

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, November 23, 2025
Christ the King / Thanksgiving Sunday**

Announcements: Dan Tagatac

Prelude

Welcome: Dan Tagatac

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: We gather this morning to give thanks to the One who sustains our lives.

People: Our hearts remember the goodness of God through every season.

Leader: When life feels shaken, when we are hit by many storms, God still hold us together.

People: Our gratitude is the small but strong confession that keeps our faith steady.

Leader: Let us bring our thanksgiving, our stories, and our lives before the Lord.

People: We come to worship God, the giver of every good gift, the One who keeps us flying in grace.

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

Gracious God, we come before you with thankful hearts. You have carried us through joys and challenges, and your faithfulness has never failed. As we worship you on this Thanksgiving Sunday, remind us that true gratitude is what holds our faith together. Help us to see your presence in the simple blessings of each day and to rest in your steadfast love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** **"Crown Him with Many Crowns"** UMH #327
(v. 1, 2, 4)

***Praise Song:** **"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"** Myrin & Redman

Children's Moment: Pastor Doby Amos

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 Song: **"I Know That I Know That I Know"** Mitch Samu

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

First Fruits and Tithes

26 “When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’ ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

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: “The Jesus Nut of Our Faith: Thanksgiving”

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for November will benefit **United Methodist Student Day**. Gifts to United Methodist Student Day provide loan and scholarship funds for United Methodist college, university and graduate students. **Giving Page:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: “I Can Only Imagine”

Bart Millard

*Doxology: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Loving God, every gift we bring comes from your generous hand. Receive these offerings as a small but sincere expression of thanksgiving. Use them to bless others, to lift those in need, and to strengthen your church in love. Keep our hearts centered on you, the One who holds all things together. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Song: “How Great Is Our God”

Tomlin, Reeves & Cash

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Opening Hymn:
"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (v. 1, 2, 4)
UMH #327

Verse 1

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Verse 2

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died, and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

Verse 4

Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity.

Praise Song:
"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"
Myrin & Redman

(Chorus)

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.**

(Verse 1)

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 2)

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 3)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Forevermore!

(Repeat Chorus 2x)

(Ending)

Worship Your holy name.
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

Prayer Song:
"I Know That I Know That I Know"
Mitch Samu

I know that I know that I know
That my God loves me.
I know that I know that I know
God is my friend.
I know that I know that I know
God's always with me;
And I know that I know that I know
That God cares.

I know that I know that I know
That Jesus loves me.
I know that I know that I know
He is my friend.
I know that I know that I know
He's always with me;
And I know that I know that I know
Jesus cares.

I know that I know that I know
You are my brother.
I know that I know that I know
You are my friend.
I know that I know that I know
You are my sister;
And I know that I know that I know
That you care.

Offertory:
"I Can Only Imagine"
Bart Millard

(Verse 1)
I can only imagine
What it will be like
When I walk by Your side.
I can only imagine
What my eyes will see
When Your face is before me;
I can only imagine.

(Continued...)

(Chorus)

Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel?
Will I dance for You Jesus,
Or in awe of You be still?
Will I stand in Your presence,
Or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing hallelujah,
Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine,
I can only imagine.

(Verse 2)

I can only imagine
When that day comes
And I find myself standing in the Son.
I can only imagine
When all I will do
Is forever, forever worship You;
I can only imagine,
I can only imagine.

(Chorus 2X)

Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel?
Will I dance for You Jesus,
Or in awe of You be still?
Will I stand in Your presence,
Or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing hallelujah,
Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine (Yeah)
I can only imagine.

(Tag)

I can only imagine, yeah,
I can only imagine.
I can only imagine,
I can only imagine.

Ending

I can only imagine when all I will do
Is forever, forever worship You;

I can only imagine.

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.

Closing Song:
"How Great Is Our God"
Tomlin, Reeves & Cash

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.

(Chorus)
How great is our God,
Sing with me,
How great is our God;
And all will see how great,
How great is our God.

And 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.

(Continued...)

(Chorus)
How great is our God,
Sing with me,
How great is our God;
And all will see how great,
How great is our God.

Bridge (2X)
Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing
How great is our God.

(Last Chorus)
How great is our God,
Sing with me,
How great is our God;
And all will see how great,
How great is our God.

Altar Flowers are donated by Donna Diamant in memory of her parents.

Hat and Mitten Collection for Open Door: Please choose a tag from the tree in the sanctuary. Each tag represents a gift of mittens or gloves and a hat for a child. Bring in the mittens and hat, *with the tag attached*, and return to the tree by **Nov. 30**. Warm your heart as you warm a child. **Allein will be selling hats and mittens at her craft table.**

The **Elizabeth Circle** will be meeting on Monday, November 24th at 2:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. The program will be making candy bags for the Freehold Seniors' Holiday Party.

Congregation - Mitch and The Choir want to invite anyone who would like to join in a limited time event for the Holiday Season. We will be doing parts of a Celtic Christmas Celebration titled "Season of Joy" on December 14th during service. If you have ever wanted to sing with the choir this is a great time to be involved. Let one of us know if you are interested in being a part of this beautiful program.

A MESSAGE FROM S/PRC CHAIR, MELANIE BOWEN: The Staff Parish Committee will be collecting money for our 6 wonderful staff members to distribute to as their holiday gift. Contributions can be placed in the offering plate, (please clearly mark your envelope "Staff Gift"), or given directly to S/PRC Chair, Melanie Bowen. Thank you!

A Volunteer is needed to supply **Refreshments for Fellowship Time for December 28th**. If you would like to supply refreshments, please remember to sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall.

The choir WILL have rehearsal after service today for "Seasons of Joy".

November Birthdays

(2) Ed Bowen	(12) Rob Beauregard	(20) Amber Taylor
(3) Nora Wentworth	(15) Allie Budka	(24) Tad Wentworth
(5) Carrie Heulton	(16) Connie Martz	(25) Kathy Mulholland
(7) Gilbert Heulton	(17) Eugene Sampieri	(30) Amy Wilson
(7) Kylie Ann Tesseyman		

This Week at a Glance (November 24 – November 30)

Monday: 2:00 p.m. - Elizabeth Circle Meeting (Wesley Hall)
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
Wednesday: **No Bible Study Today – Thanksgiving Break**
7:00 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Classroom)
Thursday: **THANKSGIVING DAY**
Friday: ***
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall till 4:00 p.m.)
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Seekers Class (Seekers Classroom)
8:45 a.m. - Sunday School (Classrooms)
9:00 a.m. - Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)

No Choir rehearsal following service today.

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

*** No Events Scheduled