

Dear Church family,

We will have In-person and Online Worship on **Sunday, August 28, 2022 at 10 am.**

The information for Online Worship is:

Website: www.littlefallsumc.org

YouTube: 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

2 Timothy 4:1-8 and John 4:1-10

I will deliver the message titled,

‘Church – How’.

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: 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. Putting your offerings in the plates at the Offering Station at the in-person Worship
2. Mailing your offerings and tithes to the church office (139 Main St. Little Falls, NJ 07424)
3. Doing 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

August 28, 2022 - 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: Jesus said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you."

All: Love is more powerful than fear; it is mightier than hatred.

Leader: Let the love which God has lavished upon us be poured out to those in need.

All: Help us, O Lord, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.

Leader: Remind us, Lord, that we are called to be your disciples.

All: As we worship this morning, heal our hearts and spirits and prepare us for service. AMEN.

‡Praise Song

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

UMH 158

Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end.
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
"Alleluia! Amen!"

Children's Time

Deborah Leads the Way

Judges 4

The Israelites lived in the promised land for many years. But they forgot about God. A bad king from another land ruled over them. The Israelites asked God for help. God sent them a judge named Deborah. She loved God very much. God gave her a plan to defeat the bad king. She sent

for a man named Barak and told him, “God wants you to take 10,000 soldiers and wait on the hill.” The Israelites were not as strong as their enemies. Barak Begged Deborah to go with them. She was a strong leader. She agreed. When the Israelites met face to face with the king’s army, Deborah exclaimed, “Go! Attack them now! God is with us!” The Israelites obeyed and won the battle.

Announcements

- We have **‘In-Person’ Worship in the Sanctuary** and **‘Online Worship’** on **Sunday, August 28, 2022 at 10 am.**
- You can join our online worship via YouTube or Facebook for Online Worship. Type “Little Falls United Methodist Church” in the search window on Youtube or Facebook. You can use the link below to join in Online Worship.
YouTube: 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 Passcode 139139.
- **Prayer Concerns & Joys** - 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 email Pastor Jin at jkim@littlefallsumc.org or use the online form, www.littlefallsumc.org/prayer.
- **Altar Flowers** –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 **Sere Stevens** for providing the refreshments. Let us enjoy a good fellowship time every Sunday after Worship. We need your help to continue the coffee hour. Please contact Ken Griffin [\(201\) 458-4638](tel:2014584638) or Ken.Griffin89@yahoo.com for details.
- **Kitchen Cleaning** – Thank you UMW ladies for cleaning the Kitchen on Monday, August 21.
- **Church Forum** – The next Church Forum meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM on **September 3, 2022, Saturday**. Please join us at our next meeting! Let’s work for God’s ministry together!
- **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.
- **The Post-Confirmation Class** – The first meeting will be held **at Lee lounge at 5 pm on Sunday August 28, 2022**. The class is for youths who completed confirmation class. We will talk about life and faith and pray for one another.

- **UMW will have a Church Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, September 17.** Please help if you can. More information will follow.
- **Online Donation** – Online donation is available now. Please visit the church website and click ‘Donation.’ The link is 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 (973) 800-4152.
- **AmazonSmile Program** - Please choose Little Falls UMC as your charity organization at www.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!
- **Let’s Help Ukraine** – We continue to collect Medical/baby Items. Contact Janet (973) 896-8936 or ladyteddy@aol.com. if you have any questions. Thank you all for participating in the collection.
- **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

There Is None Like You

(Lenny LeBlanc)

Chorus

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.)

Gracious God, we gather to receive your blessings once again, that we may recognize your presence in our lives and use the gifts that you have given to us in service to others. As we have offered names and situations to you in prayer for your compassionate healing love, we add our names as well. Heal our wounds, we pray. Enable us to be strong in our commitment to you by serving others in need. Keep us open always to your abiding love. 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

2 Timothy 4:1-8

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: **2** Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. **3** For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. **4** They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. **5** But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. **6** For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. **7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. **8** Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

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

Gospel Lesson

John 4:1-10

Jesus Talks With a Samaritan Woman

4 Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John— ² although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. ³ So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

4 Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Church - How

Rev. Jin Kook Kim

Good morning, Church Family! I hope you had a blessed week in Christ and experienced God's love and grace in your lives.

I have preached about the church to find the directions and ways of the church. I hope we get insights from the message while we are considering the messages. Also, I have asked you to think of the church and pray for the church for three minutes every day. Please think of the church and pray for the church for three minutes every day. Your prayers and meditations are precious and powerful. Your prayers and meditations will help the church a lot.

Last Sunday, we considered the mission and goal of the church based on the book, *Developing an Intentional Discipleship System*. What do we do as a church family? We do make disciples. We do our ministry to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This is what we do and why we do the church ministry. This is the mission and goal of the church. Please remember that your service to the church and God is precious and important for God's ministry, making disciples. Nothing is minor or small whatever you do or participate in. You are making disciples through your gifts, talents, strength, prayer, presence, witness, giving, and service.

Today I want us to consider the 'How' of the church based on the same book while we consider the 'What' and the 'Why' of the church last Sunday. We remind ourselves of what we do and why we do the ministry as a church community. It is 'Making Disciples.' Then, how can we make disciples? Yes, we make disciples through our ministry. We do our church ministries, such as worship, small group, mission, giving, and witness to make disciples. Then what else can we do?

The author of the book, Junius Dotson, encourages the church to have an Intentional Discipleship System. An Intentional Discipleship System is the pathway that we can help others to be disciples of Jesus.

