

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, January 21, 2024
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany**

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Call to Worship: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Leader: As we gather, let us open our hearts to the Lord, seeking to live in obedience.

People: We listen for God's voice, ready to follow God's commands.

Leader: In prayer, we align our hearts with God's will.

People: We commit to God's ways, trusting in God's wisdom.

All: Together, we pray with obedient hearts, embracing the path God sets before us. Amen.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Dear Lord, we come to You with obedient hearts. Help us to trust in Your guidance as Abraham did, leaving behind our own comfort for the path You set before us. Grant us courage and faith to follow Your will, trusting in Your promises. Bless our worship and open our hearts to Your word. In Your name, Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" UMH #361

*Praise Song: "Where Could I Go But to the Lord" J.B. Coats

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 Song: "Purify My Heart" Jeff Nelson

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: John 14:15-21 Melanie Bowen

Friendship Moment and Passing of the Peace

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

Message: "The Power of Prayer: Pray with Obedient Heart" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

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

Offertory: "Grace Alone" S.W. Brown & J. Nelson
FUMC Choir

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

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Holy God of all living creatures on earth, may our gifts reveal Your grace and mercy far and wide. May others learn of Your faithful love through the power of Your works and through the gifts we bring this day. May they also learn that You have everything to do with their lives. Amen.

*Closing Song: "My Savior, My God" Shust & Greenwell

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude: "My Savior, My God" Shust & Greenwell
(Reprise)

John 14:15-21

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep^[a] my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,^[b] to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be^[c] in^[d] you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”
UMH #361

(Verse 1)

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure;
Save from wrath and make me pure.

(Verse 2)

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and thou alone.

(Verse 3)

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

(Verse 4)

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.

Praise Song:
“Where Could I Go But to the Lord”
J.B. Coats

(Verse 1)

Living below in this old sinful world,
Hardly a comfort can afford.
Striving alone to face temptation's call,
Now won't you tell me
Where could I go but to the Lord?

(Chorus)

Where could I go? Oh, where could I go?
Seeking a refuge for my soul.
Needing a friend, to save me in the end.
Oh, won't you tell me
Where could I go but to the Lord?

(Verse 2)

Life here is grand with friends I love so dear.
Comfort I get from God's own word.
Yet, when I face the chilling hand of death,
Now won't you tell me
Where could I go but to the Lord?

(Chorus)

Where could I go? Oh, where could I go?
Seeking a refuge for my soul.
Needing a friend, to save me in the end.
Oh, won't you tell me
Where could I go but to the Lord?
Where could I go but to the Lord?

Prayer Song:
“Purify My Heart”
Jeff Nelson

(Chorus)

Purify my heart,
Touch me with Your cleansing fire,
Take me to the cross,
Your holiness is my desire.
Breathe Your life in me,
Kindle a love
That flows from Your throne.
Oh, purify my heart,
Purify my heart.

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:
“My Savior, My God”
Shust & Greenwell

(Verse 1)

I am not skilled to understand
What God has willed, what God has planned;
I only know at His right hand
Stands One who is my Savior.

(Verse 2)

I take Him at His word and deed;
Christ died to save me, this I read.
And in my heart I find a need
Of Him to be my Savior.

(Pre-Chorus)

That He would leave His place on high
And come for sinful man to die.
You count it strange so once did I
Before I knew my Savior.

(Chorus 2X)

My Savior loves, my Savior lives,
My Savior's always there for me,
My God He was, my God He is,
My God is always gonna be.

(Verse 3)

Yes, living, dying, let me bring
My strength, my solace from this spring,
That He who lives to be my King,
Once died to be my Savior.

(Continued...)

(Pre-Chorus)

That He would leave His place on high
And come for sinful man to die.
You count it strange so once did I
Before I knew my Savior.

(Chorus 4X)

My Savior loves, my Savior lives,
My Savior's always there for me,
My God He was, my God He is,
My God is always gonna be.

(Ending)

My Savior lives,
My Savior loves,
My Savior lives,
My Savior loves,
My Savior lives!

Announcements
January 21, 2024

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

Donate your soda can pop-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. In 2023, FUMC donated nearly 15 pounds of pop-tabs to Ronald McDonald House. How does collecting pop-tabs help? Once the pop tabs are collected, they are taken to be recycled in exchange for dollars, which support the children and families served at Ronald McDonald Houses. The pop-tabs collection bin is located in Fellowship Hall – in the cabinet under the main bulletin board (top left drawer).

All women of the church are invited to the next **ELIZABETH CIRCLE** meeting on Monday, January 22nd at **1:00 p.m.** in Wesley Hall. The women will be making gift bags for our shut-ins. Lunch will be provided. If you plan to attend, please sign the sheet in Fellowship Hall to R.S.V.P.

The **2024 FLOWER CHART** is here! Most dates are open!

January Birthdays

(1) Ed Beach	(21) Gilliane Lux
(7) Cindy Curtis-Budka	(21) Gerhard Lux
(12) Melanie Bowen	(24) Bobbe Malinconico
(21) Gabrielle Lux	(26) Beth Avallone