

First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin

Sunday, June 16, 2024
4th Sunday after Pentecost / Father's Day

Announcements: Linda Gatti

Prelude: "Kyrie"
FUMC Choir Mitch Samu

Welcome: Linda Gatti

*Call to Worship: Linda Gatti

Leader: God of covenant Love,

People: we praise you for planting seeds of your love within Abraham, Sarah, and their descendants.

Leader: God of incarnate love,

People: we marvel at the magnificent family tree that your divine love has created among us.

Leader: God of welcoming love,

People: we thank you that you have made a home for us within the branches of your family tree.

Leader: God of everlasting love,

People: we worship you, we love you, and we honor you with all that we are.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Holy God, we humble our hearts before you in thanksgiving and awe. For by your mercy, we find ourselves at home in the branches of your family tree. We discover ourselves to be a people with a love that never fails. We find ourselves within your grand love story for all time and all creation. Whom can we thank, but you, for such great mercy? Bring your kingdom into our midst as we worship you this day. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Coming In These Doors" Mitch Samu

*Praise Song: "Morning Has Broken" UMH #145

Introduction to Prayer

[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 Song: "I Know That I Know" Mitch Samu

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Psalm 20 Gilbert Heaton

Friendship Moment and Passing of the Peace

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

Special Choir Presentation
FUMC Choir

“God Is Living There”

Tune of “Brother James’ Air”. Lyrics by Kathy Mulholland

“Love”

Words and Music by Mitch Samu

“How Can I Keep from Singing”

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, and Ed Cash. Arranged by Richard Kingsmore

“The Sparrow’s Gift”

A Poem by Kathy Mulholland

“How Do We Know Sparrows Don’t Pray?”

Words and Music by Mitch Samu

Litany for Father’s Day:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Leader: For fathers everywhere, who have given us life and love, that we may show them respect and love.

People: Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers.

Leader: For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them.

People: Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers that mourn.

Leader: For men who may or may not have children of their own, but act like a father to someone in need of advice, support, nurturing, and love.

People: Holy God, hear this prayer for our father figures.

Leader: For step-fathers who have assumed that role with love and joy, who have loved the children of another as their own, and created a new family.

People: Holy God, hear this prayer for step-fathers.

Leader: For adoptive fathers, who have heard the call of God to lovingly step forward for those that need their care.

People: Holy God, hear this prayer for adoptive fathers.

Leader: For fathers who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to the needs of their children, and have not sustained their families.

People: Holy God, have mercy on absentee fathers.

Leader: For fathers who struggle with temptation, violence, or addiction. For those who do harm, and for those whom they have harmed.

People: Holy God, have mercy on fathers that struggle.

Leader: For new fathers, full of hope. For long-time fathers, full of wisdom. For the fathers yet to be, and fathers soon to be.

People: Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of your Church.

Leader: For those that have shaped our lives without claim of family or kinship. For those who have taught us, guided us, shaped us and molded us into servants of Christ our Lord.

People: Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of our faith.

Leader: God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offering Time: The Special Offering for the month of June will benefit Casa Freehold

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:	“Yum Yum” FUMC Choir	Mitch Samu
*Doxology:	“Thank You God”	Mitch Samu
*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)	This is our heart’s desire, loving God, that you would take our money and our time, our prayers and our service, and transform them into the currency of your kingdom. Amen.	
*Closing Song:	“Choose to Thrive”	Mitch Samu
*Benediction:		Rev. Yoseb Jeon
*Postlude:	“Choose to Thrive” (Reprise)	Mitch Samu

Scripture Passage

Liturgist: Gilbert Heaton

Psalm 20 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

Prayer for Victory

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!
The name of the God of Jacob protect you!
- ² May he send you help from the sanctuary
and give you support from Zion.
- ³ May he remember all your offerings
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices. *Selah*
- ⁴ May he grant you your heart’s desire
and fulfill all your plans.
- ⁵ May we shout for joy over your victory
and in the name of our God set up our banners.
May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.
- ⁶ Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with mighty victories by his right hand.
- ⁷ Some take pride in chariots and some in horses,
but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.
- ⁸ They will collapse and fall,
but we shall rise and stand upright.
- ⁹ Give victory to the king, O LORD;
answer us when we call.^[a]

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
"Coming In These Doors"

Mitch Samu

Coming In These Doors
I will leave my stress outside.
Coming In These Doors
I will find some peace and calm.
I will greet my brother. I will greet my sister.
I will greet the stranger too,
Coming In These Doors.

Coming In These Doors
I will seek for ways to serve.
Coming In These Doors
I will hear the word of God.
My heart will be open, I will lift my cares in prayer.
I will look to share my love
Coming In These Doors.

