

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold  
Bulletin**

**Sunday, August 27, 2023  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Sharon Shutzer

Introit

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

\*Call to Worship: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Leader: Our help is in God,

**People: who calls us to worship.**

Leader: Our hope is in love,

**People: that calls us to care.**

Leader: Come, let us bring our full selves to worship.

**People: Let us bring our full love and care.**

\*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

**We thank you, O Lord, that we are not alone. You watch over us, guide us, and lead us in your righteous pathways. When we stumble and fall, you lift us up and gently place us on that pathway again. When we doubt, you surround us with your mercy and peace, reassuring us of your presence through the love of others and of our savior Jesus Christ. Keep our hearts and minds open and ready to serve you, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

\*Opening Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593

\*Praise Song: "Lead Me, Guide Me" TFWS #2214

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: "Sanctuary" TFWS #2164

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:13-20 Gilbert Healton

Friendship Moment

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

Message: "The Foundation of the Church" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: **Giving Page:** [www.freeholdmethodist.org/give](http://www.freeholdmethodist.org/give)

Offertory

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

\*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

**Ever-giving God, the Master of the church, help us give as fully to you and to your world as you have given to us. Transform our gifts with your love, that they may become vessels of your love for others. Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Closing Hymn: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" TFWS #2153

\*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

\*Postlude "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" TFWS #2153  
(Repeat 1<sup>st</sup> verse)

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## Scripture Passage

Liturgist: Jane Healton

### Matthew 16:13-20 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

#### Peter's Declaration about Jesus

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah,<sup>[a]</sup> the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter,<sup>[b]</sup> and on this rock<sup>[c]</sup> I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was<sup>[d]</sup> the Messiah.<sup>[e]</sup>

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Opening Hymn:  
Here I Am, Lord  
UMH #593**

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.

**Praise Hymn:  
Lead Me, Guide Me  
TFWS #2214**

Lead me, guide me, along the way,  
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(Repeat)

**Prayer Hymn:  
Sanctuary  
TFWS #2164**

Lord, prepare me  
To be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving,  
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

**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:  
I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me  
TFWS #2153**

I'm gonna live so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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**Welcome to worship at the First United Methodist Church of Freehold. We are glad you are with us.**

Today's **Altar Flowers** donated by Sue and Jeff Hager, in honor of their grandchildren.

Our Sunday school classes begin September 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping with teaching, please see Jane Healton.

The **SEEKERS** class books can be picked up from the church office. This fall, our Bible lessons follow the theme "God Provides" and remind us of the ways God meets our needs and of God's call to us to help those who lack life's essentials of food, water, and shelter.

We are collecting items for **FLOOD BUCKETS**. List of needed items are on the table in Fellowship Hall.

*August Birthdays*

(3) Corbett Corey  
(4) Carolyn Brach  
(5) Cassie Sterling  
(17) Jessica Cronin  
(18) Gayle Trulli  
(19) Ken Budka  
(21) Verl McKinney  
(21) Sandra Hernandez  
(23) Garrett Ian Englert  
(25) Lindsey Hennessey  
(26) Anita Ritchie  
(27) Ernest Peart  
(30) Shawn Darb

*September Birthdays*

(2) Diana L. Tephford  
(3) Rachel Englert  
(4) Charlie Mongano  
(6) Dora Moore  
(10) Susan Mulholland  
(13) Rich Budalich  
(15) Jaslin Davison  
(18) Bob Sterling  
(25) Dawn A. Tephford  
(30) Katelyn Cronin