

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, November 26, 2023
Christ the King Sunday**

Announcements: Dan Tagatac

Prelude: "Sicillienne" Maria Theresia v. Paradi
(Chloe, Daniel & Yoonjung)

Welcome: Dan Tagatac

*Call to Worship: Dan Tagatac

Leader: Though the dark clouds cover us and the violent storms assail;

People: God seeks us out and protects us. God brings us to the safe shelter of God's compassion.

Leader: When we feel lost and alone, wondering who will save us;

People: God reaches out in love, healing our wounds and transforming our lives.

Leader: Thank God who loves us so much.

People: Praise God who searches for us and brings us home. AMEN.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

God of the lost and lonely, God of the secure and confident, gather us into your fold that we may be healed and transformed. Guide us in your world that we may be a part of ministries of healing and hope, for we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

*Opening Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH #89
(v. 1, 2, 4)

*Praise Song: "Come to the Water" Brian Foley

Introduction to 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.]

Prayer Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH #103
(v. 1, 3)

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Infant Baptism: **Baptism of Lorena Catalina Lawrence**
(See Baptism Liturgy Insert)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-46 Lyn Johnson

Friendship Moment and Passing of the Peace

[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form:

www.freeholdmethodist.org*]*

Message: "When Did I?" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: **Giving Page:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "Without Love, I Have Nothing" Stevens & Martin
(Chloe, Daniel & Yoonjung)

*Doxology: "Thank You, God" Mitch Samu

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

As we have entered this church with thanksgiving on our hearts, let us remember that we have the opportunity to joyfully share from the bounty which God has provided. In the love and name of Christ, let us receive our morning offering.

*Closing Hymn: "The Trees of the Field" TFWS #2279

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude: "The Trees of the Field" TFWS #2279
(Reprise)

Scripture Passage: Sunday, November 26, 2023

Liturgist: Lyn Johnson

Matthew 25:31-46 (New Revised Standard Updated Edition)

The Judgment of the Nations

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (v. 1, 2, 4)
UMH #89

(Verse 1)

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

(Verse 2)

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

(Verse 4)

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music lifts us sunward,
In the triumph song of life.

Praise Hymn:
“Come to the Water”
Brian Foley

(Verse 1)

Oh let all who thirst
Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord
Without money without price
Why should you pay the price
Except for the Lord?

(Verse 2)

And let all who seek
Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord
Without money without strife
Why should you spend your life
Except for the Lord?

(Verse 3)

And let all who toil
Let them come to the water
And let all who are weary
Let them come to the Lord
All who labor without rest
How can your soul find rest
Except for the Lord?

(Verse 4)

And let all the poor
Let them come to the water
Bring the ones who are laden
Bring them all to the Lord
Bring the children without might
Easy the load and light
Come to the Lord

Prayer Hymn:

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (v. 1, 3)

UMH #103

(Verse 1)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
The Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

(Verse 3)

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish
As leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish,
But naught changeth thee.

Closing Hymn:

“The Trees of the Field”

TFWS #2279

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy,
And all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field
Will clap their hands,
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands,
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.

Doxology:

“Thank You God”

Mitch Samu

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!

HOLY BAPTISM

BAPTISM CANDIDATE: LORENA CATALINA LAWRENCE
PARENTS: MITCHELL WOODROW LAWRENCE & GINA MARIE VALENZUELA

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

REV. YOSEB JEON

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM



INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Brothers and sisters in Christ:
Through the Sacrament of Baptism
 we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.
We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
 and given new birth through water and the Spirit.
All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE:

Verl McKinney, Lay Leader

I present **LORENA CATALINA LAWRENCE** for baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Parents and other sponsors respond:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
 reject the evil powers of this world,
 and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
 to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
 in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
 to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture this child, **LORENA CATALINA LAWRENCE**,
 in Christ's holy Church,
that by your teaching and example she may be guided
 to accept God's grace for herself,
 to profess her faith openly,
 and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

The congregation responds:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include this child now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround her
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that she may grow in her service to others.**

**We will pray for her,
that she may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

The congregation, the parents and sponsors respond together:

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy *catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray.

*Almighty God, the life you birthed in us
by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die.
Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.*

Your healing river flows.

Your Spirit blows where you will.

We cannot stop you, God!

But sometimes we try.

*We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit,
or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream
that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power.*

We parch ourselves.

We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these waters.

Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

Glory to you!

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

Glory to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

*Christian, **LORENA CATALINA***, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome
our new child in Christ.

**Through baptism
you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you
as a member of the family of Christ.**

PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God,
I commend this child to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase her faith,
confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

The congregation responds:

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of the First United Methodist Church of Freehold,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

BLESSING

The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish you and strengthen you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.

Announcements
November 26, 2023

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

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated by Ray and Anita Ritchie in memory of Ray's parents, Ray and Lena Ritchie.

It's not too late to return your "**Estimate of Giving**" card for 2024. Extra cards and the accompanying envelopes are available at the back of the sanctuary, or by contacting the church office. Completed cards can be returned in the offering plate or at the church office, in person or by mail. Thanks to all for your participation in the Stewardship Campaign!



THE 28TH ANNUAL JERSEY CARES COAT DRIVE

The First United Methodist Church of Freehold will collect coats beginning Sunday, November 26, 2023 through Friday, January 5, 2024. All donations of new or gently used coats (Newborn to Adult size) may be placed in the collection box located in the Mission Hallway.



Get into the holiday spirit at our **Family Movie Night** on **Wednesday, November 29th at 7:00 p.m.** We will gather in the sanctuary to watch the classic Christmas Film "**It's a Wonderful Life**".



Save the Date! The next Soul Supper will be held on December 7th

Dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The menu will be: Beef Bourguignon, Mashed Potatoes, French Bread, Boston Cream Cake. Sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend.



United Theatre Company invites you to our upcoming Christmas play "Once an Angel" that will be performed on the Wesley Hall stage December 8th, 9th and 10th. This uplifting play about a struggling church and the pastor's daughter who prays for a miracle reminds us that "you don't have to be from up there to be an angel down here".

Show dates and times: December 8th and 9th at 7:00 p.m. and December 10th at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$18 Students, \$15 Children 10 and under. Tickets can be purchased through the United Theatre Website: Unitedtheatreinc.org/tickets. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

**We will have a collection box for Toys for Tots at each show date.*

November Birthdays

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| (2) Ed Bowen | (10) Bob Duarte | (17) Gene Sampieri |
| (3) Nora Wentworth | (12) Ashley Wilson | (24) Tad Wentworth |
| (5) Carrie Healton | (14) Chaz Restivo | (25) Kathy Mulholland |
| (7) Gilbert Healton | (15) Alli Budka | (30) Amy Wilson |
| (8) Geri Losh | (16) Connie Martz | |