

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, November 19, 2023
25th Sunday after Pentecost/Stewardship Pledge Day**

Announcements: Dan Tagatac

Prelude

Welcome: Dan Tagatac

*Call to Worship: Dan Tagatac

Leader: We gather today hoping to be fed by God.

People: Sometimes we worry that what we have is not enough.

Leader: Jesus fed thousands with just five loaves and two fish; God will feed us today.

People: Praise God! The little we have is enough for God to receive, bless, and multiply.

Leader: God will provide enough for us and for others.

People: Glory to God. Amen.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Faithful God, remind us today that everything big and small can be used to bless the community. Help us to remember that you can take what we have and multiply it to meet our needs. Increase our faith as we trust you for our provision. We recognize that we are better together than alone. You have called each of us to live in connection with each other. God, we give you thanks that as we love you, you give us the heart to love our neighbor. Today we give you praise for all the ways you have blessed us in our personal lives, our church, and our community. Amen.

* Opening Hymn: "Blessed Assurance" UMH #369

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: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: John 6:1-14 Karen Bennett

Friendship Moment and Passing of the Peace

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

Special Presentation: "God's Trombones" Written by Mitch Samu
"God's Trombones" is a 5-movement choral work based on some of the poetry of James Weldon Johnson from his book titled: "God's Trombones". Written by Mitch Samu in 1999, it is my musical interpretations of some of these beautiful poems.

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

Offertory: "Let All Mortal Flesh" French Carol Melody
Mitch Samu, Piano

*Doxology: "Thank You God" Mitch Samu

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Lord Jesus, thank you for the example of our spiritual ancestors who followed your example of generosity. Thank you for the people of our congregation who went before us and whose generosity blessed so many and continues to bless us today. Lord, please accept these, our offerings, as an expression of our love for you and our commitment to your kingdom's work in us and through us. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "Thank You God" Mitch Samu

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Passage: Sunday, November 19, 2023

Liturgist: Karen Bennett

John 6:1-14

Feeding the Five Thousand

6 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.^[a] ² A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they^[b] sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

**Opening Hymn:
"Blessed Assurance"
UMH #369**

(Verse 1)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

(Chorus)

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

(Verse 2)

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 3)

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

(Repeat Chorus)

**Prayer Hymn:
Let There Be Peace on Earth
UMH #431**

(Verse 1)

Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our creator,
Children all are we.
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

(Verse 2)

Let peace begin with me;
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

**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:
"Thank You God"
(See Above)**

**Announcements
November 19, 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.

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated by Allein Sampieri, in celebration of Gene's birthday.

Pick up DELICIOUS homemade breads following service today at the **Thanksgiving Bread Sale** table in Fellowship Hall. Then, join us for a **Stewardship Celebratory Lunch** in Wesley Hall. We will have sub sandwiches, pizza, and desserts, and fellowship.

The Freehold Clergy Association is hosting an **Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service** this evening at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Freehold (118 W. Main St.)

**MITTENS & HATS TO KEEP OUR FRIENDS AT
OPEN DOOR WARM THIS WINTER!**



Some gift tags are still available. See the table next to the Mitten Tree in Fellowship Hall for tags and instructions. PLEASE RETURN YOUR PURCHASED GIFTS BY DECEMBER 10TH.

THE 28TH ANNUAL JERSEY CARES COAT DRIVE



The First United Methodist Church of Freehold will collect coats beginning Sunday, November 26, 2023 through Friday, January 5, 2024. All donations of new or gently used coats (Newborn to Adult size) may be placed in the collection box located in the Mission Hallway.



Save the Date! The next Wednesday Night Soul Supper will be held on December 7th Dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
The menu will be: Beef Bourguignon, Mashed Potatoes, French Bread, Boston Cream Cake. Sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend.



United Theatre Company invites you to our upcoming Christmas play "Once an Angel" that will be performed on the Wesley Hall stage December 8th, 9th and 10th. This uplifting play about a struggling church and the pastor's daughter who prays for a miracle reminds us that "you don't have to be from up there to be an angel down here".

Show dates and times: December 8th and 9th at 7:00 p.m. and December 10th at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$18 Students, \$15 Children 10 and under. Tickets can be purchased through the United Theatre Website: Unitedtheatreinc.org/tickets. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

**We will have a collection box for Toys for Tots at each show date.*

When Open Door needs something, they have learned that First United Methodist can deliver! They have asked us for a lot of sharing this holiday season, and, boy, are we delivering! Open Door can always use more turkeys, pies, and all kinds of Thanksgiving foods.

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19



Mashed potatoes
Stuffing
Canned Vegetables
Canned Cranberry
Turkey gravy

Corn muffin mix
Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate
Juice 64 oz
Pasta and pasta sauce (no lasagna or shells please)
Aluminum turkey roasting pans

Frozen turkey, turkey breast, or ham. Store bought pies - no frozen or homemade please.



The **Elizabeth Circle** is collecting items for senior citizens who are served by **OPEN DOOR**. The Elizabeth Circle will prepare 20 Christmas gift bags 15 gift bags for women and 5 for men. We still need a few items for the Christmas gift bags: **Please bring in your donations by Sunday, Nov. 19:**

- Full size bottles of shampoo
- 4 x 6 inch notebooks
- Ball point pens that click (not a cap that is separate)
- Word search books

Thank you for your generosity to our neighbors in need. Bringing joy to children and seniors is a joy to us, as well. * Please place donations on the **OPEN DOOR** table in Missions Hall.

November Birthdays

(2) Ed Bowen

(3) Nora Wentworth

(5) Carrie Healton

(7) Gilbert Healton

(8) Geri Losh

(10) Bob Duarte

(12) Ashley Wilson

(14) Chaz Restivo

(15) Alli Budka

(16) Connie Martz

(17) Gene Sampieri

(24) Tad Wentworth

(25) Kathy Mulholland

(30) Amy Wilson