

Dear Church family,

We will have In-person and Online Worship at 10am on **Sunday, January 16, 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 Isaiah 62:1-5 and John 2:1-11.***

***I will deliver the message titled, 'The Provision of Abundance'.***

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 after the Epiphany**

**January 16, 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: Sing praise to God, all the peoples!

**All: Praise God who really loves us all!**

Leader: Don't be afraid and do not doubt God's love.

**All: Open our hearts, O God, and help us to receive that love.**

Leader: Dance in joy to the spirit of God.

**All: Let our spirits resound with joy at God's light of joy, AMEN.**

#### ‡Praise Song

#### *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty UMH 64*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

#### Children's Time

#### Jesus is Lost!

#### Luke 2:41-52

Jesus grew up in Nazareth. Every year, Jesus and his family would go to Jerusalem to celebrate the *Passover* Feast. When Jesus was twelve, they went to the Feast as usual. The streets were crowded with people. On the way back home to Nazareth, Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus. They asked their relatives and friends, "Have you seen Jesus?" But no one knew where he was. Mary and Joseph went back to Jerusalem. They looked and looked for Jesus. Finally, after three days, they found him! Jesus was talking with the teachers in the temple. The teachers were amazed. Jesus was very wise for such a young boy. Mary and Joseph rushed to Jesus. "We were so worried about you!" said Mary. Jesus knew God

was his Father. He said, “I had to come to my Father’s house.” He loved and obeyed his parents, too. So he returned home with them and grew stronger and wiser.

## Announcements

- We have ‘**In-Person**’ **Worship in the Sanctuary** and ‘**Online Worship**’ at 10 am on **Sunday, January 16, 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>
- We will use YouTube for Online Worship. We have used both YouTube and Facebook for Online Worship. Click the link to join in Online Worship. Please join in Online worship 10 minutes before the Worship Time!  
YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOzxLc7UQjeMNprjm9u8gtQ/>
- You can join the Online Worship by your home phone or flip cell 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.
- If you cannot join in online worship, please have Worship Service with your family at home using the attached worship bulletin. The worship bulletin includes scripture and sermon notes.
- 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.
- Please contact Pastor Jin or the church office if you need any help from Pastor Jin or church members! We are here to help you.
- **Church Forum** - The next Forum will be at 10:30 am on **Saturday, January 29, 2022 via Zoom**. Please join us and share your wisdom with us!
- **Stewardship Campaign – Thank you to those who already gave us your pledge card.** We continue to receive pledge cards, so you are not late. please participate in our Stewardship Campaign with your generous, faithful hearts, if you didn’t give us your pledge card, 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 in the Narthex.

- **Kids For Christ** – Next Meeting will be on ***February 4*** at 6:30 pm. KFC is a Friday night program for children. We will have KFC every first and third Friday 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 7 PM on every ***2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month***. Contact Allison for details (973) 800-4152 (leave message).
- **Ruth Lee Meeting** – ***February 23, 2022, at 4pm.***
- **The Unity Circle** is starting to collect gloves, hats, scarves, and mittens to fill 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 ([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  
Chorus

*There is None Like You*

**Lenny LeBlanc**

There is none like You  
No one else can touch  
My heart like You do  
I could search  
For all eternity long and find  
There is none like You

Verse  
Your mercy flows like a river wide  
And healing comes from Your hands  
Suffering children are safe in Your arms  
There is none like You

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

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

Lord of Light and Joy, the daylight hours are becoming longer for us. Evening comes a little later, and the dawn is earlier, but the darkness in our hearts persists. We continue to look at the miraculous ways you work in our lives as mere stories or happenstance. How foolish we are! From the beginning of all that is, you have poured your love and light into this world and into our lives. You have offered us countless blessings and opportunities for service, some of which we have followed, and others that we have ignored. You have forgiven and healed our spirits. We continue to bring before you the names and situations of people that are in direst need. We ask for your healing mercies and yet we wonder if you really are with us. Turn our moaning and crying into songs of praise and hope. Give us spirits of trust and rejoicing, that we may truly be your people all of our days. Prepare us for joyful service in your world; 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.*

### **Choir Anthem**

#### **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          Isaiah 62:1-5**

**The Vindication and Salvation of Zion**

**62** For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name

that the mouth of the LORD will give. <sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,

and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,

and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

<sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

*This ends the OT Lessons.*

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

**Gospel Lesson          John 2:1-11**

**The Wedding at Cana**

**2** On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

**The Provision of Abundance**

**Rev. Jin Kook Kim**

Good morning, Church Family! I hope you had a blessed week last week. Also, I pray that you are safe in Christ every day. Last Sunday, Lynn encouraged us to remember our baptism as the moment of God's salvation of our lives which was the moment that changed everything in our lives. Let us remember our baptism that changed everything in our lives.

