

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

Sunday, October 17, 2021

Announcements: Sharon Shutzer

Prelude: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Miller & Jackson

Welcome: Pastor, Wil Wilson

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, let us worship God, who is enthroned above and yet who loves us!

People: We worship you, O God.

Leader: Come, let us follow Jesus Christ, our example for loving God and others!

People: We follow you, Jesus Christ.

Leader: Come, let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, who gives us strength and courage to be servants to all!

People: We open our hearts to you, Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Lord Jesus, we dare not make demands of you. Unlike James and John, we do not claim the honor of sitting beside you in glory. We ask only that you make our hearts the seat of your presence, that we might serve your purpose as zealously as we have served our own. Amen.

Opening Hymn: "Jesu, Jesu" UMH #432

Song: "Are Ye Able" UMH #530

Prayer Hymn: "Make Me a Servant" TFWS #2176
[For our viewers at home, please submit prayer requests in the online attendance sheet, or email Pastor Wil.]

Intercessory Prayer: Pastor, Wil Wilson

The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:35-45 Dave Yocum

Sermon: "The First and the Last: Honored as a Servant" Pastor, Wil Wilson

Offering Talk: *October's Special Offering will benefit the **Centenary Fund.*** Pastor, Wil Wilson

Offertory: "Vision" Mitch Samu

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

Offertory Prayer

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve;

To give and not to count the cost;

To fight and not to heed the wounds;

To toil and not to seek rest;

To labor and not to ask for any reward, except that of knowing that we do your will.

Bless these gifts and may they be used in service to others. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Closing Hymn:

“Instruments of Your Peace”

Dearman & Dearman

Benediction:

Pastor, Wil Wilson

Postlude:

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Ludwig van Beethoven

Scripture Passage for Sunday, October 17, 2021

Liturgist: Dave Yocum

Mark 10:35-45

The Request of James and John

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶ And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Opening Song:
"Jesu, Jesu"

CHORUS:
Jesu, Jesu,
Fill us with Your love,
Show us how to serve
The neighbors we have from You

Kneels at the feet of His friends,
Silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

(CHORUS)

Neighbors are rich and poor,
Neighbors are black and white,
Neighbors are near and far away.

(CHORUS)

These are the ones we should serve,
These are the ones we should love;
All these are neighbors to us and You.

(CHORUS)

Loving puts us on our knees,
Serving as though we are slaves,
This is the way we should live with You.

(CHORUS)

Kneel at the feet of our friends,
Silently washing their feet,
This is the way we should live with You.

(CHORUS)

Song:
"Are Ye Able"

"Are ye able," said the Master,
"To be crucified with me?"
"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered,
"To the death we follow thee."

REFRAIN:
Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon
To God, to love, and loyalty.

Are ye able to remember,
When a thief lifts up his eyes,
That his pardoned soul is worthy
Of a place in paradise?

(REFRAIN)

Are ye able when the shadows
Close around you with the sod,
To believe that spirit triumphs,
To commend your soul to God?

(REFRAIN)

Are ye able? Still the Master
Whispers down eternity,
And heroic spirits answer,
Now as then in Galilee.

(REFRAIN)

Prayer Hymn
"Make Me a Servant"

Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

(REPEAT)

Closing Hymn
"Instruments of Your Peace"

CHORUS:

*Lord, make us instruments of Your peace,
Where there is hatred let Your love increase.*

*Lord, make us instruments of Your peace,
Walls of pride and prejudice shall cease
When we are Your instruments of peace.*

Where there is hatred we will sow His love,
Where there is injury we will never judge,
Where there is striving we will speak His peace.

To the people crying for release
We will be His instruments of peace

(CHORUS)

Where there is blindness we will pray for sight,
Where there is darkness we will shine His light,
Where there is sadness we will bear their grief.

To the millions crying for release
We will be His instruments of peace.

(CHORUS)