

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, April 3, 2022
5th Sunday in Lent**

Announcements: Dan Tagatac

Prelude: “Let There Be Peace on Earth” Miller & Jackson

Welcome: Rev. Christina Zito

*Call to Worship:

People: Praise the Lord! God shows compassion by putting things right.

Leader: We are blessed by God to be Jesus’ hands and feet – feeding, giving, visiting, clothing, sheltering.

People: When did we feed Jesus, give Jesus a drink, clothe Jesus, and give him a place to stay?

Leader: Feeding the hungry, caring for the suffering, clothing the naked, visiting those in prison – whatever we did for one of the least of these, we did for Jesus.

People: God holds compassion and justice together! Our love for God is shown by how we love and treat the stranger. Praise the Lord! Jesus has freed us from sin to love and serve.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Righteous and compassionate God, thank you for the gift of forgiveness. May we reflect Jesus’ righteousness in our lives by acting fairly and justly to everyone with whom we interact. May we be living vessels of honor and evidence that Christ lives in us. Amen.

Opening Hymn: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” UMH #140

*Hymn: “Breathe” Marie Barnett

Prayer Hymn: “Come to the Table of Grace” Barbara Hamm
[The acolyte will collect your prayer requests at this time. For those worshiping from home, please submit your prayer requests in the online attendance sheet or, email the church office and they will be lifted up at next Sunday’s service.]

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Christina Zito

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:34-40 Cindy Curtis-Budka

Sermon: “The Cup of Compassion” Pastor, Lan Wilson

Special Presentation: “Listen Christian!”
Pastor, Lan Wilson; Rev. Christina Zito; Susan Zuckerman

Hymn: “Here I Am, Lord” UMH #593

Offering: The **Special Offering** for April will benefit *Local Charities: Open Door, Habitat for Humanity and the Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program (E.H.A.P.)*

Offertory

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

Offertory Prayer:

A drink of water. A visit. A meal. May the gifts we give extend to others the blessings we ourselves have received: welcome, nourishment, liberation. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer of Confession: (In Unison)

Compassionate God, true justice is right relationship. Help us see the forces that get in the way of our having truly caring, respectful, healing relationships with other people. Help us own our vulnerability to prejudice, judgement, and self-righteousness.

We seek your righteousness, which we see in Jesus, the Word made flesh, who reconciles and renews, who rebuilds and redeems, who brings us into restored relationship with God, and who points the way to restored relationship with our neighbor.

Forgive us, quench us, make us whole, all in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Celebration of Communion:

*Sung Responses: "Communion Settings"

UMH pages 12-14
TFWS #2257 (b, c, d)

Communion Hymn:

"Whatsoever You Do"

Willard F. Jabusch

Prayer: (In Unison)

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Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn:

"Cuando El Pobre (When the Poor Ones)"

UMH #434

*Benediction:

Pastor, Lan Wilson

*Postlude

Scripture Passage for Sunday, April 3, 2022

Liturgist: Cindy Curtis-Budka

Matthew 25:34-40

³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,^[a] you did it to me.'

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

**Opening Hymn:
Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

**Hymn
Breathe**

This is the air I breathe,
This is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread,
This is my daily bread,
Your very word spoken to me.

And I, I'm desperate for You.
And I, I'm lost without You.

This is the air I breathe,
This is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread,
This is my daily bread,
Your very word spoken to me.

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I'm lost without You.
I'm lost without You.
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I'm lost without You.

This is the air I breathe,
This is the air I breathe.

Prayer Hymn
Come to the Table of Grace

Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table;
It's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace.
Come to the table of peace.
This is God's table;
It's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of peace.

Come to the table of love.
Come to the table of love.
This is God's table;
It's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of joy.
Come to the table of joy.
This is God's table;
It's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of joy.

Come to the table of hope.
Come to the table of hope.
This is God's table;
It's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of hope.

Hymn:
Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.

Communion Settings (b, c, d)

Holy, holy, holy Lord;
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blest if the one who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Communion Hymn: Whatsoever You Do

(Refrain)

*Whatsoever you do to the least of my people,
That you do unto me.*

When I was hungry, you gave me to eat;
When I was thirsty, you gave me to drink.
Now enter into the home of my Father.
(Refrain)

When I was homeless, you opened your door;
When I was naked, you gave me your coat.
Now enter into the home of my Father.
(Refrain)

When I was weary, you helped me find rest;
When I was anxious, you calmed all my fears.
Now enter into the home of my Father.
(Refrain)

When I was little, you taught me to read;
When I was lonely, you gave me your love.
Now enter into the home of my Father.
(Refrain)

When in a prison, you came to my cell;
When in a sick-bed, you cared for my needs.
Now enter into the home of my Father.
(Refrain)

In a strange country, you made me at home;
Seeking employment, you found me a job.
Now enter into the home of my Father.
(Refrain)

Hurt in a battle, you bound up my wounds;
Searching for kindness, you held out your hand.
Now enter into the home of my Father.
(Refrain)

When I was aged, you bothered to smile;
When I was restless, you listened and cared.
Now enter into the home of my Father.
(Refrain)

You saw me covered with spittle and blood;
You knew my features, though grimy with sweat.
Now enter into the home of my Father.

When I was laughed at, you stood at my side;
When I was happy, you shared in my joy.
Now enter into the home of my Father.
(Refrain)

**Closing Hymn:
Cuando El Pobre
(When the Poor Ones)**

When the poor ones who have nothing
Share with strangers,
When the thirsty water give to us all,
When the crippled in their weakness
Strengthen others,
Then we know that God still goes the road with us,
Then we know that God still goes the road with us.

When at last all those who suffer
Find their comfort,
When they hope
Though even hope seems hopelessness,
When we love
Though hate at times seems all around us,
Then we know that God still goes the road with us,
Then we know that God still goes the road with us.

When our joy fill up our cup to overflowing,
When our lips can speak no words other than true,
When we know that love for simple things is
better,
Then we know that God still goes the road with us,
Then we know that God still goes the road with us.

When our homes are filled with goodness in
abundance,
When we learn how to make peace instead of war,
When each stranger that we meet is called a
neighbor,
Then we know that God still goes the road with us,
Then we know that God still goes the road with us.