoing collection of new and gently used gloves, hats, scarves, and mittens to help people. Please help the ministry by bringing your items to the church when you can. Please see Betty Caceres for more information. **Thank you for your support!**

All I need is You
Jesus all I need is You
You are the source
Of all I need
All I need is You

Verse 2
All I want is You
Jesus all I want is You
You are the source
Of all I need
All I want is You

Verse 3
My only hope is You
Lord my only hope is You
You are the source
Of all I need
My only hope is You

Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession

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

Lord God, how extravagant your love for us is! You continually pour upon us blessing upon blessing - in the lives of people near and dear to us, in the beauty of creation, in the skills and abilities you have given to us. There is so much for which we are thankful. Yet in the midst of this thankfulness, there lurks the demons of demand and confusion. We want you to be in control of taking care of all the things that threaten us. We want you to prevent us from facing times of confusion and doubt. Actually, we want to have a more complete faith. Open our hard hearts to the healing words you have for us. Give us patience and persistence in our service to you. And when we stumble and thrash around faithlessly, bring us back to your presence; that we may find healing and hope. In Jesus' name, 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

OT Lesson

Psalm 51:1-7

Prayer for Cleansing and Pardon

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

This ends the OT Lessons.

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

Gospel Lesson

John 1:29-36

The Lamb of God

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The First Disciples of Jesus

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Good morning, Church Family! I hope you had a blessed week in Christ last week. How is your Lenten Season going? I pray that all of us meditate on Jesus' sacrificial love on the cross and participate in Jesus' passion by doing our best to deepen and widen our faith in Christ. I am sharing the Lenten messages based on the book Savior, which helps us understand what the Bible says about the meaning of Jesus' love on the cross. Last Sunday, we considered that Jesus restored our relationship with God and our relationship with others. I hope we give thanks to Jesus for our reconciled relationship with God, and we become intercessors for others' relationships with God and other people. As I encouraged, I hope we try to restore our relationship with a person during Lent if we have a broken relationship.

I didn't know how to remove stains on my kid's clothes when my first kid's clothes got dirty with food or dirt. After laundry, the stains got faded but there were still stains. To remove stains completely, my wife and I rubbed the clothes with soap before we put them in the washing machine. We used dish detergents, but they were still there. It worked for stains on my wife's or my clothes but not stains on the baby's clothes. Someone introduced my wife to a stain remover for baby clothes, so we bought one and used it. Then, the stains were gone. Since then, we have used the stain remover for kids' and our clothes.

Sin is like a stain. We sometimes don't know we have committed sins as we don't know there are stains on our clothes. We are wearing dirty clothes although we don't know our clothes are dirty. We don't try to remove stains when we don't know we have stains on our clothes. Likewise, we are sinners, although we don't recognize we have committed sins. We don't try to remove our sins because we don't know that we have committed sins.

We recognize that stains are in our clothes when we see ourselves through a mirror or someone sees that and lets us know. We cannot be free from stains, although we realize that we have stains because the stains are still there. Likewise, we can recognize we have committed sins when God's word through the Bible, Sermons, Bible Study, or prayers points out our sins in the light of God's word. We cannot be free from sins, although we realize that we have committed sins. This is because sins are still in us.

When we realize that there are stains from food or something else, we respond in various ways. We sometimes regret our carelessness, and sometimes we blame ourselves. However, the stains are still there when we regret or blame ourselves. Our clothes are still dirty. Likewise, we regret our sins and our carelessness. However, our regret for sins cannot remove sins from us. The sins are still there. Blaming ourselves for our sins cannot remove our sins because they happened already. The fact that we have committed sins does not change with our regret.

We sometimes try to remove the stains when we find them. We use soap or a dish detergent to try to remove stains, but it doesn't work. The color of the stains would fade, but the stains are still there. The clothes are still dirty. Likewise, we try to remove our sins when we realize that we have committed sins. We try to correct our sins with our efforts, but we cannot get the time back or put back our words or actions as we cannot put back the spilled juice. We sometimes try to make up for the sins with our efforts, such as making up something to offset the sins that we committed. However, we cannot cancel our sins with our efforts.

We sometimes try to hide or cover stains with other clothes or outers because we cannot remove the stains with soap. However, the stains are still there, and our clothes are still dirty. Likewise, we sometimes try to hide or cover our sins because we cannot remove them. However, sins are still in us even when we hide or cover them with something. Moreover, we cannot hide our sins before God.

We remove stains with a stain remover. When we use it, stains are completely gone, and our clothes are clean. Likewise, Jesus cleanses our sins. Jesus made us clean through his sacrificial love on the cross. Jesus' blood cleanses us. There are no sins. There are no stains of sins. We became free from sins because Jesus' death cleaned us. Jesus makes us clean with his blood that bled on the cross. We are clean because of Jesus' love on the cross, his death on the cross, and his blood on the cross.

As we read Psalm 51, the Psalmist prayed and asked God to cleanse him from his sin. He asked that many times. Not only he but other Psalmists and people in the Bible asked God to cleanse them from their sins because they knew only God could cleanse them from the sins. And God cleanses all of us from our sins through Jesus, his life, and his blood on the cross.

John the Baptist called Jesus the Lamb of God. The people of Israel offered lambs for the forgiveness of sins and to cleanse their sins. The priest carried out a ritual to transfer people's sins to the lambs. One of the lambs that carried people's sins was sacrificed in the temple, and the other lamb was released to the wilderness as a scapegoat. This process was given by God through Moses. And they followed the process every year, asking God for God's forgiveness of sins. Jesus was the lamb of God who was innocent but carried out our sins and was sacrificed. Through his death and blood, we become clean from sins.

Little Falls Church Family,
Jesus Christ makes us clean. Through his death and blood on the cross, Jesus made us clean from our sins. Let us give thanks to Jesus, who cleanses us from our sins thoroughly. There are no stains of sin in us anymore because Jesus' blood washed them. There is not any condemnation because Jesus makes us free from our sins. Let us praise God and Jesus Christ. Let us keep this truth in our hearts and remind ourselves of this truth. Also, let us help others to know that Jesus makes them clean. Let us help them to accept this truth and have a new free life. 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: Loving God, you give and give, and didn't think the life of your son was too high a price to pay for our salvation. Jesus' life was an example of sacrificial giving, all the way to the cross. As we give this day, we want our gifts to impact the world, but even more, we want them to bring glory to Christ, who lived and died for all your children. Help us to not hold back anything. We pray in the name of your son, our savior and redeemer, Amen.

Called to the World

‡Closing Hymn

Nothing but the Blood

UMH 362

Verse 1

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 2

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 3

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 4

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

‡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.