

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, February 11, 2024
Transfiguration Sunday**

Announcements:		Linda Gatti
Prelude:	"Coming In These Doors" (v. 1, 2)	Mitch Samu
Welcome:		Linda Gatti
*Call to Worship:		Linda Gatti
Leader:	Welcome to a time of wonder	
People:	And music that calls us home.	
Leader:	Welcome to hear God's words that inspire and challenge,	
People:	And remind us that we are offered God's radical hospitality -	
Leader:	Hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others,	
People:	Leading us to fully live open minds, open hearts, open doors. Amen.	
*Opening Prayer:	(In Unison)	
	Compassionate God! Help us to open our hearts and our communities to those who seek safety and a new life among us. May we be a source of comfort and solace to those who have left their homes in search of hope and peace. In our worship today and in our lives every day, transform our hearts to be more like Jesus, who knew the life of a refugee and who taught us to love our neighbor without condition. We ask this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.	
*Opening Hymn:	"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"	UMH #173
*Praise Song:	"Holy Spirit, Rain Down"	Russell Fragar
Introduction to Prayer:		Rev. Yoseb Jeon
	<i>[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.]</i>	
Prayer Song:	"Even You Are Welcome"	Mitch Samu
Pastoral Prayer:		Rev. Yoseb Jeon
The Lord's Prayer:		UMH #895
Scripture Readings:	Leviticus 19:33-34; Deuteronomy 10:17-19; Matthew 2:13-15	Anita Ritchie
Friendship Moment and Passing of the Peace		
	<i>[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form: www.freeholdmethodist.org]</i>	
Message:	"The Social God & Immigration"	Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: **Giving Page:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "God Don't Make No Junk" Kathy Mulholland

*Doxology: "Thank You God" Mitch Samu

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Lord, bless these offerings that we present to you now. May they be used to further your kingdom, to provide for those in need, to offer shelter to the stranger, and to extend your love to the corners of the earth. Let these gifts be a testament to our commitment to follow Jesus' example of hospitality and care for all people, especially those who are far from their homes. Amen.

*Closing Song: "Draw the Circle Wide" Light & Miller

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude: "Going Out Our Doors"
(v. 3, 4) Mitch Samu

Scripture Passages:

Leviticus 19:33-34

³³ "When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. ³⁴ The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

Deuteronomy 10:17-19

¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, ¹⁸ who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. ¹⁹ You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Matthew 2:13-15

The Escape to Egypt

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ Then Joseph^[a] got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Introit:
"Coming In These Doors" (v. 1, 2)
Mitch Samu

(Verse 1)

Coming In These Doors
I will leave my stress outside.

Coming In These Doors
I will find some peace and calm.

I will greet my brother. I will greet my sister.

I will greet the stranger too,
Coming In These Doors.

(Verse 2)

Coming In These Doors
I will seek for ways to serve.

Coming In These Doors
I will hear the word of God.

My heart will be open, I will lift my cares in prayer.

I will look to share my love
Coming In These Doors.

Opening Hymn:
"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"
UMH #173

(Verse 1)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

(Verse 2)

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

(Continued...)

(Verse 3)

Visit then this soul of mine;
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

Praise Song:
Holy Spirit, Rain Down
Russell Fragar

(Chorus 2X)

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down,
O, Comforter and Friend,
How we need Your touch again.
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down,
Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard,
Come and change our hearts
As we stand on Your Word.
Holy Spirit, rain down.

(Verse)

No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
No mind can know what God has in store.
So, open up heaven, open it wide,
Over Your church, and over our lives.

(Chorus)

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down,
O, Comforter and Friend,
How we need Your touch again.
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down,
Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard,
Come and change our hearts
As we stand on Your Word.
Holy Spirit, rain down.

(Ending)

Let Your power fall let Your voice be heard,
Come and change our hearts
As we stand on Your Word.
Holy Spirit, rain down.

Prayer Song:
“Even You Are Welcome”
Mitch Samu

Even you are welcome,
Even I am welcome,
Even they are welcome,
To touch the face of God.
Everybody’s welcome,
Even we are welcome,
All of us together
Can hold the hand of God.
(2x)

If you’re not here
There’s something that is missing,
Without you here we all are incomplete;
Because if you are not invited
Then count me out as well,
The God I know has room for us all.

Even you are welcome,
Even I am welcome,
Even they are welcome,
To touch the face of God.
Everybody’s welcome,
Even we are welcome,
All of us together
Can hold the hand of God.
(2x)

All of us together
Can hold the hand of God

Offertory:
“God Don’t Make No Junk”
Kathy Mulholland

So, I got some whole new sounds
And it’s really making rounds
On the social and the raves
Yeah, my name is cutting waves.
When you see me on the street
And I’m jammin’ to my beat
You might think that I’m a punk
But my God don’t make no junk.

