

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, August 4, 2024
11th Sunday after Pentecost**

We will be celebrating communion this morning.

For those of you joining us from home, please have bread and juice/wine available to participate.

Announcements: Sharon Shutzer

Prelude

Welcome: Sharon Shutzer

*Call to Worship: Sharon Shutzer

Leader: Blessed be the Lord of Hosts, who cleanses and heals our lives.

People: Praise be to God!

Leader: Blessed be the Holy One, who brings us from despair to hope.

People: Praise be to God!

Leader: Blessed be the Giver of Life, who nurtures and comforts us.

People: Let us praise God with our whole hearts and souls! AMEN.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for not leaving us alone, nor forcing us to struggle to find our way to God. You came to us, revealed yourself to us, and spoke to us your truth. Keep helping us to grow up, Lord. Help us to grow up by continuing to tell us the truth about God and about ourselves that we might be your well-formed, deeply faithful, mature disciples. AMEN.

*Opening Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation" UMH #545
(v. 1, 2, 5)

*Praise Song: "God of Wonders" Byrd & Hindalong

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 Hymn: "Many and Great, O God" UMH #148

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16 Lyn Johnson

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: "We Must Grow Up Together" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: Today's Special Offering will benefit **Native American Ministries**. Your contribution supports aspiring Native American pastors and enriches outreach in their communities.

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "Fairest Lord Jesus" Volkslieder
Lynne Beach, Violin

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

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Generous God, you have fed us well in body and in spirit. Your grace never runs short, but meets our need. Make us one with all your children, that these gifts and our good works may bring comfort to those who grieve, friendship to those who are lonely, and provision to those who are in need. This we pray, in your blessed name. Amen.

Celebration of Communion: UMH 12-14
*Sung Responses: "Communion Settings" TFWS #2257 (b, c, d)

Communion Hymn: "One Bread, One Body" UMH #620

Prayer: (In Unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "Cry of My Heart" TFWS #2165

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude: "Cry of My Heart" TFWS #2165
(Reprise)

Ephesians 4:1-16

Unity and Maturity in the Body of Christ

4 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸ This is why it^[a] says:
“When he ascended on high,
he took many captives
and gave gifts to his people.”^[b]

⁹ (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions^[c]? ¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION LITURGY:

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Leader to people:

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Leader and people:

Glory to God. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join
their unending hymn:

♩ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest (3X)
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest (3X)

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

♬ Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest (3X)

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

♬ Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest (3X)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn:
"The Church's One Foundation" (v. 1, 2, 5)
UMH #545

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

Praise Song:
"God of Wonders"
Byrd & Hindalong

Lord of all creation;
Of water, earth and sky,
The heavens are Your tabernacle,
Glory to the Lord on high.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty;
You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth.
Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness,
I will call Your name by night.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty;
You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth.
(Lord of heaven and earth)
Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah! To the Lord of Heaven and earth.
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You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty,
You are holy, holy.
Holy, holy.

Prayer Song:
“Many and Great, O God”
UMH #148

Many and great, O God, are Thy things,
Maker of earth and sky.
Thy hands have set the heavens with stars;
Thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at Thy word the waters were formed;
Deep seas obey Thy voice.

Grant unto us communion with Thee,
Thou star abiding One;
Come unto us and dwell with us;
With Thee are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end,
Eternal life with Thee.

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.

“Communion Settings”
TFWS #2257
(b, c, d)

Holy, holy, holy Lord;
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the one who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Communion Hymn:
“One Bread, One Body”
UMH #620

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 or 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 Hymn:
"Cry of My Heart"
TFWS #2165

It is the cry of my heart
To follow You.
It is the cry of my heart
To be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart
To follow
All of the days of my life.

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,
So I can walk in Your truth.
Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,
And make me wholly devoted to You.

It is the cry of my heart
To follow You.
It is the cry of my heart
To be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart
To follow
All of the days of my life.

Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that You do.
Open my heart up more and more,
And make me wholly devoted to You.

It is the cry of my heart
To follow You.
It is the cry of my heart
To be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart
To follow
All of the days of my life.

All of the days of my life (4X)

Announcements:

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

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated by Nancy and Charlie Mongano, "In memory of our son, Anthony DeCarlo".

Last chance for Lakewood BlueClaws Faith and Family Night Tickets! – The game is on August 15 beginning at 7:05 p.m. with a faith-based talk with the team prior to the game. Tickets are \$18 and include hotdog, soda, chips and ice cream with 2 boardwalk game tickets. See Gayle Trulli if you are interested in attending.

On **August 25th** we will have a special visit from Cindy Curtis-Budka's nephew, David Houle and his wife Allie Houle. We are looking forward to hearing them speak about their mission work in Thailand.

Save the Date: September 15, 2024 – Food Truck Event at FUMC! Enjoy a delicious lunch provided by the Frankie Fed's Food Truck while you enjoy a Special Music Presentation prepared by Mitch Samu. The lunch is free – compliments of FUMC. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Update from the Finance Committee:

2nd Quarter of 2024

In terms of the Operating Fund, the church income includes that received in general offerings and other income sources such as building rental and fundraising activities. Church expenses include salaries, insurance, utilities, maintenance, conference obligations and other costs to keep the church operating.

FUMC Operating Fund Update			
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	year to date
income	\$ 62,325	\$ 76,848	\$ 139,173
expenses	\$ 73,415	\$ 62,546	\$ 135,961
net income	\$ -11,090	\$ 14,302	\$ 3,212
Operating Fund Balance			
start of the year			\$ 43,369
end of 2nd quarter			\$ 49,241
change			\$ 5,872

Note: The difference between the net income and the change in the balance involves fluctuations in the amount of grocery cards currently held.

Note: Major property maintenance and improvement projects are covered by the Trustees who maintain a separate account.

This Week at a Glance (August 5 – August 11)

Monday: 7:00 p.m. – United Theatre “Winnie the Pooh” Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre “Winnie the Pooh” Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. – United Theatre “Winnie the Pooh” Rehearsal (Wesley Hall Stage)
7:30 p.m. – Seventh Day Adventist Church (Lounge)
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
Friday: ***
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. – Worship (Sanctuary)

(Nursery care for our youngest members is available during worship service.)

***No events scheduled

August Birthdays

(3) Corbett Corey
(4) Carolyn Brach
(5) Cassie Sterling
(17) Jessica Cronin

(18) Gayle Trulli
(19) Ken Budka
(21) Verl McKinney
(21) Sandra Hernandez

(23) Garrett Ian Englert
(25) Lindsey Hennessey
(26) Anita Ritchie
(27) Ernest Peart