

Dear Church family,

We will have In-person and Online Worship on **Sunday, November 26, 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

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 and Luke 17:11-19

Today's Message! 'Give Thanks!'

We observe Thanksgiving Sunday on Sunday November 26, 2023. Let us give Thanks to God for God's love and grace for us. Let us express our gratitude to God with our Praise and Worship, and thanksgiving offerings!

Also, we will consecrate and dedicate our pledge for the 2024 ministry to God on the day! Please put your pledge card into the pledge box in the Narthex before Sunday Worship.

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

November 26, 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, November 26, 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.
- **Advent and Christmas Eve Worship - The Purpose of Christmas**

Sunday Worship at 10 am

December 3 - Waiting for Christmas

December 10 - A Time for Celebration

December 17 - A Time for Salvation

December 24 - A Time for Reconciliation

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - December 24, 7pm

- **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** – If you would like to offer the altar flowers, please contact Janet (973) 896-8936 or ladyteddy@aol.com.
- **Fellowship Time after Worship** – 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 are on the Stewardship Campaign for our church ministry for the year 2024. 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.
- **Prayer Meeting** - We will have our Prayer Meeting in **the Chapel at 1:30 pm.** Meeting Date **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 start a new season of *Coffee and Bible* on **Thursday November 30th** at 1 pm, at Lee Lounge. We will study **the Book of Ecclesiastes** in the Old Testament in the Bible and have a conversation, having coffee for 12 weeks. Jung Ae will lead the study. Sign up online or contact Jung Ae, cclim92@gmail.com. Please join us!
- **Kids & Youths For Christ** – The next meeting will be held at 5 pm on **Thursday, December 7th**. 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!
- **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.
- **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.

‡Call to Worship

Leader: The time for harvest is close at hand. What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

All: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.

Leader: Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

All: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

Leader: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

All: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. AMEN.

‡Praise Song***Forever*****Worship & Song 3023**

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Verse 2

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Pre-Chorus

Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Children's Time**Give Thanks!****1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

‡Hymn of Prayer***Give Thanks*****TFWS 2036**

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks To the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say "I am strong"

Let the poor say "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession

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

Today we have gathered here with an opportunity to praise you and thank you for the wonderful ways in which you have blessed our lives. We spend a lot of time looking for the big blessings, when all around us are the delightful blessings of everyday living--family, home, friends, the ability to enjoy laughter and share tears. There are so many ways in which you have touched our lives with your love. Help us develop for all of our lives an attitude of gratitude, never failing to thank you each day for your love and your blessings. Help us reach out to one another and to all those in need with this compassionate 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

OT Lesson Deuteronomy 8:7-18

⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, ⁹ a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰ You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. ¹¹ "Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. ¹² When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous^[a] snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. ¹⁶ He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

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

Gospel Lesson **Luke 17:11-19**

Jesus Cleanses Ten Men with a Skin Disease

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.” This is the word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Give Thanks!

Rev. Jin Kook Kim

Good morning, Church Family! I hope you had a blessed week in God’s love and grace. I also hope you had a happy Thanksgiving. Last Sunday, we considered stewardship. We, Christians, are distinguished from people without faith in terms of stewardship. We know that every resource that we have are God’s and we are stewards of them. Also, we know that we have to use our resources for God’s will and desire. As faithful stewards let’s use all resources for God’s glory and kingdom.

My family visited Jamestown Settlement during our vacation three weeks ago. As you know, Jamestown, VA is a historic site where America’s first permanent English Colony. The exhibition, informational movie, and the people who wore costumes taught us the history and gave me information on it. From the information, I could see that one of the big issues that made it hard to settle in the new land was the lack of food. The colony needed food because they had limited food only after a long voyage. The ship to carry the supplies was planned but they couldn’t receive supplies including food, due to reasons including weather. As a result, many of them died because of a lack of food.

As you know, the origin of Thanksgiving Day started from the same situation. When Pilgrims landed at Plymouth in MA, one of the difficulties that they faced was a lack of food. For food security, they had to cultivate grains in the new land where the soil and climate were different from where they used to live. Graciously, native people helped them so they could make it. And when they harvested, they held a big party. Imagine how much they were happy when they were successful in cultivation. They wanted to give thanks to the native people who helped them, so they invited the native people to the festival and expressed their thanks to them. They knew their success was the native people’s help. And their help was their grace for them. That was the reason they wanted to thank the native people.