Coming In These Doors
I will be the face of Christ.
Coming In These Doors
I will be His hands and heart.
I will ask myself, "What would Jesus do today?"
He would greet and bless this day
Coming In These Doors.

Coming In These Doors
I become refreshed, renewed.
Coming In These Doors
I will feel the heart of God.
Let me give my Love. Let me live my faith today.
Let me show the Face of God
Coming In These Doors.

Praise Song:
"Morning Has Broken"
UMH #145

Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

(Continued...)

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Prayer Hymn:
"I Know That I Know"
Mitch Samu

I know that I know, that I know,
That my God loves me.
I know that I know, that I know,
God is my friend.
I know that I know, that I know,
God's always with me.
And I know that I know, that I know,
That God cares.

I know that I know, that I know,
That Jesus loves me.
I know that I know, that I know,
He is my friend.
I know that I know, that I know,
He's always with me.
And I know that I know, that I know,
Jesus cares.

I know that I know, that I know,
You are my brother.
I know that I know, that I know,
You are my friend.
I know that I know, that I know,
You are my sister.
And I know that I know, that I know,
That you care.

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!

Closing Hymn:
"Choose to Thrive"
Mitch Samu

I'm gonna choose to thrive,
I'm gonna be alive,
I'm gonna live in love
And set my mind on God.

God's in charge and that's fine by me.
I'm gonna live my life,
I'm gonna choose to thrive.

I'm gonna choose to change,
I'm gonna be alive,
I'm gonna live in love
And set my mind on God.

God and me, we're gonna set me free.
I'm gonna live my life,
I'm gonna choose to thrive.

I'm gonna choose to fly.
I'm gonna be alive.
I'm gonna take the leap
I'm gonna jump in the deep.

God and me, we're gonna spread our wings.
We're gonna fly so high,
Way up above the sky.

"The Sparrow's Gift"
by Kathy Mulholland



The creator fashioned each creature alive
And made each a home on the earth.
And gifting each one with the power to thrive,
And assigning each one its own worth.

"What would you request?" the creator inquired
Of the species deposited there.
And each animal readied the answer required
To establish their own blessing share.

When God came around to the birds waiting there,
To determine each character trait,
The eagles demanded to soar in the air,
And be powerful, mighty and great.

The mockingbird wanted a beautiful call,
But, unable to make up its mind,
Was granted the talent to copy them all,
An ability shared with its kind.

The owl wished to hunt without making a sound,
Vultures thought scavenging would suffice.
The penguins, content to remain on the ground,
Were best fitted for water and ice.

The tiny brown sparrow remained, at the end,
To be gifted its blessing and name.
The creator asked, "What of you little friend?
Shall I give to you beauty or fame?"

The plain little sparrow considered its plea;
What prayer could it lay at God's feet?
And at last the bird said, it's enough just to be,
For in being you made me complete.

Announcements:

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

Altar Flowers donated by Carolyn Brach, "In memory of my beloved father, Frederick A. Daly".

The Church and Society Team is looking for your ideas to aid our church in seeking sustainable solutions for our church's resource usages. Come join our brainstorming efforts on June 23 after service, send an email with your idea to the church or just drop your suggestion in the offering plate by June 23.

The Freehold Area Open Door is in need of non-perishable food items. Please pick up a list in Fellowship Hall, or view it in the Newsletter.

Vacation Bible School starts this week – June 25 - 28 The program, "Camp Firelight" will run from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and is open to children and adults.

This Week at a Glance (June 17 – June 23)

Monday: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. -A.A.U.W. Set-up for Book Sale
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. -A.A.U.W. Set-up for Book Sale
7:00 p.m. - Reading between the Vines
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. -A.A.U.W. Book Sale (\$10.00 Fee)
7:30 p.m. – Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary)
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. -A.A.U.W. Book Sale
7:00 p.m. - Administrative Council Meeting (ZOOM)
Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. -A.A.U.W. Book Sale
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. -A.A.U.W. Book Sale
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. – Worship (Sanctuary)

(Nursery care for our youngest members is available during worship service.)

Choir schedule to be announced.

June Birthdays

(1) Lyn Johnson	(16) Madison Calcao	(27) Christian Moore
(3) Dexter Prendergast	(21) Laurie Sciortino	(28) Lori Brueckner
(3) Jane Heaton	(21) Diane Spangler	(28) Daniel Cronin
(6) Carol Davison	(25) Anne Mayer	(28) Rita Curven
(9) Mark Darby	(26) Marshall Gorman	(29) Carmen Hernandez
(9) Charlotte Noelle Pellichero		