

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, July 14, 2024
8th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Dan Tagatac

Prelude

Welcome: Dan Tagatac

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come, sing and dance before the Lord.

People: Praise God with the sound of music and dancing!

Leader: Let every soul sing God's praises!

People: Let the mountains tremble and the seas roar!

Leader: Praise the King of glory who guides our lives.

People: Praise the Lord of hosts who watches over us. AMEN.

***Opening Prayer: (In Unison)**

Creator God, in praise and adoration, our spirits dance before you today. You have created this wondrous universe and all the magnificent things within it. You have blessed us with so much throughout our lives, even to this day of praise and thanksgiving. Let our spirits soar! Let our hearts sing boldly of your wondrous love. We celebrate your love and presence with us, and it is in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, that we offer this prayer. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn:** "Coming In These Doors" Mitch Samu

***Praise Song:** "Morning Has Broken" UMH #145

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: "I Know That I Know" Mitch Samu

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:14-29 Gilbert Heaton

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: "God's Troublemakers" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for the month of July will benefit **OPEN DOOR**.

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Ludwig van Beethoven
Mitch Samu, Piano

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

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

The earth is yours, O Lord, and all that is in it. All we have comes from the richness of your grace. As you have blessed us, so may we bless others. May these offerings bind us to your love for us and to your love for all the world's people. Amen.

*Closing Song: "Choose to Thrive" Mitch Samu

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude: "Choose to Thrive" Mitch Samu

Mark 6:14-29

The Death of John the Baptist

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus's^[a] name had become known. Some were^[b] saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod^[c] had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed,^[d] and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias^[e] came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests, and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he swore^[f] to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's^[g] head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Opening Hymn:
"Coming In Our Doors"
Mitch Samu**

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.

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.

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.

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.

**Praise Song:
"Morning Has Broken"
UMH #145**

Morning has broken like the first morning;

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,

Like the first dew fall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning

Born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

**Prayer Hymn:
"I Know That I Know"
Mitch Samu**

I know that I know, that I know,
That my God loves me.

I know that I know, that I know,
God is my friend.

I know that I know, that I know,
God's always with me.

And I know that I know, that I know,
That God cares.

I know that I know, that I know,
That Jesus loves me.

I know that I know, that I know,
He is my friend.

I know that I know, that I know,
He's always with me.

And I know that I know, that I know,
Jesus cares.

I know that I know, that I know,
You are my brother.

I know that I know, that I know,
You are my friend.

I know that I know, that I know,
You are my sister.

And I know that I know, that I know,
That you care.

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:
“Choose to Thrive”
Mitch Samu

I'm gonna choose to thrive,
I'm gonna be alive,
I'm gonna live in love
And set my mind on God.

God's in charge and that's fine by me.
I'm gonna live my life,
I'm gonna choose to thrive.

I'm gonna choose to change,
I'm gonna be alive,
I'm gonna live in love
And set my mind on God.

God and me, we're gonna set me free.
I'm gonna live my life,
I'm gonna choose to thrive.

I'm gonna choose to fly.
I'm gonna be alive.
I'm gonna take the leap
I'm gonna jump in the deep.

God and me, we're gonna spread our wings.
We're gonna fly so high,
Way up above the sky.

Announcements:

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

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated by Kathy Kane in loving memory of Jimmy Kane.

Olde Freehold Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 3rd. The event will be held at Lake Topanemus and will run from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. If you would like to help bake for our bake-sale table, or if you are able to help with set-up, clean up, or selling the baked goods, please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall

Lakewood BlueClaws Faith and Family Night - August 15. Tickets are \$18 and include hotdog, soda, chips and ice cream with 2 boardwalk game tickets. The game begins at 7:05 p.m. with a faith-based talk with the team prior to the game. Please see Gayle Trulli if you are interested in attending.

This Week at a Glance (July 15 – July 21)

Monday: ***
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal “Winnie the Pooh” (Wesley Hall Stage)
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. – Seventh Day Adventist Church (Lounge)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal “Winnie the Pooh” (Wesley Hall Stage)
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: 9:00 a.m. – Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. – Worship (Sanctuary)

(Nursery care for our youngest members is available during worship service.)

***No events scheduled

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Special Announcement - Monday, July 22 at 7 PM Free Preview of “Always...Patsy Cline”. Mitch is the music Director and piano player on stage. Directed by Kristen Samu. The theater does not serve food that night. you are welcome to bring food. There will be a cash bar. There is no need to RSVP.

July Birthdays

(5) Jay Shah	(24) Christine Calcao	(27) Larry Jamison
(6) Diane Mulholland	(24) Peter Calcao	(30) Jan Hall
(13) Carolyn Dahl	(26) Lan Wilson	(30) Gabby Sterling
(15) Luanne Kip	(26) AnnMarie Meredith	(31) Rev. Christina Zito