When we know it is grace, we have gratitude for it. We don't have gratitude when we don't think it is grace. People's help, giving, and support for us are their grace for us so we thank them. The words, Grace and Gratitude, cling to each other. We sometimes don't have gratitude because we forget it is grace.

In today's scripture in Deuteronomy, God educates the Israelites that they have to give thanks to God when they have wealth in the promised land in the future. In fact, they are in the wilderness and their journey to go to the promised land almost ends. Before they enter into the promised land and settle in the new land, God wants them to remember that they should give thanks to God in the future because God planned to give them the new land and wealth in the new land. They will be doing well in the promised land and God knows that there is a possibility that they will not remember God's grace for them. God has cared for them. God saved them from Egypt and God led them in the journey to the promised land. God gave them food, Manna, and Quails. God protected them from their enemies and won the battles. So they can be here now. That's not all. God will lead them to take the land and give them wealth so their lives will be great. All are God's grace. However, there is a possibility that they forget God's grace when they have God's grace continually. Till now, God has given them food, and protection. For them, it is obvious that everything is God's grace because it is not the result of their effort. However, when they cultivate the land, get food from it, and make walls to protect them, they could forget the fact that everything is God's grace but think they make everything, and they deserve it, and they earn what they sow. Then they will lose gratitude and not give thanks to God.

Thus, to the people, God says, "Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth"

Church family, I hope we always remember that everything is God's grace. Whatever we have is God's grace. God gives us power so we can get something. It is God who enables us to have something. When we keep this truth in our hearts, we have gratitude and give thanks to God. If we forget the truth, we will lose our gratitude and not give God our thanks and praise. I hope we give thanks to God for always remembering the truth and what God has done for us. And please remember when we lose gratitude, we are forgetting God's grace. So whenever we see ourselves losing gratitude, let us remember God's work in our lives: how God loves us, how God cares for us, how God helped us. Even when we are in a situation, let us give thanks to God for what God has done for us. Whatever we face, what God has done for us is not eliminated. God's grace still remains in our life journey. God's love still remains in our faith journey.

God is the ultimate one who gives us God's grace so we should be thankful and give thanks to God. God is not the only one to whom we give thanks. As God's angels, many people give us their grace

for us in our lives. As we should love God and love our neighbor, we should remember people's grace for us along with God's grace for us. No one can live alone. Whether we recognize it or not, our family, friends, and neighbors give us their grace. Let us be thankful for our family and friends.

Our gratitude should be expressed. The two words, "Thank You" are simple but powerful. Let us express our gratitude to God and the people. The pilgrims expressed their gratitude to the native people who helped them to settle down by inviting them to their harvest festival and sharing what they harvested. Unlike the other nine people, the Samaritan who was healed by Jesus came back to Jesus and gave thanks to Jesus. His words and his presence were his expressions of gratitude.

Let us give thanks to God and people expressing our gratitude for them. As we teach our kids to say, 'Thank you,' let us discipline ourselves to express our gratitude for God's grace and people's grace.

You are here to give thanks to God on Thanksgiving Sunday. You prepared for and dedicated your thanksgiving offerings to God this morning. Those are good ways to express our gratitude. Let us not be like the nine people who were healed by Jesus but didn't come to Jesus to express their gratitude for Jesus. Not only this Thanksgiving season but also every time, let us remember God's grace and people's grace for us, and let us give thanks to God and people and express our gratitude to them.

Church family, our life journey is always beautiful and joyful, when we remember everything is God's grace and people's grace for us. We are always under God's grace and our family and friends' grace. Let us remember all the grace that we have received and be grateful and give thanks to all. 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 – Offerings and Pledge Cards for 2024 Ministry

All: God of grace and abundance, we give you our tithes and offerings with our gratitude for your grace and generosity. These gifts we give this morning, may they be used to make human hearts ready for peace and for the reign of your son. Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The

pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place. May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as closely as possible how you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering, it is us on the table, living sacrifices to you. Amen.

Called to the World

‡Closing Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;
Wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
From the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
Giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.

‡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