

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, February 5, 2023
5th Sunday after the Epiphany**

Announcements: Linda Gatti

Prelude

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Welcome to a time of wonder

People: And music that calls us home.

Leader: Welcome to hear God's words that inspire and challenge,

People: And remind us that we are offered holy hospitality -

Leader: Hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others,

People: Leading us to fully live open minds, open hearts, open doors. Amen.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

God of hospitality! Help us to remember to listen, to smile, to offer a helping hand each time the opportunity presents itself. Give us hearts of courage that we will be brave enough to welcome strangers. Inspire us to go out of our way to include those in the margins. Help us to be welcoming and inclusive to all who come to our door. Let us be God's hospitality in the world. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" UMH #712

*Praise Song: "From the Rising of the Sun" TFWS #2024

Prayer Hymn: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

Pastoral 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.]

Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:1-10 Ed Bowen

Sermon: "Habit of Hospitality 1 – Welcoming Strangers" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for the month of February will benefit our local First Responders.

Offertory: "Even You Are Welcome" Mitch Samu

*Doxology: "Thank You God" Mitch Samu

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

O God, you invite us to participate in a hospitality which is something else! Help us not only to accept it with thanksgiving, but to freely share it with those whose lives are not welcomed or are restricted by the meanness of this world. Make us not only receivers, but generous and unpretentious givers. To the glory of your name, through Christ Jesus. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Celebration of Communion:

*Sung Responses: "Communion Settings"

UMH pages 12-14
TFWS #2257 (b, c, d)

Communion Hymn:

"In the Singing"

TFWS #2255

Prayer: (In Unison)

UMH page 39

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn:

"Guide My Feet"

TFWS #2208

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Passage for Sunday, February 5, 2023

Liturgist: Ed Bowen

Genesis 18:1-10

A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah

18 The LORD appeared to Abraham^[a] by the oaks^[b] of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures^[c] of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰ Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

**Opening Hymn:
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God
UMH #712**

I sing a song of the saints of God,
Patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died
For the Lord they loved and knew.

And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
And one was a shepherdess on the green;
They were all of them saints of God,
And I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
And his love made them strong;
And they followed the right for Jesus' sake
The whole of their good lives long.

And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
And one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
And there's not any reason,
No, not the least,
Why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past;
There are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints
Who love to do Jesus' will.

You can meet them in school, on the street
in the store,
in church, by the sea, in the house next door;
they are saints of God,
whether rich or poor,
and I mean to be one too.

**Praise Hymn:
From the Rising of the Sun
TFWS #2024**

From the rising of the sun,
To the going down of the same,
The name of the Lord shall be praised.

From the rising of the sun,
To the going down of the same,
The name of the Lord shall be praised.

So praise ye the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord.

From the rising of the sun,
To the going down of the same,
The name of the Lord shall be praised.

**Prayer Hymn:
Let There Be Peace on Earth
UMH #431**

Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator,
Children all are we.
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me;
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

**Offertory:
Even You Are Welcome
Mitch Samu**

Even you are welcome
Even I am welcome
Even they are welcome
To touch the face of God
Everybody's welcome
Even we are welcome
All of us together
Can hold the hand of God

(Repeat)

If you're not here
There's something that is missing
Without you here we all are incomplete
Because if you are not invited
Then count me out as well
The God I know has room for us all

Even you are welcome
Even I am welcome
Even they are welcome
To touch the face of God
Everybody's welcome
Even we are welcome
All of us together
Can hold the hand of God

Even you are welcome
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**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!

**Communion Settings:
TFWS #2257
(b, c, d)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord;
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blest if the one who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Communion Hymn:

In the Singing

TFWS #2255

In the singing, in the silence,
In the hands expectant, open,
In the blessing, in the breaking,
In the Presence at this table -

(Chorus)

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
Be the wine of grace:
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
Be the bread of peace.

In the question, in the answer,
In the moment of acceptance,
In the heart's cry, in the healing,
In the circle of Your people -

(Chorus)

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
Be the wine of grace:
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
Be the bread of peace.

Closing Hymn:

Guide My Feet

TFWS #2208

Guide my feet
While I run this race.
Guide my feet
While I run this race.
Guide my feet
While I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand
While I run this race.
Hold my hand
While I run this race.
Hold my hand
While I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Stand by me
While I run this race.

Stand by me
While I run this race.

Stand by me
While I run this race,

For I don't want to run this race in vain!

I'm your child
While I run this race.

I'm your child
While I run this race.

I'm your child
While I run this race.

For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Search my heart
While I run this race.

Search my heart
While I run this race.

Search my heart
While I run this race.

For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Guide my feet
While I run this race.

Guide my feet
While I run this race.

Guide my feet
While I run this race,

For I don't want to run this race in vain!

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Announcements:

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

This is the time of year where we get to show our appreciation to all of our "**First Responders**". We will start collecting wrapped snacks starting today through March 5th. Items we are looking for are granola bars, candy bars, gum, lifesavers, etc. There will be a collection box in Fellowship Hall. If you would prefer to donate money, please mark your envelope "First Responders". If you are giving a check, please put "First Responders" in the memo line. We have invited representatives from each branch to join us in worship on Sunday March 12 for a blessing. Thanks so much in advance. Any questions contact the church office or Linda Gatti.

Check out the sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for opportunities to sign up to learn a new craft and make new friends, or join one of our teams focused on Missions, Social Justice, Hospitality, Communications or Working with Youth. There's something for everyone.

Have you heard about the **NJ Division of Taxation ANCHOR Program**? This program provides property tax relief to New Jersey residents who owned or rented their principal residence (main home) on October 1, 2019, and met the income limits. **Act quickly...the application deadline is February 28, 2023.** A link to more detailed information can be accessed through the Newsletter, or go to: <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/anchor>

Remember to pick up your new **2023 Church Directory** from the table in Fellowship Hall. All directories are labeled with names on them.

Join us for **Bible Study** on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the coffee room.

The **2023 FLOWER CHART** has arrived! All dates are open for Altar Flower donations.

Grocery Cards (Shop Rite, Acme, and Stop & Shop) will be sold after service.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following service for fellowship time and refreshments.

Now, let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.



WOMEN'S' SPIRITUAL RETREAT

WATER WALKING 101

APRIL 30 -MAY 2, 2023

CARRIAGE HOUSE
BED & BREAKFAST,
OCEAN GROVE NJ

Join other women of FUMC on a spiritual retreat because we need to strengthen our relationships with each other and with God.

Rev. Christina Zito, our retreat leader, promises a fun time as we discover that walking on water means facing our fears, discovering and embracing God's call on our lives, and experiencing the power of God in order to do something we would not be capable of doing on our own.

Reservations are now being taken. Space is limited and there will be a waiting list. A refundable deposit will hold your spot. (Final cost to be determined, depending on single room or shared room, meals etc. Approximate cost \$350)

If you are interested in attending, or want more information, please contact Rita Curven (717-471-2865) or Christina Zito (732-276-6113).