

First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin

Sunday, September 11, 2022
14th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements: Sharon Shutzer

Prelude

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God".

People: We proclaim that God's presence is real and alive and thriving!

Leader: Evildoers declare through their actions, "We go through life alone".

People: But we see God's grace, faithfulness, and steadfast love in our lives and in the world around us.

Leader: Praise be to God!

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

God of abundant grace, may your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship you this day. Open our eyes to truly see one another, that we might discover your presence in the smile of a neighbor. Open our ears to the needs of the world, that we might hear your wisdom in the words spoken around us. And open our hearts to your grace and love, that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "How Great Thou Art" UMH #77
(v. 1, 2, 3)

*Praise Hymn: "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Paul Baloche

Prayer Hymn: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH #334

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

[For those joining us online, please submit your prayer requests in the comments on the virtual attendance sheet, or email the church office. Your prayer requests will be lifted up in next Sunday's service.]

Back to School Blessings Litany

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Elementary Students:

Bless my paper and my pen.

Guide my spirit deep within.

Help me think and help me play

This whole school year, day by day.

All: Of whom much is given, much is required. May learning be your greatest desire!

Middle School (Jr. High) Students:

As I move from class to class
Guide my footsteps; clear my path.
Keep my tongue to speak your words.
Let your will for me be heard.

All: Of whom much is given, much is required. May learning be your greatest desire!

High School Students:

In every subject high or low,
May God's excellence be shown!
Keep me strong to reach the prize
To grow in grace, becoming wise.

All: Of whom much is given, much is required. May learning be your greatest desire!

College Students:

Whether far from home or near
May I hold God's precepts dear.
To do my best at every task;
For this blessing, I do ask.

All: Of whom much is given, much is required. May learning be your greatest desire!

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-10 Gilbert Heulton

Sermon: "Only to Seek and Save the Lost" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering: September's **Special Offering** will benefit U.M.C.O.R. Your generous gift to the United Methodist Committee on Relief will support administrative costs so that 100% of designated gifts will go to areas in need of disaster relief.

Offertory: "On Eagle's Wings"
(F.U.M.C. Choir) Michael Joncas

*Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer: (In Unison)

God of relentless love, the Gospel reminds us of the joy you feel when one of your children chooses the path of repentance and redemption. We picture the celebration in your heart when that choice is made. We also know how prone we are to wander off that path as we pursue those things that satisfy ourselves only. Receive the gifts we offer this day as a sign of our striving to get back on the path that leads us to you. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, the light on our path! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Closing Hymn: "Guide My Feet" TFWS #2208

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Passage for Sunday, September 11, 2022

Liturgist: Gilbert Healton

Luke 15:1-10 (New Revised Standard Version)

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

15 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

**Opening Hymn:
How Great Thou Art
(v. 1, 2, 3)
UMH #77**

O Lord my God!
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

(Chorus)

**Then sings my soul,
My Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
My Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

When through the woods
And forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

(Chorus)

**Then sings my soul,
My Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
My Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

And when I think
That God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross,
My burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;

(Chorus)

**Then sings my soul,
My Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
My Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**Praise Hymn:
Open the Eyes of My Heart
Paul Baloche**

(Chorus)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse)

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing, holy, holy, holy.

(Bridge)

Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see You.

**Prayer Hymn:
Sweet, Sweet Spirit
UMH #334**

Verse 1

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

(Chorus)

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know
That we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.

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 heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

**Closing Hymn:
Guide My Feet
TFWS #2208**

Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Search my heart while I run this race.
Search my heart while I run this race.
Search my heart while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!