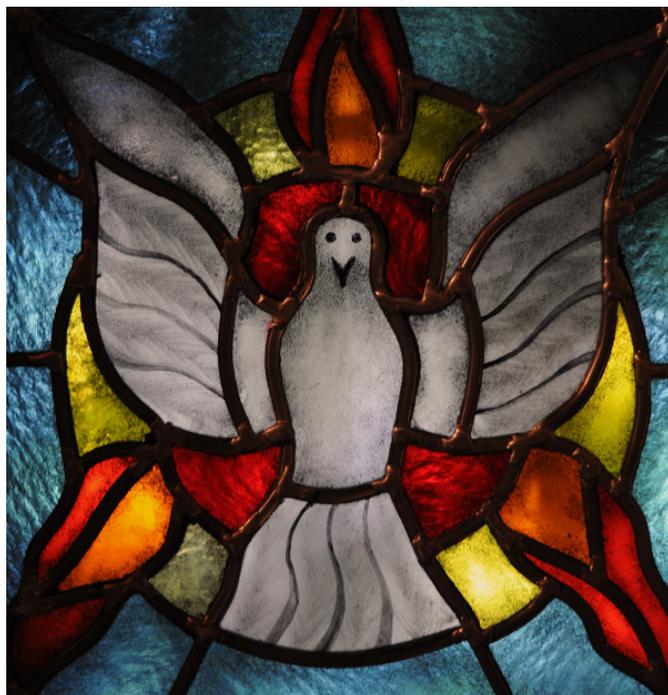


Little Falls United Methodist Church

Worship Bulletin

May 31, 2020, Sunday Worship: 10am



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“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: Rushing Wind of the Spirit, breathe new life into us!

All: Blazing Flame of the Spirit, burn away our fears!

Leader: Comforting Presence of the Spirit, heal our wounds

All: Let us be prepared to worship and praise you, O Holy Spirit.

Leader: Spirit of God, come upon us this day and fill us with your love.

All: Make us people who will proclaim God's good news in all that we do. AMEN.

‡Praise Song

Your Grace Is Enough

WNS 3106

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-Chorus

(So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus 1

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Chorus 2

Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me

Children's Message

Jesus Spends Time with God

Luke 5:15-16, Mark 1:35, Matthew 26:36

Jesus' life was just as busy, if not more busy, than ours. He did a lot of normal stuff with His friends, but He also spent time each day traveling to places and helping the people He met. He would teach people about God's love, and they would ask Him a lot of questions. Jesus was always willing to do anything He could for others, but He also knew He needed to set aside time to rest. Even though He was God's Son, Jesus made sure He got quiet and spent time with His Heavenly Father.

One of the times Jesus liked to get quiet was in the morning. In the book of Mark, we see that Jesus had spent the evening healing and helping people. This could have made Jesus very tired, but instead of sleeping in the next morning, He got up before the sun rose to find a quiet place. And to no surprise, His Heavenly Father was ready to spend time with Him, too!

Jesus knew that despite all the important things He was doing, nothing was more important than His friendship with God. Even when Jesus was busy helping crowds of people, He would get away by Himself to talk to God and listen to what God had to say. Whenever Jesus would spend time with God, it gave Him the power and the strength to keep healing sick people and helping others.

Jesus also liked to spend time with God outdoors. In the book of Matthew, we see that Jesus was with His friends in the Garden of Gethsemane. He told them to stay where they were so He could get alone to pray. See, Jesus knew the time was coming for Him to take the punishment for the sins of the world. He could have chosen to talk to His friends about what He was feeling, but instead, Jesus knew His Heavenly Father was the best person to talk to!

Jesus realized that if He set aside the time to get quiet with God, He could hear what His Father had to say. When we take time to listen to God, we can hear Him, too. It doesn't really matter where you go! Just make it a habit to get quiet and spend time with God every day, and soon, your friendship with Him will grow!

