

First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin

Sunday, September 19, 2021
17th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: We come to worship the God who created us.

People: We are people made in the image of God!

Leader: And what is God like?

People: God is gentle and wise, full of peace and full of mercy.

Leader: We come to worship the God who is creating us.

People: God is making us gentle and wise, full of peace and full of mercy.

Leader: Thanks be to God in Jesus Christ!

People: Amen.

Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Holy One, as we turn to you with our whole selves, root out any envy or selfish ambition in us that blocks us from living as you want us to live. Free us to do the good that you give us to do. Help us commit to what is good, wholeheartedly and with courage. Amen.

Opening Hymn: "My Hope Is Built" UMH #368

Song: "Refiner's Fire" Brian Doerksen

Prayer Hymn: "I Surrender All" UMH #354
(v. 1, 3, 4, 5)

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Wil Wilson

The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

Scripture Reading: James 3:13-4:3 Anita Ritchie

Sermon: "Living Faith: Do Good" Pastor, Wil Wilson

Offering: *Our Special Offering for September will benefit UMCOR: Disaster Relief.*

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

Offertory Prayer Pastor, Wil Wilson

God of understanding, we thank you for sharing your wisdom with us. May our gifts, given in gentleness, help to make us agents of your peace, that we might produce a harvest of righteousness in our world. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Closing Song:

“We Are Called”

TFWS #2172

Benediction:

Pastor, Wil Wilson

Scripture Passage for Sunday, September 19, 2021

Liturgist: Anita Ritchie

James 3:13-4:3

Two Kinds of Wisdom

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for^[a] those who make peace.

Friendship with the World

4 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ² You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet^[a] something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Opening Song:
My Hope Is Built
UMH #368

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

Refiner's Fire

Brian Doerksen

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
And precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
Pure gold

(Chorus):

Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will

Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within

(Chorus):

Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will

(Repeat Chorus)

**Prayer Hymn
I Surrender All
UMH #354**

All to Jesus I surrender;
All to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,
In his presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus, I surrender;
Make me, Savior, wholly thine;
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,
Truly know that thou art mine.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender;
Lord, I give myself to thee;
Fill me with thy love and power;
Let thy blessing fall on me.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender;
Now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to his name!
I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

**Closing Hymn:
We Are Called
TFWS #2172**

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God!

We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God!

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no more!

We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God!

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love!

We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God!