

First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin

Sunday, July 30, 2023
9th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements: Dan Tagatac

Prelude

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Call to Worship: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Leader: Sing God's praise.

People: Give thanks to the Lord above.

Leader: Seek the Lord and trust God's strength.

People: Proclaim God's wonderful works.

Leader: Live in the Spirit of love and grace.

People: Give thanks for Christ's marvelous love.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Thank you, Loving Spirit, for the warmth of summer and for your invitation to embrace abundant life. Your promise of resurrection allows past troubles to die, as we rise with you to new life. Inspire us to follow your lead, even when it requires us to bear a cross of sacrifice in your name. May our love for you be complete, as we share words and acts of compassion with a world that yearns for your peace. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "How Great Thou Art" UMH #77
(v. 1, 3, 4)

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

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: "Canticle of Prayer" UMH #406

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Infant Baptism: **Baptism of Garrett Ian Englert**
(See Baptism Liturgy Insert)

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:26-39 Leah Zuckerman

Friendship Moment

*[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form:
www.freeholdmethodist.org]*

Message:

“All Things Work Together for Good”

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

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

Offertory:

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*Doxology:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God, you bless us with gifts of love and moments of grace and mercy. For this earth and its bounty, we give you our thanks. For our lives and for the opportunity to share them with those we love, we offer you our praise. Bless the gifts we lay before you, that they may be signs of your loving kingdom to a world awaiting good news.

*Passing of the Peace

*Closing Hymn:

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

TFWS #2223

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Passage

Liturgist: Leah Zuckerman

Romans 8:26-39 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes^[a] with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God,^[b] who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit^[c] intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together^[d] for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.^[e] ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

God's Love in Christ Jesus

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ^[f] who died, yes, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY BAPTISM

BAPTISM CANDIDATE: GARRETT IAN ENGLERT

PARENTS: IAN ARTHUR ENGLERT & RACHEL DONNA ENGLERT

SPONSORS: JOSEPH KRAINSKI & LEAH MARIE ZUCKERMAN

JULY 30, 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 **GARRETT IAN ENGLERT** 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, **GARRETT IAN ENGLERT**,
 in Christ's holy Church,
that by your teaching and example he may be guided
 to accept God's grace for himself,
 to profess his 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 him
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that he may grow in his service to others.**

**We will pray for him,
that he 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, **GARRETT IAN***, 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 his faith,
confirm his hope, and perfect him 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.

**Opening Hymn:
How Great Thou Art
UMH #77**

(Verse 1)

O Lord my God!
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made,
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout
The universe displayed.

(Chorus)

**Then sings my soul,
My Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art,
How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
My Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art,
How great Thou art!**

(Verse 3)

And when I think
That God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross,
My burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died
To take away my sin;

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 4)

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home,
What joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration,
And there proclaim,
My God how great Thou art!

(Repeat Chorus)

**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
Canticle of Prayer
UMH #406**

We do not know how to pray as we ought,
But the Spirit intercedes for us
With sighs too deep for words.

Ask, and it will be given you;
Seek and you will find;
Knock and will be opened to you:

We do not know how to pray as we ought,
But the Spirit intercedes for us
With sighs too deep for words.

For all who ask receive,
And all who seek find;
And to those who knock it will be opened:

We do not know how to pray as we ought,
But the Spirit intercedes for us
With sighs too deep for words.

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:

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

TFWS #2223

(Verse 1)

We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored:

(Chorus)

**And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love.**

(Verse 2)

We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land:

(Chorus)

**And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love.**

(Continued...)

(Verse 3)

We will work with each other,
We will work side by side,
We will work with each other,
We will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity
And save human pride:

(Chorus)

**And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love.**

(Verse 4)

All praise to the Father,
From whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus,
God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit,
Who makes us one:

(Chorus)

**And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love.**

Welcome to worship at the First United Methodist Church of Freehold. We are glad you are with us.

Today's **Altar Flowers** are donated by Rob and Susan Zuckerman, in celebration of Garrett's baptism.

Join us on **Saturday, August 5, 2023** for **Olde Freehold Day at Lake Topanemus!** Be sure to visit the famous FUMC Bake Sale Table! The event will run from 12 noon – 5:00 p.m.

Save the Date: The United Theatre Company will perform **"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"** on Saturday, August 12th at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 13th at 1:00 p.m. on the F.U.M.C. stage! Fun for all ages. Tickets will be sold at the door and are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and under. Tickets can also be reserved on our website: unitedtheatreinc.org

Grocery Cards (Shop Rite, Acme, and Stop & Shop) are sold after service in the coffee room.

We are collecting items for **flood buckets** to help with recent flooding. Pick up a list of needed items from the table in Fellowship Hall.

July Birthdays

(6) Diane Mulholland	(24) Christine Calcao
(9) Carolyn Heuser	(26) Lan Wilson
(9) Elise Tagatac	(26) AnnMarie Meredith
(13) Carolyn Dahl	(27) Larry Jamison
(15) Luanne Kip	(30) Jan Hall
(18) Greg Schwarzkopf	(30) Gabby Sterling
(19) Paula Taylor	(31) Rev. Christina Zito

August Birthdays

(3) Corbett Cory	(21) Verl McKinney
(4) Carolyn Brach	(21) Sandra Hernandez
(5) Cassie Sterling	(25) Lindsey Hennessey
(17) Jessica Cronin	(26) Anita Ritchie
(18) Gayle Trulli	(27) Ernest Peart
(19) Ken Budka	(30) Shawn Darby