Announcements

1. All 'on-site' meetings, events, and services are canceled due to the Pandemic until further notice. We will update you!
2. 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> Please make a hard copy of it or get another device to see it during the worship.
3. These are two links to Online Worship. Click one of the links to join in Online Worship. Please join in Online worship 10 minutes before the Worship Time!

i. Youtube -

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOzxLc7UQjeMnprjm9u8gtQ/>

ii. Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/lfumcnj/>

4. You can join the Online Worship by your home phone or flip cell phone. Call with the number 646-876-9923 and enter Meeting ID, 917 9067 6301 and # Key and then press # key again!
5. Online Bible Study – Join in Online Bible Study via a video/phone Conference! Four Wednesdays (May 13, 20, 27, & June 3) at 7 PM. The information of a video/phone conference for the Online Bible Study is delivered by mail or email. Please Pastor Jin know that if you need the information!
6. 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.
7. 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!
8. 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.
9. 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!
10. If you need to buy a Shoprite gift card, please contact Pete (detroit50@aol.com). He will deliver it to you.
11. Care Package – Thank those who participate in the project, Care Package!

Hymn of Prayer

O Spirit of the Living God

UMH 539

1 O Spirit of the living God,
thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more,
and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power,
with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease.

2 Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow
until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt,
which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips
with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news,
God's glorious commonweal.

3 Teach us to utter living words
of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand
when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime
shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family
by whom thy will is done.

4 So shall we know the power of Christ
who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life
which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness,
which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach
creation's glorious goal!

Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession

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

The bars of our prisons melt at the power of the Holy Spirit, O God. We praise and thank you for the fulfillment of the promise made by your Son Jesus that we would have a counselor, a guide. We thought we could feel no greater joy than we felt on Easter Day when the good news of Jesus' resurrection greeted our ears! But this surpasses all that. You have come to us in our imprisonment and freed us. You have given to us a voice of power and hope to proclaim the good news! You have poured into our lives the Holy Spirit to be with us always! These things are so amazing to us. Thank you. We ask that you be with our dear ones who face illness, who mourn, who feel lost and alone, who hurt in so many ways. Help us to reach out to them with lovingkindness, in the name of

the Holy Spirit. Strengthen us for the times ahead. Give us courage to proclaim your love with our lives, 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

Acts 2:1-13

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. **7** Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." **12** All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" **13** But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Gospel Lesson

John 7:37-39

³⁷ On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Message

The faithfulness of God

Rev. Jin Kook Kim

Good morning Church Family! I hope you and your family had a good week. Today is the eleventh Sunday since we worship God through Online worship. We are participating in social distancing, so we stay at home, and we are trying not to go to any places or meet any people to protect all. I hope and pray that we get back to normal soon. Through phone calls, I heard from you that you also hope to get to normal soon, such as meeting family and friends freely and coming to church and worshiping together without worrying about the virus. We are waiting for the time when we get back to normal and worship together at the sanctuary. For now, we need patience more than any other time to wait for the time to see people free and get together freely. It would not be easy for us to wait for the time.

There were people who were waiting for something that they were promised. They were disciples of Jesus. As I shared with you last three weeks, Jesus said to disciples that he would not be with them with his body, and he promised disciples that God would send the Holy Spirit to them. Jesus also ordered them to wait for the Holy Spirit. As Jesus said, he was sacrificed on the cross and raised from death. And he stayed with them for 40 days and went up to Heaven. Disciples saw everything and then followed the order of Jesus, waiting for the Holy Spirit because it was Jesus’ promise for them. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, waiting for the Holy Spirit. They didn’t know the time, but they were waiting with prayer.

