

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, February 12, 2023
6th Sunday after the Epiphany**

Announcements: Linda Gatti

Prelude

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Great is the Lord!

People: God has redeemed God's people!

Leader: Let the heavens shout with joy!

People: Let all the people celebrate God's awesome love!

Leader: Shout and sing praise to God!

People: For God has healed and restored God's people.

Leader: Hallelujah!

People: Hallelujah!

***Opening Prayer: (In Unison)**

Almighty God, we gather in this space to praise your name. Help us lay aside our worries, our fears, our frustrations, and our anxieties, that we may be free to truly worship you. Through the power of your Spirit, empower us to seek your ways, walk in the footsteps of Christ, and live as your faithful servants. We seek your help this day, O God, that the world may know your abundant love and your amazing grace. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH #140

***Praise Hymn:** "But My God" Kathy Mulholland

Prayer Hymn: "Spirit Song" UMH #347

Pastoral 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.]

The Lord's Prayer: (In Unison) UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:18-23 Melanie Bowen

Sermon: "The Power of the Church"
District Superintendent, Rev. Sang Won Doh

Offering Time: We are continuing to collect for our First Responders, but we are also collecting for UMCOR Disaster Relief to help the victims of the recent earthquakes in Syria and Turkey. If you are giving by cash or check, please specify the donation on the envelope or check.

Offertory: "Amazing Grace" Piano Solo, Mitch Samu

*Doxology: "He Is Exalted" TFWS #2070

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God of abundant life, we give you thanks for your many gifts. Most of all, thank you for the gift of life and for all the ways we are able to worship and to serve you. May these gifts bring abundant life to those both near and far. In your precious name, we pray. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Closing Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation" UMH #545

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Passage for Sunday, February 12, 2023

Liturgist: Melanie Bowen

Ephesians 1:18-23 (New Revised Standard Version)

Paul's Prayer

¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God_[a] put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,_[b] ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn:
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
UMH #140

Great is thy faithfulness,
O God, my father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been,
Thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
New mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness,
Mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
New mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine,
With ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
New mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

**Praise Hymn
But My God
Kathy Mulholland**

I'm a rock
Strong and unyielding.
No one can touch me.
My defenses are raised.

I'm a stone.
No one can sway me.
I won't be changing,
Because change is decay.

(Chorus)
But my God,
How much you love me.
How well you know me
In this skin that I'm in.
But my God,
How much you move me,
How you have saved me
From myself and my sin.
But my God.

I am weak
I am a shadow.
I'm barely breathing
The air of this world.

Pass me by.
Don't even notice.
Don't look upon me.
I am nothing to you.

(Chorus)
But my God,
How much you love me.
How well you know me
In this skin that I'm in.
But my God,
How much you move me,
How you have saved me
From myself and my sin.
But my God.

I'm a mom
With lovely children,
A loving husband,
And a beautiful home,

But the void
Rises inside me,
Threatens to own me,
And nobody knows

(Chorus)
But my God,
How much you love me.
How well you know me
In this skin that I'm in.
But my God,
How much you move me,
How you have saved me
From myself and my sin.

Here I stand before the throne.
And I cannot stand alone
All my shame and grief and loss
Is hanging from the cross
Hanging from the cross,
Hanging from the cross!

(Chorus)
But my God,
How much you love me.
How well you know me
In this skin that I'm in.
But my God,
How much you move me,
How you have saved me
From myself and my sin.
But my God.

Prayer Hymn:
Spirit Song
UMH #347

O let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love.
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let Him have the things that hold you,
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill Your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness;
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill Your lambs.

Doxology:
He Is Exalted
TFWS #2070

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high;
I will praise him.
He is exalted, forever exalted
And I will praise his name!

He is the Lord,
Forever his truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Closing Hymn:
The Church's One Foundation
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.

Though with a scornful wonder
We see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

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.

February 12, 2023

Announcements:

Welcome to worship at the First United Methodist Church of Freehold. Whether you are worshipping with us in person or virtually, we are glad you are with us. Today, we are so happy to welcome our District Superintendent, Rev. Sang Won Doh!

This is the time of year where we get to show our appreciation to all of our "**First Responders**". We are collecting wrapped snacks through March 5th. Items we are looking for are granola bars, candy bars, gum, lifesavers, etc. There is a collection box in Fellowship Hall. If you would prefer to donate money, please mark your envelope "First Responders". If you are giving a check, please put "First Responders" in the memo line. We have invited representatives from each branch to join us in worship on Sunday, March 12 for a blessing. Any questions contact the church office or Linda Gatti.

Join other women of FUMC on a **spiritual retreat April 30 – May 2** at the Carriage House Bed & Breakfast in Ocean Grove. Reservations are now being taken. Space is limited and there will be a waiting list. If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, please see Rita Curven or Christina Zito.

Our new **Stitcher's Circle** begins Thursday, February 23rd. This crafting group will meet at the church on the fourth Thursday of each month between 3:30 – 5 p.m. Sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall. For more information, please see AnnMarie Meredith.

Check out the **sign-up sheets** in Fellowship Hall for opportunities to join one of our teams focused on Missions, Social Justice, Hospitality, Communications or Working with Youth. There's something for everyone.

Have you applied for the **NJ Division of Taxation ANCHOR Program**? This program provides property tax relief to New Jersey residents who owned or rented their principal residence (main home) on October 1, 2019, and met the income limits. Act quickly...the **application deadline is February 28, 2023**. A link to more detailed information can be accessed through the Newsletter, or go to: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/anchor

Remember to pick up your new **2023 Church Directory** from the table in Fellowship Hall. All directories are labeled with names on them.

Grocery Cards (Shop Rite, Acme, and Stop & Shop) will be sold after service.

Now, let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.