

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold  
Bulletin**

**Sunday, November 21, 2021**

Announcements: Sharon Shutzer

Prelude

Welcome: Pastor, Wil Wilson

Call to Worship:

Leader: We have a choice to make;

**People: God, give us strength.**

Leader: We can stay the way we are --

**People: God, show us grace.**

Leader: Or, we can be made new –

**People: God, make us new!**

**All: May God bless our commitment to be “all in”!**

Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

**Renewing God, thank you for the saving work you are doing in our lives. We worship you this day as part of the beloved community of believers throughout history. Help us to commit fully to this new way of living as the body of Christ, seeking to grow in our likeness to him. May we live in loving kindness with each other, so we can be a powerful witness of God’s kingdom in this world. By the power of your Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH #577

Hymn: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” UMH #400

Prayer Hymn: “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” TFWS #2158  
[For our viewers at home, please submit prayer requests in the online attendance sheet, or email Pastor Wil.]

Intercessory Prayer: Pastor, Wil Wilson

The Lord’s Prayer UMH #895

Reception of New Members into the United Methodist Church UMH Pages 33-38

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:22-24, John 3:16 Melanie Bowen

Sermon: “All In: Commit” Pastor, Wil Wilson

Stewardship Moment

Special Music: “Build My Life” Younker, Martin, Kaple, Redman & Barrett

Offering Talk: *Our Special Offering will benefit the **Pastor’s Emergency Fund.*** Pastor, Wil Wilson

Offertory: “The Coast” Mitch Samu

Doxology: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #95

Offertory Prayer

**Gracious God, who gave the greatest of all gifts to the world in Jesus Christ, just as we give our tithes and offerings to you, so do we offer our lives that you might mold us and make us after your will. May we put our whole trust in your goodness, confident that as we offer our lives to you, we will experience an abundance beyond any blessing we might imagine. Hear our prayer in the name of Christ, who showed us how to be all in for you. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Closing Hymn:

“Over My Head”

TFWS #2148

Benediction:

Pastor, Wil Wilson

Postlude

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**Scripture Passage for Sunday, November 21, 2021**

**Liturgist: Melanie Bowen**

**Ephesians 4:22-24**

<sup>22</sup> You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, <sup>23</sup> and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup> and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

**John 3:16**

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Opening Hymn:**  
**“God of Grace and God of Glory”**

God of grace and God of glory,  
On Thy people pour Thy power;  
Crown Thine ancient church's story;  
Bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil 'round us  
Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
Free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness,  
Bend our pride to Thy control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the search for Thy salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving Thee whom we adore,  
Serving Thee whom we adore.

**Hymn:**  
**“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

Come, Thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

**Prayer Hymn**  
**“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”**

I am weak, but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Just a closer walk with thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee:  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Just a closer walk with thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee:  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy shore, dear Lord, to Thy shore.

Just a closer walk with thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee:  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

**Special Music**  
**“Build My Life”**

Worthy of every song we could ever sing,  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring,  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe,  
We live for You.

Jesus, the name above every other name,  
Jesus, the only one who could ever save,  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe,  
We live for You,  
We live for You.

(Chorus)

Holy, there is no one like You,  
There is none beside You,  
Open up my eyes in wonder,  
And show me who You are,  
And fill me with Your heart,  
And lead me in Your love to those around me.

(Bridge)

I will build my life upon Your love,  
It is a firm foundation.  
I will put my trust in You alone,  
And I will not be shaken.

**Closing Hymn:**  
**“Over My Head”**

Over my head, I hear music in the air;  
Over my head, I hear music in the air;  
Over my head, I hear music in the air;  
There must be a God somewhere.

Oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air;*  
Oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air;*  
Oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air;*  
There must be a God somewhere.

Over my head, I hear music in the air;  
Over my head, I hear music in the air;  
Over my head, I hear music in the air;  
There must be a God somewhere.

And when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air;*  
And when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air;*  
And when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air;*  
There must be a God somewhere.

Over my head, I hear music in the air;  
Over my head, I hear music in the air;  
Over my head, I hear music in the air;  
There must be a God somewhere.

Now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air;*  
Now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air;*  
Now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air;*  
There must be a God somewhere.

Over my head, I hear music in the air;  
Over my head, I hear music in the air;  
Over my head, I hear music in the air;  
There must be a God somewhere.