

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, October 22, 2023
21st Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Linda Gatti

Prelude

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Call to Worship: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Leader: Though there are rulers, presidents, kings, queens, God is the Lord of all life.

People: In God we live and move and have our being.

Leader: God requires our faithfulness and our service.

People: We reach out to others with the same kind of love with which God has touched our lives.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

People: Let us praise God who walks daily by our side. AMEN.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Holy God, we long to sense your presence and be assured that you have drawn near. Awaken us with your love and grace, and show us your possibilities for our lives. Assure us that we are not alone and that you walk with us always. For this we offer you our thanks and praise. Amen.

* Opening Hymn: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” UMH #103

* Praise Song: “More Precious than Silver” TFWS #2065

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: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” UMH #64
(v. 1, 4)

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord’s Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:15-22 Karen Bennett

Friendship Moment

*[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form:
www.freeholdmethodist.org]*

Message: “The Art of Conversation” Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering this morning will benefit **CROP Hunger Walk**. Gifts to CROP Hunger Walk help relieve hunger around the world. **Giving Page:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "Grace Alone" Scott Wesley Brown
F.U.M.C. Choir

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

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Holy God, your kindness and compassion surround us. You alone are holy. You alone bring meaning and hope to our lives. We are grateful for all that you are and all that you give us. Receive us and the gifts that we bring, that the world might know you and the gifts you offer to those who ask. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Closing Hymn: "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" James Milton Black

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude: "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" James Milton Black
(Reprise)

Scripture Passage: Sunday, October 22, 2023

Liturgist: Karen Bennett

Matthew 22:15-22

The Question about Paying Taxes

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

**Opening Hymn:
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
UMH #103**

(Verse 1)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
The Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

(Verse 2)

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains
High soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
Of goodness and love.

(Verse 3)

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish
As leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish,
But naught changeth thee.

(Verse 4)

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render:
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
Of light hideth thee.

**Praise Hymn:
More Precious than Silver
TFWS #2065**

(Chorus 1)

(Oh) Lord, You are
More precious than silver.
Lord, You are
More costly than gold.
Lord, You are
More beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire
Compares with You.

(Verse)

And who can weigh the value
Of knowing You?
Oh, who can judge the worth
Of Who You are?
Lord, who can count the blessing
Of loving You?
Who can say just how great You are?
How great You are.

(Chorus 2)

(Oh) Lord, You are
More precious than silver.
Lord, You are
More costly than gold.
Lord, You are
More beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire
Compares with You.
O, nothing I desire
Compares with You.
O, nothing I desire
Compares with You.

Prayer Hymn:

Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty (v. 1, 4)

UMH #64

(Verse 1)

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons,
Blessed Trinity!

(Verse 4)

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,
In earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons,
Blessed Trinity.

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 Hymn:

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

James Milton Black

(Verse 1)

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound
And time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks eternal, bright and fair,
When the saved of earth
Shall gather over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder,
I'll be there.

(Chorus)

**When the roll is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder
I'll be there**

(Verse 2)

On that bright and cloudless morning
When the dead in Christ shall rise,
And the glory of His resurrection share;
When His chosen ones shall gather
To their home beyond the skies,
And the roll is called up yonder,
I'll be there.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 3)

Let us labor for the Master
From the dawn till setting sun.
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care.
Then when all of life is over
And our work on earth is done,
And the roll is called up yonder,
I'll be there.

(Repeat Chorus)

Announcements - October 22, 2023

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

All Saints Sunday is November 5th. Please email the church office photographs of loved ones who have passed away in the past year. **Photographs are due by October 31st.**

Join the CROP Hunger Walk TODAY. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. at the Reformed Church of Freehold (67 W. Main Street). The walk route will be available until 3:30 p.m. If you are unable to walk, donation envelopes are available in Fellowship Hall. Envelopes can be given to Carol Davison or the church office.

Wednesday Night Soul Supper! Please join us on October 25th when dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Please let us know that you're coming by signing the clipboard in Fellowship Hall. **RSVPs are due TODAY.**

The church is offering a combined **CPR/AED/First Aid training** on Saturday, October 28 at 9:00 a.m. in Wesley Hall. The cost of the course for church members is \$20. If you want a book and certification, the cost is \$35. Sign up in Fellowship Hall and see Pam Wentworth with your fee.

Silent Film Spooktacular - Sunday, October 29th at 7:00 p.m. Join us here in the Sanctuary for an old-fashioned silent movie "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" (1931) enhanced by live music played by Brit Montoro. Tickets: \$5.00 at the door. (Children 10 and under are free)

"Christmas at the Playhouse" - Monday, December 11th at 11:00 a.m. at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. The price of \$82.00 per person includes show, table-served entree, unlimited desserts, coffee, hot tea, tax and gratuity. The show is written by Kristen Samu. Please see Melanie Bowen to reserve your spot.

The Witness Committee needs volunteers to help out with various events and programs. Volunteers are needed to help run the **Spooktacular** event next weekend October 29th at 7:00 p.m. Please sign the sheet in Fellowship Hall, or see Susan Zuckerman if you are interested.

We are looking for people to staff a **Breakfast Committee** to help prepare and serve breakfast. The program will run from December thru March - 1 day a week from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. If you are able to help out and want more information, please see Lyn Johnson.

E.H.A.P. is collecting **FULL SIZE** toothpaste, shampoo, soap and toothbrushes. Please leave your donations on the table in Missions Hall. Please note: E.H.A.P. cannot accept any used clothing except coats and jackets.

"God's Trombones" rehearsal: after fellowship time.

Grocery Cards can be purchased in the Coffee Room following service.

October Birthdays

(1) Allein Sampieri (Daughter)
(5) Grace Mulholland
(9) Linda Duarte
(9) Jennifer Bleimann

(13) Peyton Avallone
(14) Allein Sampieri
(18) Mitch Samu
(25) Lindsay Davala

(25) John Martz
(28) Leah Zuckerman
(31) George Sologuren