

First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin

Sunday, August 1, 2021
10th Sunday after Pentecost

Communion Sunday

We will be celebrating communion this morning. Please have bread and juice/wine available to participate.

Announcements

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: Create a clean heart for me, God;

People: Put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!

Leader: Please don't throw me out of your presence;

People: Please don't take your Holy Spirit away from me.

Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh upon us. Make us worthy of the calling we have received from you. Teach us to conduct ourselves with humility, gentleness, and patience. Convert our judgement to acceptance. Give us courage to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the bond of peace. Blow upon us new winds of the Spirit. Send your fire to refine, consume, and transform. We pray in Christ's holy name. Amen.

Opening Hymn: "Blest Be the Ties That Bind" UMH #557

Song: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" TFWS #2223

Prayer Hymn: "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place" Mark A. Miller

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Wil Wilson

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6, 14-16 Ashley Wilson

Sermon: "Seeking Christian Unity in a Divided World" Pastor, Wil Wilson

Offering: *Our Special Offering for August will benefit **United Methodist Student Day.***

Doxology

Offertory Prayer Pastor, Wil Wilson

Almighty Giver of All Good Gifts: Grow in us the wisdom to know that all we have to give is in our hands only because you have given to us first. Remind us that you have called us in Christ to be gentle, patient, and loving – and at one with your children everywhere. May the gifts we have been given and the gifts we share reflect the debt of gratitude for your many blessings. We pray this in the holy name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Celebration of Communion:

UMH pages 12-14

Communion Hymn:

“One Bread, One Body”

UMH #620

Closing Hymn:

“The Risen Christ”

Getty & Madeira

Benediction:

Pastor, Wil Wilson

Scripture Passage for Sunday, August 1, 2021

Liturgist: Ashley Wilson

Ephesians 4:1-6, 14-16 - New Revised Standard Version

Unity in the Body of Christ

4 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn:
Blest Be the Tie That Binds
UMH #557

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

They'll Know We Are Christians
By Our Love
TFWS #2223

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
Will one day be restored:

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

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

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

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

Prayer Hymn:
There's a Spirit of Love in This Place
Mark A. Miller

There's a spirit of love in this place,
There's a spirit of love in this place.
You can't see it, but it's there
Just as precious as the air.
There's a spirit of love in this place.

O alleluia, sing alleluia!
We bless your holy name.
O alleluia, sing alleluia!
There's a spirit of love in this place.

There's the presence of peace in this room,
There's the presence of peace in this room.
In God's tenderness is found
Peace that passes human bounds.
There's the presence of peace in this room.

O alleluia, sing alleluia!
We bless your holy name.
O alleluia, sing alleluia!
There's a spirit of love in this place.

**Communion Hymn:
One Bread, One Body**

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

**Closing Song:
The Risen Christ
Keith Getty & Phil Madeira**

O breath of God, come fill this place;
Revive our hearts to know your grace;
And from our slumber make us rise
That we may know the risen Christ.

O Word of God, so clear and true,
Renew our minds to trust in you;
And give to us the bread of life
That we may know the risen Christ.

O love of God, so unrestrained,
Refresh our souls in Jesus' name.
Let us reflect your sacrifice
That we may know the risen Christ.

May God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit make us one.
In holiness let us unite
That we may know the risen Christ.