

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold  
Bulletin**

**Sunday, July 2, 2023  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*We will be celebrating communion this morning.*

*For those of you joining us from home, please have bread and juice/wine available to participate.*

Announcements: Dan Tagatac

Prelude

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

**\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: Welcome to worship today!

**People: Thanks. We are glad to be here.**

Leader: Even when things get hectic, always know that you will find welcome here.

**People: We are grateful for the hospitality and friendship that are offered here.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who always welcomes us.

**People: Let us open our hearts to Christ who welcomed friend and stranger alike. AMEN.**

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

**Lord, as we walked through the doors to this place of worship, we brought with us our cares and concerns, our joys and our sorrows. Touch our hearts and heal us, Lord. Make us ready to become your faithful disciples. AMEN.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** “For All the Saints” UMH #711  
(v. 1, 3, 6)

**\*Praise Hymn:** “America the Beautiful” UMH #696

Introduction to Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Prayer Hymn: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” UMH #420  
*[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. Yoseb Jeon

Scripture Reading: Genesis 22:1-14 Anne Mayer

Friendship Moment

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

Sermon: “Trusting Incomprehensible God” Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering: Today's **Special Offering** will benefit E.H.A.P. (Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program)

Offertory: "America" Samuel F. Smith  
(Mitch Samu, Piano)

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

\*Offering Prayer:  
**God of love and grace, bless these gifts with your love and grace. Through our ministries and our generosity, may others know your loving welcome and your gracious mercy. Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

Celebration of Communion: UMH pages 12-14  
\*Sung Responses: "Communion Settings" TFWS #2257 (b, c, d)

Communion Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together" UMH #618

Prayer: (In Unison) UMH page 39  
**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: "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593  
(v. 1, 2)

\*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

\*Postlude

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## Scripture Passage for Sunday, July 2, 2023

Liturgist: Anne Mayer

### Genesis 22:1-14

#### The Command to Sacrifice Isaac

22 After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup> He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup> Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup> Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

<sup>9</sup> When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill<sup>[a]</sup> his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup> He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup> And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide,"<sup>[b]</sup> as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."<sup>[c]</sup>

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Opening Hymn:  
For All the Saints (v. 1, 3, 6)  
UMH #711**

(Verse 1)

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

(Verse 3)

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

(Verse 6)

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest  
coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless  
host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Praise Hymn:  
America the Beautiful  
UMH #696**

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain;  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved,  
And mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness,  
And every gain divine.

(Continued...)

O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam,  
Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law.

**Prayer Hymn:  
Breathe on Me, Breath of God  
UMH #420**

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Till all this earthly part of me  
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity.

**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**

**TFWS #2257**

**(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:  
Let Us Break Bread Together  
UMH #618**

Let us break bread together  
On our knees,  
Let us break bread together  
On our knees.  
When I fall on my knees  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.  
  
Let us drink wine together  
On our knees,  
Let us drink wine together  
On our knees.  
When I fall on my knees  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

(Continued...)

Let us praise God together  
On our knees,  
Let us praise God together  
On our knees.  
When I fall on my knees  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

**Closing Hymn:**

**Here I Am, Lord (v. 1, 2)  
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.

## Announcements

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

**Take me out to the ballgame!** Join us on August 3rd for Faith and Family Night with the Jersey Shore BlueClaws! Tickets are \$17 (for groups of 10 or more) and include a hot dog, soda, chips, ice cream, a game ticket for the 'boardwalk' area, and of course an exciting baseball game. Payments are due by July 20th and can be brought to the church office.

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### **A Message from E.H.A.P.**

Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program Inc. is a Freehold-based nonprofit that helps the homeless and those at-risk of eviction. **We are in need of volunteers.** There are many ways you can serve: accounting; casework; communications; office reception; website management; marketing; and storage room organizing. We are also preparing for an office expansion and desperately need strong individuals to help move boxes and light furniture to our storage facility over the summer. Contact Nina Rizzo, director of operations – her contact information can be found in your bulletin, the newsletter, and the online bulletin for those of you joining us virtually. Thank you!

**Grocery Cards** (Shop Rite, Acme, and Stop & Shop) are sold after service in the coffee room.

**Altar Flowers** donated by Cindy Curtis-Budka and Ken Budka in celebration of their anniversary.

Open the link [HERE](#) to read the letter from Pastor Yoseb to our congregation

## *July Birthdays*

(6) Diane Mulholland

(9) Carolyn Heuser

(9) Elise Tagatac

(13) Carolyn Dahl

(15) Luanne Kip

(18) Greg Schwarzkopf

(19) Paula Taylor

(24) Christine Calcao

(26) Lan Wilson

(26) AnnMarie Meredith

(27) Larry Jamison

(30) Jan Hall

(30) Gabby Sterling