Before we consider the disciple system more, let us define the word, disciple, first. Who is a disciple? Dotson refers to the understanding of a disciple from the Book of Discipline, UMC's rule book so-called. The definition is this: "A disciple is a witness to Jesus Christ in the world who follows His teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship, and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit." And he also gives us his understanding of a disciple based on the definition with easy words: "A disciple is one who knows Christ, is growing in Christ, Serving Christ, and sharing Christ.

A Discipleship system means all kinds of the ministry of the church that serves people to get to know Jesus and grow in Christ, serve Christ, and share Christ. Knowing Jesus, growing in Jesus, serving Jesus, and sharing Jesus are the pathway to discipleship and Worship, small group, mission, giving, and evangelism are the ministries for each path as part of the system. There are churches that have their own system. For example, Peace UMC in Ohio called the system *Discipleship Pathway*. As you see in the picture, their system consists of these categories: Unaware of Christ, Exploring Christ, Committed to Christ, Following Christ, and Fully Submitted to Christ. And each ministry, such as Small groups or Classes, supports people to take the path. Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference created a system called, The Road to Discipleship. As you see in the picture, their categories are Exploring Christ, Transforming in Christ, Maturing in Christ, and centered in Christ. And each ministry includes classes, small groups, and service opportunities that support people going on the road to discipleship.

What do you think? Why do they have a system for discipleship? Yes, to make disciples, they built a system because a system has the power to lead people to go on the path. Most organizations have a system based on their goal and the system is designed to fulfill the goal and support the organization to fulfill the goal. A system can give the organization efficiency in their work. I believe that the churches built or want to build a discipleship system to achieve the mission of the church. What do you think? Do we need a discipleship system? What pathway and categories would be good for us? What current ministries can we place in each category? What ministry do we need more for each category to enforce the stage of the pathway?

Please focus on the word, 'Intentional,' in the title of the book, Developing an Intentional Discipleship System. The author uses the words, 'an intentional discipleship system' rather than 'a discipleship system.' The word, 'intentional,' means doing something on purpose. When the church has an intentional discipleship system, the church does the ministry on the purpose of making disciples and their will and desire. In easy words, they do the ministry and run the system with the heart of the mission of the church, the 'what' and the 'why' as we talked about last Sunday.

Church family, our mission is making disciples and we are called for the great commission. In today's scripture, Paul urges Timothy, "proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching." (1 Timothy 4:2) Timothy was a missionary and a pastor. Paul chose Timothy as his companion when he went on the second mission trip. During their mission trip and Paul's first mission trip, many new churches were established. Paul sent Timothy to the churches to care for them. They were like a mentor and a mentee. Paul taught him and gave him his advice. Now

Paul says to him “Always proclaim the gospel, the Good news, to the people whether it is a good time or a bad time.” Paul wanted to remind him of the mission and God’s calling for them, spreading out the gospel, making disciples of Jesus Christ sharing God’s love and grace, the purpose of their ministry, and their lives. Whether the time is favorable or unfavorable, we should proclaim the Gospel. Whether the time is favorable or unfavorable, we should make disciples of Jesus Christ.

In today’s Gospel lesson, Jesus met a Samaritan woman while his disciples went to get food. It could be a short time for him to rest in his busy schedule. However, when he saw her, he used the time to share God’s love and grace and teach her the truth of the kingdom of God through the conversation with her. Jesus led the woman to accept God’s love and grace and follow God’s will and desire.

Little Falls Church family,

I pray that we together intentionally make disciples through our church ministry and personal ministry following Jesus’ calling, God’s will, and desire. We are the fruits of the ministry of our saints who helped us to be Christians, the followers of Jesus, and the disciples of Jesus. We became Christians through our family mostly, friends, and neighbors’ efforts and service. I think these days are different from the old days. The time would not be favorable for us to help new people to be disciples of Jesus compared to the old times. However, we still have the same mission and goal, the same calling and purpose in our lives. Let us cheer ourselves up to fulfill our mission and goal in Christ, asking for God’s strength, courage, and wisdom. John Wesley, the founder of the UMC said, “I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America. But I am afraid, lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power.” We don’t want to become a dead sect but faithful and powerful Christians, as the church family. Let us do our ministry with the heart of Jesus. Let us have the missional mindset to make disciples. Let us make a system or systems together if we need. We are the church, the people having faith in God, growing in Christ, serving Christ, and sharing Christ. We are here to make disciples of Jesus Christ. God will help us with each process. God will show the way. God will give us God’s wisdom, insights, strength, resources, and power when we seek God’s desire and will. Let us make disciples. 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: Renewing and refreshing God, fill our thirsty souls with your living water! As Jesus promised to the woman at the well, and as Jeremiah reminded the prophets, this water is ours if we keep our focus on you and don’t chase after other gods.

May the offering we make this day mark our commitment to keeping our eyes and our hearts set on a closer walk with you. We pray in the name of Jesus, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

Called to the World

‡Closing Hymn

I Will Run To You

(Darlene Zschech)

Verse 1

Your eye is on the sparrow
And Your hand it comforts me
From the ends of the earth
To the depths of my heart
Let Your mercy and strength be seen

Verse 2

You call me to Your purpose
As angels understand
For Your glory may You draw all men
As Your love and grace demands

Chorus

And I will run to You
To Your words of truth
Not by might not by power
But by the Spirit of God
Yes I will run the race
'Til I see Your face
Oh let me live in the glory (of Your grace)

‡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