Have you ever hosted a party or a dinner? I guess that most of us have hosted a party or a dinner, such as Thanksgiving dinner, a Christmas party, or a birthday party inviting our family and friends. We have to consider many things when we plan a party or a dinner and one of the most important things is food. When my family hosts a birthday party for my child, we plan to have enough food from snacks to dessert for the guests because food is one of the important points. We don't experience a shortage of food when we host a dinner or a party because we usually prepare enough food. We would be embarrassed if we saw food was not enough for our guests. Can you imagine such a situation? You may don't want to imagine that.

Such a situation happened in today's scripture. Jesus, his mother, and his disciples were invited to a wedding party, and they joined the party. And the wine gave out while the party went on. We don't know why it happened because there is not any description in the bible. Maybe the host did not have enough wine, or the number of guests was more than expected, or the guests drank a lot. However, for the host, it was an embarrassing situation. Wine was one of the key foods not only for a party but also for the daily meal. It would be discourteous to guests. The host would try to find a way to solve this situation but couldn't find it because it was a big party, not a family dinner or gathering. The party was not over yet, and guests were asking for wine. The host needed more wine, but there was no way to get wine.

Don't we experience such a situation in our life journey? We experience a shortage of something that we need in our lives. It can be materials such as finance, clothes, a car, or a house. It can be an opportunity. It can be strength, wisdom, peace of mind or direction of life. It can be love, grace, healing, or mercy. What do we need more in our lives? What shortage have we experienced, or do we experience now? What can we do?

When the host was in trouble due to the shortage of wine for the party, Jesus saved him. Jesus provided what he needed, the wine, not just mere wine but the better wine than the previous one. It would be the best wine because the host prepared good wine for the party, and Jesus' wine was better than the host's wine. Jesus gave him abundant wine that was more than enough. He provided the six jars of wine, and each jar was holding twenty to thirty gallons, and the wine was full up to the brim, so the wine was a hundred eighty gallons total. We don't know how many guests were there, but we can guess that Jesus provided him with abundant wine and that saved him. Jesus' way of salvation was not a normal way but a wondrous way. It was a miracle because Jesus changed water to wine without any touch. Jesus just ordered servants to fill the jars with water and one of them to draw some out and let the chief steward taste it.

Church family,

Jesus saves us from troubles as Jesus saved the host from the big trouble. Jesus changes our shortages to fullness as Jesus changed the shortage of wine to full of wine. Jesus helps us with miracles and wonders in Jesus' ways as Jesus helped the host through the miracle.



I had been in Atlanta, GA, for two years for my wife's study at Emory University. It was my wife's last semester for the master's degree, and I contacted a district superintendent in NJ because I would like to serve a church under an appointment. He said that he would inform me if he found a church. There were many candidates who wanted to serve a church, and the number of churches were limited. There was nothing that I could do on my end. All I could do was wait for his call, praying to God. The time went by, and I didn't receive his call. The appointment season was almost over. So, I thought I couldn't have a chance to be appointed to a church as a local pastor, and I still couldn't do anything on my end. However, in the last week of the appointment season of the year, I got the call from him that he had found a church, and the Bishop and superintendents wanted me to serve the church. I was so happy and excited and gave thanks and praise to God.

Jesus fills the shortages in our lives with the best ones. Jesus changes our emptiness to fullness. Jesus changes concerns to joys. Jesus changes uncertainty to assurance. Jesus provides what we need abundantly in our lives. Jesus provides what we need through Jesus' ways, even through miracles and wonders. Thus, let's ask Jesus for his help. As the host faced the moment of shortage of wine and he felt helpless, we face such a moment in our lives that we cannot handle and feel helpless. Let us remind ourselves that Jesus is with us, and Jesus can fill our life with miracles and wonders. And let us ask Jesus for help as Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." (Matthew 7:7-8)

Church family, Jesus loves us and is with us. Jesus provides what we need abundantly. Let us trust in Jesus and ask him for his help through prayers. Jesus saves us and enriches our lives with the provision of abundance.

I hope, like Jesus' mother, Mary, we ask Jesus to help our family, friends, and others. When the host was in trouble for the shortage of wine, Mary was the one who asked Jesus to help the host. Mary knew that Jesus was the son of God who had the power to handle everything and could help the host with his power. Jesus didn't plan to help the host at first, even he rejected Mary's request because his time hadn't come yet. However, Mary urged Jesus to help the host by ordering the servants to follow Jesus' direction. We can be like Mary. Like Mary, we can ask Jesus to help others who need Jesus' help, the provision of abundance. By prayers, we can ask Jesus to help them. By prayer, we can support and enrich others' lives. Let us ask Jesus for others Jesus' help. We are here to serve all people to experience Jesus' love, grace, and the provision of abundance. Let us ask Jesus to help all of us! 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: Generous God, we are reminded through scripture of the spiritual gifts that you give. We know that these are not for us to hold onto but are gifts for us to share – gifts from you meant for giving. As we offer our tithes and offerings, prompt us to commit more than dollars, but to see the gifts you have written on our hearts and to share generously of these as well! We pray these words in the name of Jesus, in whose way we follow, for whose love we are eternally grateful. Amen.**

### *Called to the World*

### ‡Closing Hymn

### *Blessed Assurance*

UMH 369

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his spirit, washed in his blood.  
Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blessed,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
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.