

First United Methodist Church of Freehold  
Bulletin

Sunday, June 18, 2023  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Father's Day

Announcements: Linda Gatti

Prelude

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

\*Call to Worship: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Leader: People of God, proclaim our love for the God of Love.

**People: Beloved One, you hear our voices; you answer our cries and receive our praise.**

Leader: People of God, sing God's good news to the world.

**People: Empowering One, you give us power to be signs of the kingdom of heaven.**

Leader: People of God, open your ears and hearts.

**People: Faithful One, send us forth to be your reconciliation in the world. Amen.**

\*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

**Lord God, when we encounter you in all of your truthful, dynamic glory, we realize that you gather us for worship in the church only to send us forth into the world. As we pray, sing your praises, and reflect upon your world, infuse us with your dynamic Holy Spirit that we might gain new energy and commitment to join with you in your world-changing, life-giving mission. Reveal to us opportunities to witness, work, help, and heal so that we might be moved from being your adoring admirers to your faithful followers. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" UMH #159

\*Praise Song: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" TFWS #2120

Introduction to Prayer

*[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.]*

Prayer Hymn: "Spirit of the Living God" UMH #393

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Blessings of Men: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Litany for Father's Day

Leader: For fathers everywhere, who have given us life and love, that we may show them respect and love.

**People: Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers.**

Leader: For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them.

**People: Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers that mourn.**

Leader: For men who may or may not have children of their own, but act like a father to someone in need of advice, support, nurturing, and love.

**People: Holy God, hear this prayer for our father figures.**

Leader: For step-fathers who have assumed that role with love and joy, who have loved the children of another as their own, and created a new family.

**People: Holy God, hear this prayer for step-fathers.**

Leader: For adoptive fathers, who have heard the call of God to lovingly step forward for those that need their care.

**People: Holy God, hear this prayer for adoptive fathers.**

Leader: For fathers who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to the needs of their children, and have not sustained their families.

**People: Holy God, have mercy on absentee fathers.**

Leader: For fathers who struggle with temptation, violence, or addiction. For those who do harm, and for those whom they have harmed.

**People: Holy God, have mercy on fathers that struggle.**

Leader: For new fathers, full of hope. For long-time fathers, full of wisdom. For the fathers yet to be, and fathers soon to be.

**People: Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of your Church.**

Leader: For those that have shaped our lives without claim of family or kinship. For those who have taught us, guided us, shaped us and molded us into servants of Christ our Lord.

**People: Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of our faith.**

Leader: God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Bob Sterling

Friendship Moment

*[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form:  
[www.freeholdmethodist.org](http://www.freeholdmethodist.org)]*

Message:

“Now You Try It”

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: **Giving Page:** [www.freeholdmethodist.org/give](http://www.freeholdmethodist.org/give)

Offertory:

“Have I Ever Told You?”  
(Video – Brian Smith, Vocals)

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\*Doxology:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

\*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

**Loving God, what shall we return to you for your great bounty in our lives? Your generosity knows no limits. Your loving compassion pours into our hearts and our very beings. We thank you. We call upon you, trusting your love. We offer you all that we have and all that we are, hoping for your glory and desiring of your kingdom. Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Closing Hymn:

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

TFWS #2129

\*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

\*Postlude

**Matthew 9:35-10:8 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)****The Harvest Is Great, the Laborers Few**

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

**The Twelve Apostles**

**10** Then Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus;<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

**The Mission of the Twelve**

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse the lepers; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Opening Hymn:  
Lift High the Cross  
UMH #159**

(Chorus)

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

Verse 1

Come, Christians follow this triumphant sign.  
The hosts of God in unity combine.

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

(Verse 2)

Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
Bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

(Verse 3)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw the world to Thee.  
**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

(Verse 4)

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory!  
**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**Praise Song:  
Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness  
TFWS #2120**

**(Chorus)**  
**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
Blow through the wilderness  
Calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
Stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

(Verse 1)  
You moved on the waters,  
You called to the deep,  
Then You coaxed up the mountains  
From the valleys of sleep;  
And over the eons  
You called to each thing:  
Wake from your slumbers  
And rise on your wings.

**(Repeat Chorus)**

(Verse 2)  
You swept through the desert,  
You stung with the sand,  
And You goaded Your people  
With a law and a land;  
And when they were blinded  
With their idols and lies,  
Then You spoke through Your prophets  
To open their eyes.

**(Repeat Chorus)**

(Verse 3)  
You sang in a stable,  
You cried from a hill,  
Then You whispered in silence  
When the whole world was still;  
And down in the city  
You called once again,  
When You blew through Your people  
On the rush of the wind.

**(Repeat Chorus)**

(Verse 4)  
You call from tomorrow,  
You break ancient schemes,  
From the bondage of sorrow  
The captives dream dreams,  
Our women see visions,  
Our men clear their eyes,  
With bold new decisions  
Your people arise.

**(Repeat Chorus)**

**Prayer Hymn:  
Spirit of the Living God  
UMH #393**

Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall fresh on me.  
Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall fresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me,  
Fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall fresh on me.

**Doxology  
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

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:  
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus  
TFWS #2129**

(Verse 1)

I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back.

(Verse 2)

The world behind me, the cross before me.  
The world behind me, the cross before me.  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
No turning back, no turning back.

(Verse 3)

Tho' none go with me, still I will follow.  
Tho' none go with me, still I will follow.  
Tho' none go with me, still I will follow,  
No turning back, no turning back.

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**June 18, 2023  
Announcements:**

**Welcome to worship at the First United Methodist Church of Freehold, we are glad you are with us.**

Please remember to sign in on the **Online Registration Form**.

**Schedule some time with Pastor Yoseb.** Our pastor would like to spend some one-on-one time with our church members. If you are home and would like a visit from our pastor, please let us know. Contact the pastor, or call the church office to schedule.

Mark your calendars for **Vacation Bible School!** The program, "HERO HOTLINE: Called Together to Serve God!" will run for 3 days, June 27, 28, and 29 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and is open to children and adults. Registration forms will be available soon. Fee: \$15

**Grocery Cards** (Shop Rite, Acme, and Stop & Shop) are sold after service in the coffee room.