Can you guess what disciples felt while they were waiting for the Holy Spirit? They would be ok because they saw the risen Jesus and Jesus’ ascension. They would be waiting for the fulfillment of God’s promise with confidence and assurance with strong faith and prayers. Or, they would be in anxiety about the uncertainty because they didn’t know when the Holy Spirit would come, and they would be threatened by officers of the Roman Empire and the religious leaders. We don’t know what exact feelings and emotions they had at the time when they were waiting for the Holy Spirit because there is no description of it. However, we know that they were waiting for the Holy Spirit with prayers according to Jesus’ words.

We are waiting for the new day of getting back to normal, the day of that we can meet one another freely, and that we can go to some places freely. We believe that we will get

over this situation someday because we know that God is helping us, and many people are working on it. However, we don't know when. There is no anticipated time. What feelings and emotions do you have these days? Are you ok? Just bored or lonely? Fear, worry, or suffer? Just inconvenience?

This would not be the only moment that we are waiting for something. Have you ever been desperately waiting for something without an anticipated date and time for it? What did you feel at that moment? What did you do?

Let's remember that Jesus' disciples were waiting for the Holy Spirit, praying together. As Jesus ordered, they stayed in Jerusalem and got together in the upper room and prayed together, waiting for the fulfillment of Jesus' promise. Again, we don't know what feelings they had at that time, but we know that they together prayed to God regardless of their feelings. We can see here that they tried to come to God and be with God at that moment. This shows us what we should do during this time of waiting. It is a prayer. Like the disciples, let us wait for the day with prayers. Let's pray together to God to heal all people and the world. Let's pray to God for having the day of freedom, whatever we feel now. It is time for us to pray to give us peace if we worry about this situation. It is time for us to pray to help us if we are in trouble in our personal life. It is the time for us to pray to help others if we see people who are suffering.

Finally, the Holy Spirit came upon them on the day of Pentecost when they were all together in one place. The Holy Spirit suddenly came upon each of them. Here we can find one of the meanings of the descent of the Holy Spirit. The event of the descent of the Holy Spirit is God's fulfillment of the promise. Jesus promised that God would send the Spirit, and the Holy Spirit came upon them. God was faithful to them. God fulfilled what God promised through Jesus. God worked in God's ways in God's time in their lives. This is one of the meanings of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

The Faithful God is with us. God has been faithful to us as God was to disciples. Let us trust God and believe in God. Let us believe in God's word that God protects us and keep us in God's arms. God is faithful in our lives always.

This time is the waiting time for everyone. I hope that all of us are waiting for the day with strong faith and assurance because God is with us, and God will give us a day. As God sent the Holy Spirit to disciples, God also sent the Holy Spirit to us, and the Holy Spirit is in us now! As God fulfilled God's promise through Jesus Christ, God will save us from this situation with God's grace and love. I hope all of us have peace and assurance in our hearts in this waiting time.

However, if you don't have peace in your hearts and doubt your faith because your situation is not good, don't worry too much about it. You are not alone. Many people

have mixed feelings these days. Please remember that the Holy Spirit is with you and works in you even at this time. As the advocate, helper, and counselor, the Holy Spirit is in you. Ask the Spirit to make your heart peaceful and have the assurance of God this time. As I shared with you last Sunday, Jesus is praying for you, and I am praying for you. Thus, don't worry too much, but ask the Holy Spirit.

We are celebrating the Pentecost Sunday today. The Pentecost Sunday reminds us of God's faithfulness by sending the Holy Spirit to the world. Let's remember that God is faithful to us all the time. Let us have faith in God and ask the Holy Spirit to help 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: Holy God, thank you for sending your Spirit, the Spirit of the risen Christ, from heaven. Help us to be like the early disciples, praying patiently as we wait for your guidance and power. Fill our hearts and minds with your gifts of faith, hope, and love. May our conversations with people of every language and culture around us witness to your grace and mercy. We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to your good purposes in the world through our church's mission by the power of your Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Called to the World

‡**Closing Hymn** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

1. Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be

(Refrain)

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love
(Refrain)

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside
(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 Holy Spirit is in you! Stay in Peace! Amen!