

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, May 28, 2023
Day of Pentecost**

Announcements:		Verl McKinney
Prelude:	“Ashokan Farewell” Lynne Beach, Violin	Jay Ungar
Welcome:		Rev. Yoseb Jeon
*Call to Worship:		Rev. Yoseb Jeon
Leader:	Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!	
People:	Set the blazes of hope that burn away fear!	
Leader:	Lord, we come here to be empowered to serve you.	
People:	Cause the winds of change to blow away doubt and alienation!	
Leader:	Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!	
People:	Let us worship and rejoice, for God is challenging and empowering us this day!	
*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)		
	Spirit of wind and fire, come to us this day, freeing us from our fears. Lift us up when we have fallen. Dust us off and set us squarely on the path to hope you have set before us. Remind us that we are never far from your presence. Get us ready for the great adventure and opportunities that lie before us. Help us to be good and willing workers for you. In Christ’s Name, we pray. AMEN.	
*Opening Hymn:	“How Firm a Foundation” (v. 1, 2, 3)	UMH #529
*Praise Song:	“Holy Spirit, Rain Down”	R. Fragar
Introduction to Prayer		
	<i>[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.]</i>	
Prayer Hymn:	“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”	TFWS #2193
Pastoral Prayer:		Rev. Yoseb Jeon
The Lord’s Prayer:		UMH #895
Annual Conference Report		Bob Sterling, Lay Member to Annual Conference
Scripture Reading:	Acts 2:1-21	<i>(Various readers in different languages)</i>
Sermon:	“Only Through the Power of the Holy Spirit”	Rev. Yoseb Jeon
Offering Time: Giving Page:	www.freeholdmethodist.org/give	
Offertory:	“The Carpenter”	Kathy Mulholland
*Doxology:	“Thank You God”	Mitch Samu

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Creative Spirit, create miracles through the gifts we return to you now. Create miracles through us, as we give our lives back to you. Create miracles through our gifts, as we share them with one another. Truly, the whole of the gifts you have given us is greater than the sum of the parts, thanks to your powerful presence in our lives and in our church. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Closing Hymn:

“Spirit of God”

TFWS #2117

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Acts 2:1-21 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites, residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome, (both Jews and converts to Judaism); **11** Cretans and Arabs—hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!. **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” **13** Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Peter Addresses the Crowd

14 Then Peter, stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. **15** These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It is only nine in the morning! **16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 ‘In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people,

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

18 Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

19 I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and billows of smoke.

20 The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

**Opening Hymn:
How Firm a Foundation
UMH #529 (v. 1. 2. 3)**

(Verse 1)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

(Verse 2)

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God I will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee,
And cause thee to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

(Verse 3)

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

**Praise Hymn:
Holy Spirit Rain Down
Russell Fragar**

(Chorus 2X)

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down,
O, Comforter and Friend,
How we need Your touch again.
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down,
Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard,
Come and change our hearts
As we stand on Your Word.
Holy Spirit, rain down.

(Verse)

No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
No mind can know what God has in store.
So, open up heaven, open it wide,
Over Your church, and over our lives.

(Chorus)

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down,
O, Comforter and Friend,
How we need Your touch again.
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down,
Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard,
Come and change our hearts
As we stand on Your Word.
Holy Spirit, rain down.

(Ending)

Let Your power fall let Your voice be heard,
Come and change our hearts
As we stand on Your Word.
Holy Spirit, rain down.

Prayer Hymn:
Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
TFWS #2193

(Chorus)
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Doxology:
Thank You God
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Thank you, God,
Thank you, God,
Thank you, God,
For giving me this life I get to live.

Thank you, God,
Love you, God,
Praise you, God,
Forever I will give all I can give.

Amen!

Closing Hymn:
Spirit of God
TFWS #2117

Spirit of God, bright Wind,
Breath that bids life begin,
Blow as you always do; create us anew.
Give us the breath to sing,
Lifted on soaring wing,
Held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Dove,
Grant us your peace and love,
Healing upon your wings for all living things.
For when we live your peace,
Captives will find release,
Held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Hands,
Even in far off lands
You hold all the human race in one warm embrace.
No matter where we go,
You hold us together so,
Held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Flame,
Send us in your holy name,
The power to heal, to share your love everywhere.
We cannot fail or fall,
Or know defeat at all,
Held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God in all,
We gladly hear your call,
The life in our hands that sings,
The power of your wings.
Born of your grace we rise,
Love shining in our eyes,
Held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

May 28, 2023
Announcements:

Welcome to worship at the First United Methodist Church of Freehold, whether you are joining us virtually, or in person, we are glad you are with us.

Have you scheduled some time with our pastor. Pastor Yoseb would like to spend some one-on-one time with our church members for an informal chat, prayer, exchange of ideas, etc. If you are home and would like a visit from our pastor, please let us know. Contact the pastor, or the church office to schedule.

Enjoy a great view of the **Memorial Day Parade** (May 29th) from the front lawn of our church. The building will be open for use of the restroom. The parade will begin with a flag draped caisson at 9:45 and followed by the rest of the parade at 10:00.

E.H.A.P. (The Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program) is in need of men's underwear – all sizes and styles. Donations should be placed in the donation bin in Missions Hall.

Check out the **calendar** on our church website for more church/community event dates.

A Note of Thanks:

Cindy Curtis Budka and Ken Budka offer their deep gratitude for the many texts, emails, cards and kind words from the congregation at the passing of Cindy's dad. The support and love from the congregation throughout his illness was palpable and lifted us both during these hard months.