

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, October 10, 2021
Laity Sunday**

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude: “It Is Well with My Soul” Spafford & Bliss

Welcome: Pamela Wentworth

Call to Worship:
Leader: God is our leader.
People: Let us focus and follow our leader closely.
Leader: God wants us to let go of the past.
People: Let’s stop being stubborn and set in our ways.
Leader: God has a new path for us to travel.
People: May we let go of the old and embrace the new.
All: Together, when we follow God, we have nothing to fear. We praise God, our leader!

Opening Prayer: (In Unison)
Our beloved Father, we honor and praise you for loving each one of us. Help us to show your love to our families and neighbors. Open our hearts and minds to new paths, glorifying your name. This we ask, in the name of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Opening Song: “How Great Is Our God” Tomlin, Reeves & Cash

Song: “All My Days” Zelman & Miller

Prayer Hymn: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” UMH #349
[For our viewers at home, please submit prayer requests in the online attendance sheet, or email Pastor Wil.]

Intercessory Prayer: Bob Sterling

The Lord’s Prayer UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:18-19
Matthew 6:25-34 Lyn Johnson

Sermon: “A New Path” Pamela Wentworth

Offering Talk: *Today’s Special Offering will benefit the **Centenary Fund.*** Pastor, Wil Wilson

Offertory: “Amazing Grace” John Newton

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

Offertory Prayer

Merciful One, we come before you with grateful hearts. There are so many acts of mercy, compassion and love you have lavishly given us. Accept now our tithes and offerings as an expression of our gratitude, and as an available resource for serving people in your name. Amen!

Special Presentation

Melanie Bowen

Passing of the Peace

Closing Hymn:

“It Is Well with My Soul”

UMH #377

Benediction:

Pamela Wentworth

Postlude:

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Ludwig van Beethoven

Scripture Passage for Sunday, October 10, 2021

Liturgist: Lyn Johnson

Isaiah 43:18-19

¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.

¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

Matthew 6:25-34

Do Not Worry

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,^[a] or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?^[b] ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God^[c] and his^[d] righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

**Opening Song:
How Great Is Our God**

The splendor of the King,
Clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
All the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light,
And darkness tries to hide;
And trembles at His voice,
And trembles at His voice.

How great is our God!
Sing with me,
“How great is our God!”
And all will see how great,
How great is our God!

Age to age He stands,
And time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End.

The Godhead, three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God!
Sing with me,
“How great is our God!”
And all will see how great,
How great is our God!

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing,
“How great is our God!”

How great is our God!
Sing with me,
“How great is our God!”
And all will see how great,
How great is our God!

**Song:
All My Days**

You know my words before they're said.
You know my need and I am fed.
You give me life. You know my ways,
My strength, my path, for all my days,
My strength, my path, for all my days.

If I should fly beyond the dawn,
The darkness will not overcome.
If I lie down in deepest night,
Still you are there, my Lord my light,
Still you are there, my Lord my light.

Our every thought, each word we say,
The whole of time, the present day,
Are held within your mighty hand,
Too wonderful to comprehend,
Too wonderful to comprehend!

O mend my heart and free my voice.
From sin released, I will rejoice.
O search me, Lord, my spirit cries,
And let my song of praise arise,
And let my song of praise arise!

**Prayer Hymn
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.

(Repeat)

Closing Hymn
It Is Well with My Soul

When peace like a river,
Attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot,
Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul

It is well (It is well) with my soul, (With my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet,
Though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded
My helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well (It is well) with my soul, (With my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, Oh, the bliss
Of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross,
And I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well (It is well) with my soul, (With my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day
When the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound,
And the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well (It is well) with my soul, (With my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.