Bored or lonely, here’s my cell,
And I’ll be your wishing well.
If you’re nervous, don’t you fear;
I’m the best in my career.
It’s a thousand for a day,
‘Cause I’ve got my bills to pay.
On your arm or in the bunk,
Honey, God don’t make no junk.

Got a pocket full of pills
That supposed to cure my ills,
But they put me in a haze
So I go without for days.
When my meds are on the shelf
And I’m talking to myself,
Though I’m feeling kinda sunk
I know God don’t make no junk.

In the cell, thirty to life,
Solving problems with a knife.
Can’t trust no one in this place
And the sun don’t see my face.
Guess I earned this walk I walk
But to hear the preacher talk,
It sounds like a load of bunk
Saying God don’t make no junk.

I remember being young
Before liquor hit my tongue.
How am I? You may well ask.
Trapped inside this poison flask.
Deep inside I know it’s true,
But I need to hear from you.
Can’t remember when I’m drunk,
Tell me God don’t make no junk.

Doxology:
"Thank You God"
Mitch Samu

Thank you God,
Thank you God,
Thank you God,
For giving me this life I get to live.

Thank you God,
Love you God,
Praise you God,
Forever I will give all I can give.

Amen!

Closing Hymn:
Draw the Circle Wide
Light & Miller

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone,
We'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone.
We'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song:
No one stands alone.
Standing side by side,
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Going Forth:
"Going Out Our Doors" (v. 3,4)
Mitch Samu

(Verse 3)
Going Out Our Doors
I will be the face of Christ.
Going Out Our Doors
I will be His hands and heart.
I will ask myself, "What would Jesus do today?
Would He turn and walk away?"
Going Out Our Doors.

(Verse 4)
Going Out Our Doors
Let me be refreshed, renewed.
Going Out Our Doors
Let me be the heart of God.
Let me give my Love. Let me show my faith today.
Let me show the Face of God
Going Out Our Doors.

Announcements
February 11, 2024

Welcome to worship at the First United Methodist Church of Freehold. We are glad you are with us.

There will be a meeting of the **Administrative Council** on Monday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM. All church members are invited to attend. The ZOOM link can be found in this week's Newsletter, or contact the church office.

Please join us on **February 14th** for our Ash Wednesday services: 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The 7:30 p.m. service will be also be livestreamed.

This Week at a Glance (February 12 – 18):

Monday: **7:00 p.m. – Admin. Council Meeting (ZOOM)**
 7:00 p.m. – United Theatre Rehearsal (Stage)

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)
 7:00 p.m. – Missions Outreach Committee Meeting (ZOOM)
 7:00 p.m. – Second Tuesday Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday: **10:00 a.m. – No Bible Study**
 11:30 a.m. – Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
 7:30 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
 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: **8:30 a.m. – Seekers Class**
 8:45 a.m. - Children Sunday School (Classrooms)
 9:00 a.m. – Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 9:30 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 10:00 a.m. – Worship (Sanctuary)
 (Nursery care for our youngest members is available during worship service.)
 11:15 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

***No Meetings Scheduled

Community News

On February 18 at 4:30, hear the Princeton University Chapel Choir at the Reformed Church of Freehold (67 W. Main St.) The Princeton University Chapel Choir is a 50-voice ensemble that draws its members from the entire Princeton community: students, alumni, faculty, staff, and residents. With director Nicole Aldrich and University Organist Eric Plutz, the Chapel Choir explores a varied and rich repertoire of sacred music. The suggested donation is \$20, and all proceeds will benefit the arts education programs of the Community Arts Center of Freehold.

For more information: <https://www.communityartsfreehold.com/>

**Greater Freehold Clergy Association
Lenten Prayer Service Schedule**

Lunch at 12 P.M., Prayer at 12:30 P.M., Lunch at 1 P.M.

February 21 st	Co-Cathedral of St. Robert 61 Georgia Road	Rev. Matthew Jones First Assembly of God
February 28 th	First United Methodist Church 91 W. Main Street	Rev. Dirk Reinken St. Peter's Episcopal
March 6 th	First Assembly of God 272 Jackson Mills Road	Rev. Alan Olson First Presbyterian
March 13 th	T.B.D. Lunch will be provided	Bishop Fred Rubin Community Refuge Church of Christ
March 20 th	Reformed Church of Freehold 67 W. Main Street	Msgr. Sam Sirianni Co-Cathedral of St. Robert
Good Friday March 29 th	Service at 12:00 P.M. First Baptist Church 81 W. Main Street Lunch will not be provided	Rev. Ruth Scott Foundational Truth Bible Study Ministries

February Birthdays

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| (2) Dan Tagatac | (12) Kristine Darby |
| (3) Lynne Beach | (12) Don Johnson |
| (4) Ashley Darby | (18) Tanika Peart |
| (5) Betsy Healton | (18) Nancy Mongano |
| (5) Lucero Velazquez-Alvarez | (22) Pamela Wentworth |
| (6) Lori Beauregard | (23) Becky Gorman |
| (11) Bobbie Budalich | (28) Colin Budka |