

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, August 22, 2021
13th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: Though storms rage around me, I will clothe myself with the whole armor of God.

People: I will fasten the belt of truth about my waist.

Leader: I will place strength and determination as my shoes to aid me in my ministry and mission for God.

People: I will take up the shield of faith with which I shall defend against evil ways.

Leader: I will pray diligently at all times, offering prayers and supplication to God.

People: The helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit will accompany me on my journey.

Leader: Be strong in the Lord who provides for your every need.

People: I place my confidence and trust in God always. Amen.

Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

In the beauty of this place, we have come to pray, to worship, to receive healing and hope. We come from the struggles and triumphs of the week, needing to feel the soothing presence of God. Lord, be with us this day. Calm and soothe our souls. Cause us to rejoice that you have provided a special place where we may gather to talk of your presence and love; to sing your praises; and to be empowered to go forth to serve you. Amen.

Opening Song: "Awesome God" TFWS #2040

Hymn: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" UMH #514

**Baptism of Haylee Marie Nole
UMH pages 39-44**

Song: "We Are Marching" TFWS #2235-b

Prayer Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
(v. 1, 2, 3) UMH #110

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor, Wil Wilson

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20 Karen Bennett

Sermon: "Armored" Pastor, Wil Wilson

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

Doxology:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Pastor, Wil Wilson

God of power and might: Through the ages, you have reminded us through the prophets and apostles that we are called to battle – not with one another, but against the powers of darkness and evil. It is this battle that sends children to bed with empty bellies, while others have so much food it damages their health. It is the battle that imprisons those whose only crime is poverty, while those with more than they could ever spend lose sleep scheming how to get more. As we make our gifts to you this day, may we remember on which side we’re on. In the precious, loving name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn:

“Standing on the Promises”

UMH #374

Benediction:

Pastor Wil Wilson

Scripture Passage for Sunday, August 22, 2021

Liturgist: Karen Bennett

Ephesians 6:10-20 - New Revised Standard Version

The Whole Armor of God

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our^[a] struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these,^[b] take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,^[c] ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God;
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow'r, and love.
Our God is an awesome God!

(Repeat)

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high his royal banner,
It must not suffer loss
From victory to victory
His army shall he lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict,
In this his glorious day.
Ye that are brave now serve him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor,
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song.
To those who vanquish evil
A crown of life shall be;
They with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

We Are Marching

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching,
We are marching, Oooo
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching,
We are marching, Oooo
We are marching in the light of God

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (v. 1, 2, 3)

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name
From age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo, his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

**Closing Hymn:
Standing on the Promises**

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God, I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.