

First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin

Sunday, June 25, 2023
4th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements: Linda Gatti

Prelude

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Call to Worship: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Leader: Incline your ear, O God. Hear the praises of your people.

People: Gladden the hearts of your servants, as we lift up our souls to you.

Leader: For you, O God, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love.

People: In the day of trouble we call on you, knowing you will answer.

Leader: Your people everywhere glorify your name.

People: For you are slow to anger, and abound in steadfast love.

All: Turn to us and be gracious.

*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: "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine" UMH #166
(v. 1, 3, 5)

*Praise Song: "Come to the Water" Brian Foley

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 Hymn: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" TFWS #2193

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Infant Baptism: **Baptism of Ciara Juliet Kowalski**
(See Insert)

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:1-11 Dan Tagatac

Friendship Moment

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

Message: "New Life in Death" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

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

Offertory: "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" Gordon Young
F.U.M.C. Choir

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

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Generous God, your morning sun gives life, your evening breeze refreshes the soul. As life grows to its fullest this summer, let us give generously and repeatedly. Through our gifts, may the hungry be fed, the lonely find good friends, and the grieving find comfort. With these offerings, we offer our own lives, that we may rise again to live with you. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Closing Hymn: "Guide My Feet" TFWS #2208

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Passage

Liturgist: Dan Tagatac

Romans 6:1-11 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

Dying and Rising with Christ

6 What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? **2** By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? **3** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. **6** We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. **7** For whoever has died is freed^[a] from sin. **8** But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. **9** We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **10** The death he died, he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. **11** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY BAPTISM

BAPTISM CANDIDATE: CIARA JULIET KOWALSKI

PARENTS: CHRISTOPHER ADAM KOWALSKI, MEGHAN ELIZABETH KOWALSKI

6.25.2023

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 CANDIDATES

LAY LEADER

I present **Ciara Juliet Kowalski** 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, **CIARA JULIET KOWALSKI**,
 in Christ's holy Church,
that by your teaching and example she may be guided
 to accept God's grace for herself,
 to profess her 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 her
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that she may grow in her service to others.**

**We will pray for her,
that she 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 universal 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, CIARA, 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 members 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 her faith,
confirm her hope, and perfect her 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 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:
All Praise to Thee,
For Thou, O King Divine (v. 1, 3, 5)
UMH #166**

(Verse 1)

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
Didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
That in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Verse 3)

Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
Who wast a servant, that we might be free,
Humbling thyself to death on Calvary:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Verse 5)

Let every tongue confess with one accord
In heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
And God the Father be by all adored:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Praise Hymn:
Come to the Water
Brian Foley**

(Verse 1)

Oh let all who thirst
Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord
Without money without price
Why should you pay the price
Except for the Lord?

(Verse 2)

And let all who seek
Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord
Without money without strife
Why should you spend your life
Except for the Lord?

(Praise Hymn Continued...)

(Verse 3)

And let all who toil
Let them come to the water
And let all who are weary
Let them come to the Lord
All who labor without rest
How can your soul find rest
Except for the Lord?

(Verse 4)

And let all the poor
Let them come to the water
Bring the ones who are laden
Bring them all to the Lord
Bring the children without might
Easy the load and light
Come to the Lord

**Prayer Hymn:
Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
TFWS #2193**

(Chorus)

Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

**Doxology
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

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:

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!

June 25, 2023
Announcements:

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

Please remember to sign in on the **Online Registration Form**.

Tell your friends about **Vacation Bible School!** The program, "HERO HOTLINE: Called Together to Serve God!" will run for 3 days, June 27, 28, and 29 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and is open to children and adults. Registration forms are available through the Newsletter or contact the church office. Fee: \$15

A Message from E.H.A.P.

Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program Inc. is a Freehold-based nonprofit that helps the homeless and those at-risk of eviction. **We are in need of volunteers.** There are many ways you can serve: accounting; casework; communications; office reception; website management; marketing; and storage room organizing. We are also preparing for an office expansion and desperately need strong individuals to help move boxes and light furniture to our storage facility over the summer. Contact Nina Rizzo, director of operations, at nrizzo@ehapinc.org or 732-431-2600 ext. 210 for more information. Thank you!

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

Altar Flowers donated by Carol and Susan Davison " In loving memory of our dear father, Jimmy Davison".



June Birthdays

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| (1) Lyn Johnson | (25) Anne Mayer |
| (3) Dexter Prendergast | (26) Marshall Gorman |
| (3) Jane Healton | (26) Ben Yocum |
| (6) Carol Davison | (27) Christian Moore |
| (16) Madison Calcao | (28) Daniel Cronin |
| (21) Diane Spangler | (28) Rita Curven |
| (21) Laurie Sciortino | (29) Carnen Hernandez |