

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, January 28, 2024
4th Sunday after the Epiphany**

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude: Mitch Samu
"Coming In These Doors"
FUMC Choir

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Call to Worship: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Leader: As we gather in worship, let us remember Jesus' prayer for unity among his followers.

People: That we may be one, as the Son and the Father are one.

Leader: In a world of division, we are called to be a symbol of unity and love.

People: Bound together by our faith and our shared love for Christ.

Leader: Let our worship today reflect the unity that Jesus prayed for.

People: That in our oneness, the world might believe in God who sent us.

All: Together, we worship, celebrating the unity we have in Jesus, and praying for its growth in our hearts, and in our world. Amen.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

God of Trinity, bind us together in Your love, bridging our differences and strengthening our bonds. In our worship, may we reflect the harmony and unity You desire for Your children. Help us to embrace each other with grace and understanding, just as Christ embraces us. May our united voices in prayer and praise be a testament to Your unifying love. In the name of Jesus, who binds us all together, we pray. Amen.

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

*Praise Song: Philip Pringle
"Fear Not"

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: UMH #451
"Be Thou My Vision"

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Cindy Curtis-Budka
John 17:9-11

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 Power of Prayer: Pray with One Heart" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

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

Offertory: "Going Out Our Doors" Mitch Samu
FUMC Choir

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

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Restorer of divided hearts, bless our gifts this morning. Make our offering a path to holy living and action. May our very lives reflect the truth of our faith and unity and our commitment to your world. With generous hearts, we pray. Amen.

*Closing Song: "Over My Head" TFWS #2148

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude: "Over My Head" TFWS #2148
(Reprise)

John 17:9-11

⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Introit:
“Coming In These Doors”
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.

(Verse 3)

Coming In These Doors
I will be the face of Christ.
Coming In These Doors
I will be His hands and heart.
I will ask myself, "What would Jesus do today?"
He would greet and bless this day
Coming In These Doors.

(Verse 4)

Coming In These Doors
I become refreshed, renewed.
Coming In These Doors
I will feel the heart of God.
Let me give my Love. Let me live my faith today.
Let me show the Face of God
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.

(Verse 3)

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

Praise Song:

"Fear Not"

Philip Pringle

(Chorus 2X)

Fear not, for I am with you.
Fear not, for I am with you.
Fear not, for I am with you
Says the Lord.

(Verse)

I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name,
Child you are Mine.
When you walk through the waters
I will be there, and through the flame.
You'll not (no way) be drowned,
You'll not (no way) be burned,
For I am with you!

(Repeat Chorus)

Prayer Hymn:

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH #451

(Verse 1)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

(Verse 2)

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God in heaven, my treasure Thou art.

(Verse 3)

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Offertory:

"Going Out Our Doors (G.O.O.D.)"

Mitch Samu

(Verse 1)

Going Out Our Doors
We will seek to serve each other.
Going Out Our Doors
We will look for ways to serve.
I can help my brother. I can help my sister.
I will look for ways to serve
Going Out Our Doors.

(Verse 2)

Going Out Our Doors
I will look to help my neighbor.
Going Out Our Doors
I will help a hurting child.
I will ask my friend, I will ask my enemy,
"How can I best give to you?"
Going Out Our Doors.

(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.

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:
“Over My Head”
TFWS #2148

Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
There must be a God somewhere.

Oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air;*
Oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air;*
Oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air;*
There must be a God somewhere.

Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
There must be a God somewhere.

And when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air;*
And when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air;*
And when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air;*
There must be a God somewhere.

Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
There must be a God somewhere.

Now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air;*
Now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air;*
Now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air;*
There must be a God somewhere.

Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
There must be a God somewhere.

Announcements
January 28, 2024

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.

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated by Karen Bennett, in memory of her father, Frank Warner.

Collection for our First Responders: It has become our tradition to recognize our First Responders this time of year. We owe them so much for their service and sacrifices. There will be a collection during service on the first Sunday of February. If you would also like to contribute snacks, there will be a collection box in Missions Hall from February 4th - March 10th. Suggestions for snacks are: Individually wrapped snacks such as Granola Bars, Life Savers, Gum, Chocolate, etc. Thanks so much for your continued support with this effort. Let's make them feel special! Thank you!

Donate your soda can pop-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. In 2023, FUMC donated nearly 15 pounds of pop-tabs to Ronald McDonald House. How does collecting pop-tabs help? Once the pop tabs are collected, they are taken to be recycled in exchange for dollars, which support the children and families served at Ronald McDonald Houses. The pop-tabs collection bin is located in Fellowship Hall – in the cabinet under the main bulletin board (top left drawer).

Join us in Wesley Hall after service this Sunday for a warm bowl of chili; the perfect lunch for a cold winter day.

Lots of dates are still open on the **2024 FLOWER CHART**.

January Birthdays

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| (1) Ed Beach | (21) Gilliane Lux |
| (7) Cindy Curtis-Budka | (21) Gerhard Lux |
| (12) Melanie Bowen | (24) Bobbe Malinconico |
| (21) Gabrielle Lux | (26) Beth Avallone |

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 |