

First United Methodist Church of Freehold  
Bulletin

Sunday, October 15, 2023  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Laity Sunday

Announcements:		Linda Gatti
Prelude		
Welcome:		Rev. Yoseb Jeon
*Call to Worship:		Rev. Yoseb Jeon
Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!		
<b>People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!</b>		
Leader: May we be open to hearing God's voice.		
<b>People: May we be open to following the path God has for us.</b>		
Leader: May we share the love of God with every one we encounter.		
<b>People: May we go where God sends us and be faithful witnesses to God's love.</b>		
*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)		
<b>Good and gracious God, as we gather this day, we give you thanks for the many blessings with which you have showered us. We thank you especially that you love us, and continue to love us, even when we are least deserving of your grace. Help us this day to see others with your eyes, that we might not miss any opportunity to share your great love with those we meet on our journey. May we treat all your children with dignity and respect, love, and grace as we surrender ourselves to your love and forgiveness. Send us into your world as witnesses who bring the healing balm of love in your name wherever our footsteps carry us. We ask this with humble and thankful hearts in the name of Jesus the Christ, AMEN.</b>		
* Opening Hymn:	"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (v. 1, 2, 4)	UMH #160
* Praise Song:	"Above All"	LeBlanc & Baloché
Introduction to Prayer:		Rev. Yoseb Jeon
<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:	"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" (v. 1, 2, 4)	UMH #348
Pastoral Prayer:		Rev. Yoseb Jeon
The Lord's Prayer:		UMH #895
Scripture Reading:	Isaiah 30:18, 1 Corinthians 15:55-57	Pamela Wentworth
Friendship Moment		
<i>[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form: <a href="http://www.freeholdmethodist.org">www.freeholdmethodist.org</a>]</i>		

Message: "Death, Where Is Your Sting" Ed Curven

Offering Time: The Special Offering this morning will benefit **CROP Hunger Walk**. Gifts to CROP Hunger Walk help relieve hunger around the world. **Giving Page:** [www.freeholdmethodist.org/give](http://www.freeholdmethodist.org/give)

Offertory: "The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm" Mitch Samu  
FUMC Choir

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

\*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

**Lord, you have been with us as a church through all the generations we have been a congregation in this community. Today we give back to you a small percentage of our fiscal blessings that you might bless us and bless our neighbors through us in future generations.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Closing Hymn: "Down By The Riverside" African American Spiritual

\*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

\*Postlude: "Down By The Riverside" African American Spiritual  
(Reprise)

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**Scripture Passage: Sunday, October 15, 2023**

**Liturgist: Pamela Wentworth**

**Isaiah 30:18 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)**

God's Promise to Zion

<sup>18</sup> Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you;  
therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you.

For the LORD is a God of justice;

blessed are all those who wait for him.

**1 Corinthians 15:55-57 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)**

<sup>55</sup> "Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Opening Hymn:  
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart  
UMH #160 (v, 1, 2, 4)**

(Verse 1)

Rejoice, ye pure in heart;  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
Your glorious banner wave on high,  
The cross of Christ your King.

**Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice,  
Give thanks and sing.**

(Verse 2)

Your clear hosannas raise,  
And alleluias loud;  
Whilst answering echoes upward float,  
Like wreaths of incense cloud.

**Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice,  
Give thanks and sing.**

(Verse 4)

At last the march shall end;  
The wearied ones shall rest;  
The pilgrims find their heavenly home,  
Jerusalem the blest.

**Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice,  
Give thanks and sing.**

**Praise Hymn:  
Above All  
LeBlanc & Baloché**

(Verse 1)

Above all powers, above all kings,  
Above all nature and all created things,  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,  
You were here before the world began.

(Verse 2)

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,  
Above all wonders the world has ever known,  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,  
There's no way to measure  
What You're worth.

(Chorus)

Crucified, laid behind the stone,  
You lived to die, rejected and alone.  
Like a rose trampled on the ground,  
You took the fall and thought of me  
Above all.

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**(2X)**

(End)

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Above all.

**Prayer Hymn:  
Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling (v. 1, 2, 4)  
UMH #348**

(Verse 1)

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
Calling for you and for me;  
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,  
Watching for you and for me.

**(Chorus)**

**Come home, come home;  
You who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, O sinner, come home!**

(Verse 2)

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
Pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,  
Mercies for you and for me?

**(Repeat Chorus)**

(Verse 4)

O for the wonderful love He has promised,  
Promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,  
Pardon for you and for me.

**(Repeat Chorus)**

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

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:  
Down by the Riverside  
African American Spiritual**

I'm gonna lay down my burden,  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside.  
I'm gonna lay down my burden,  
Down by the riverside.  
I'm gonna study war no more.

**I ain't gonna study war no more,  
I ain't gonna study war no more,  
I ain't gonna study war no more.  
(2X)**

Well, I'm gonna put on my long white robe,  
(Where?) Down by the riverside,  
(Oh!) Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside.  
I'm gonna put on my long white robe,  
(Where?) Down by the riverside.  
I'm gonna study war no more.

