

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold  
Bulletin**

**Sunday, September 5, 2021  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Communion Sunday**

**We will be celebrating communion this morning. Please have bread and juice/wine available to participate.**

Announcements

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: God has made us for Godself.

**People: God has made us for each other.**

Leader: We gather to give our hearts and lives to God.

**People: We gather to give our hearts and lives to each other.**

Leader: We seek genuine faith in the midst of false promises in our world.

**People: May our faith be expressed in word and action.**

Leader: We seek to love God and love our neighbor.

**People: May our love be expressed in word and action. Amen.**

Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

**Faithful One, make us rich in faith. Let our faith spill out from our hearts into all we do and say and are. Let it feed and clothe, comfort and set free, reconcile and make new. Let it change not only us but also others. You are faithful. May we be faithful. Amen.**

Opening Song: "Your Grace Is Enough" Matt Maher

Song: "Change My Heart, O God" TFWS #2152

Prayer Hymn: "Make Me a Servant" TFWS #2176

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Wil Wilson

Scripture Reading: James 2:1-7, 14-17 Gilbert Healton

Sermon: "Living Faith: Genuine Faith" Pastor, Wil Wilson

Offering: *Our Special Offering for September will benefit **UMCOR: Disaster Relief.***

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

Offertory Prayer Pastor, Wil Wilson

**God of justice and mercy, thank you for calling us out of our complacency. Draw our faith into action for the sake of others, especially those we might not even realize we are ignoring. Bless our gifts that we may use them to bless our community and the world through good works that reflect your love and grace. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Celebration of Communion:		UMH pages 12-14
Communion Hymn:	“In Remembrance of Me”	TFWS #2254
Closing Hymn:	“Be Thou My Vision”	UMH #451
Benediction:		Pastor, Wil Wilson

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## **Scripture Passage for Sunday, September 5, 2021**

**Liturgist: Gilbert Healton**

### **James 2:1-7, 14-17 - New Revised Standard Version**

#### **Warning against Partiality**

**2** My brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?<sup>[b]</sup> **2** For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,<sup>3</sup> and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,”<sup>[c]</sup> **4** have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? **5** Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.<sup>[d]</sup> Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? **6** But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? **7** Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

#### **Faith without Works Is Dead**

**14** What good is it, my brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? **15** If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, **16** and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? **17** So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Opening Song:  
Your Grace Is Enough  
Matt Maher**

*Verse 1*

Great is Your faithfulness, O God.  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.  
You lead us by still waters into mercy.  
And nothing can keep us apart.

*Pre-Chorus*

So, remember Your people,  
Remember Your children,  
Remember Your promise, O God.

*Chorus 1*

Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough for me.

*Verse 2*

Great is Your love and justice, God.  
You use the weak to lead the strong.  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,  
And all Your people sing along.

*Pre-Chorus*

So, remember Your people,  
Remember Your children,  
Remember Your promise, O God.

*Chorus 2*

Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough for me.

Yeah, Your grace is enough.  
Heaven reaching out to us.  
Your grace is enough for me.  
God, I see Your grace is enough.  
I'm covered in Your love.  
Your grace is enough for me, for me.

**Change My Heart, O God  
TFWS #2152**

*Chorus*

Change my heart, oh God,  
Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, oh God,  
May I be like You.

*Verse*

You are the Potter,  
I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me,  
This is what I pray.

*Chorus*

Change my heart, oh God,  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart, oh God,  
May I be like You.

**Prayer Hymn:  
Make Me a Servant  
TFWS #2176**

Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
Make me a servant today.

*Repeat*

**Communion Hymn:  
In Remembrance of Me  
TFWS #2254**

*Verse 1*

In remembrance of Me, eat this bread.  
In remembrance of Me, drink this wine.  
In remembrance of Me, pray for the time  
When God's own will is done.

*Verse 2*

In remembrance of Me, heal the sick.  
In remembrance of Me, feed the poor.  
In remembrance of Me, open the door  
And let your neighbors in, let them in.

*Bridge*

Take, eat, and be comforted;  
Drink and remember, too,  
That this is My body  
And precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

*Verse 3*

In remembrance of Me, search for truth.  
In remembrance of Me, always love.  
In remembrance of Me, don't look above,  
But in your heart, look for God.  
Do this in remembrance of Me.

**Closing Hymn:  
Be Thou My Vision  
UMH #451**

*Verse 1*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

*Verse 2*

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

*Verse 3*

Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.