**I ain't gonna study war no more,  
I ain't gonna study war no more,  
I ain't gonna study war no more.  
(2X)**

Well, I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield,  
(Where?) Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside.  
I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield,  
(A-ha!) Down by the riverside.  
I'm gonna study war no more.

**I ain't gonna study war no more,  
I ain't gonna study war no more,  
I ain't gonna study war no more.  
(2X)**

## Announcements October 15, 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.**

The church is offering a combined **CPR/AED/First Aid training** on Saturday, October 28 at 9:00 a.m. in Wesley Hall. Who should attend? People who work with our children. People who want to know what to do in an emergency. You! The cost of the course for church members is \$20. If you want a book and certification, the cost is \$35. These are special prices for the church. You can't find this training anywhere else for this price. Sign up in Fellowship Hall and see Pam Wentworth with your fee.

Our **Church Conference** will be held on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at Monmouth Grace UMC in Eatontown (76 Wyckoff Road, Eatontown, NJ 07724). The worship service will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the conference will follow at 11:00 a.m. **All church members are encouraged to attend.**

The Finance Committee has provided the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Update. Please see the update below.

**Join the Witness Committee:** The Witness committee coordinates, plans, carries out, and evaluates the congregation's witness ministries, making connections with our neighbors, and eventually helping all know and respond to the love of God by offering various events and programs that bring people together. Please sign the sheet in Fellowship Hall, or see Susan Zuckerman if you are interested.

Come out for an evening of music with local musicians. The United Theatre Company is hosting an **OPEN MIC NIGHT** on Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The event will take place upstairs in Wesley Hall. Admission is \$5 at the door. If you would like to perform, please email United Theatre at [unitedtheatreinc@gmail.com](mailto:unitedtheatreinc@gmail.com)  
**Please note: The Murder Mystery Dinner has been CANCELLED for October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**CROP Hunger Walk:** Sunday, October 22nd Registration is at 1:30 p.m. at the Reformed Church of Freehold (67 W. Main Street). The walk route will be available until 3:30 p.m. In the event of seriously inclement weather, the walk will be held at St. Rose of Lima School gym (51 Lincoln Place, Freehold). There will be a 2.6 mile and 1/10 mile mini-walk route marked out in historic Freehold Borough. A map will be provided at registration.

**Wednesday Night Soul Supper!** Please join us on October 25th when dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Our menu will be: Taco Bar with Ground Beef, Cheese, Refried Beans, Sweet Potatoes & Black Beans, and Salsa & Chips with Apple Cake for dessert. Please let us know that you're coming by signing the clipboard in Fellowship Hall, or by calling the church office. RSVPs are required by October 22nd.

**Silent Film Spooktacular** - Sunday, October 29th at 7:00 p.m. Join us here in the Sanctuary for an old-fashioned silent movie "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" (1931) enhanced by live music played by Brit Montoro. Tickets: \$5.00 at the door. (Children 10 and under are free).

**"Christmas at the Playhouse"** - Monday, December 11th at 11:00 a.m. at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. The price of \$82.00 per person includes show, table-served entree, unlimited desserts, coffee, hot tea, tax and gratuity. The show is written by Kristen Samu. Please see Melanie Bowen to reserve your spot.

**Please Donate:** E.H.A.P. (The Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program) is collecting FULL SIZE toothpaste, shampoo, soap, and toothbrushes.

## October Birthdays

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| (1) Allein Sampieri (Daughter) | (18) Mitch Samu       |
| (5) Grace Mulholland           | (25) John Martz       |
| (9) Linda Duarte               | (25) Lindsay Davala   |
| (9) Jennifer Bleimann          | (28) Leah Zuckerman   |
| (13) Peyton Avallone           | (31) George Sologuren |
| (14) Allein Sampieri           |                       |

### Update from the Finance Committee : 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2023 :

In terms of the Operating Fund, the church income includes that received in general offerings and other income sources such as building rental and fundraising activities. Church expenses include salaries, insurance, utilities, maintenance, conference obligations and other costs to keep the church operating.

**ERC Refund :** In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter we also received a large refund from the Employee Retention Credits (ERC) program, a federal program for pandemic relief. This was a one-time refund, that amounted to \$24,468 of income, net of some accounting fees. Without this refund the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter numbers shown below would have been much different : -\$14,175 net income for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and -\$9,880 net income for the year to date, with an operating fund balance of \$8,477 at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, down \$10,758 for the year, instead of up \$13,710 for the year.

FUMC Operating Fund Update				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	year to date
income	\$ 65,759	\$ 65,693	\$ 73,976	\$ 205,428
expenses	\$ 61,917	\$ 65,240	\$ 63,683	\$ 190,840
net income	\$ 3,842	\$ 453	\$ 10,293	\$ 14,588
<b>Operating Fund Balance</b>				
start of the year				\$ 19,235
end of 3rd quarter				\$ 32,945
change				\$ 13,710

Note: The difference between the net income and the change in the balance involves fluctuations in the amount of grocery cards currently held.

Note: Major property maintenance and improvement projects are covered by the Trustees who maintain a separate account.