

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, October 29, 2023
22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements:		Linda Gatti
Prelude		
Welcome:		Rev. Yoseb Jeon
*Call to Worship:		Rev. Yoseb Jeon
Leader: People of God, remember what Jesus taught us: The birds of the air neither sow nor reap,		
People: Still, God, our Creator feeds them.		
Leader: The lilies of the field neither toil nor spin,		
People: Still, God our Creator clothes them in beauty.		
Leader: If God cares for the birds and the flowers, then God will care for us.		
People: Let us seek first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness.		
All: God will provide all the rest. Amen.		
*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)		
Holy God, we come together today acknowledging that sometimes we believe what the world tells us about wanting more. Today, we are asking you to change our mindset to be in line with your ways and thoughts. We desire not to worry about the circumstances of tomorrow, but to trust you with the present of today. In your name, Amen.		
* Opening Hymn:	"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (v. 1, 2, 3, 6)	UMH #117
* Praise Song:	"Agnus Dei"	Michael W. Smith
Introduction to Prayer:		Rev. Yoseb Jeon
<i>[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.]</i>		
Prayer Hymn:	"When the Night Is Falling"	Dennis Jernigan
Pastoral Prayer:		Rev. Yoseb Jeon
The Lord's Prayer:		UMH #895
Stewardship Moment:		Glenn Meredith
Scripture Reading:	Matthew 6:24-34	Ed Bowen
Friendship Moment		
<i>[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form: www.freeholdmethodist.org]</i>		
Message:	"Living With Abundance"	Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: **Giving Page:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "Toccata in D Minor" J. S. Bach

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

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Our great and generous God, we offer you our thanks this morning for the ways you provide for our needs and so much more! For the abundant life you give us that transcends money or possessions, we are grateful. Lord God, receive these offerings as an expression of our love for you and our commitment to your kingdom's work on earth. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Closing Hymn: "Your Grace Is Enough" Matt Maher

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude: "Your Grace Is Enough" (Reprise) Matt Maher

Scripture Passage: Sunday, October 29, 2023

Liturgist: Ed Bowen

Matthew 6:24-34

Serving Two Masters

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.^[a]

Do Not Worry

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,^[b] or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life?^[c] ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For it is the gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed, your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But stive first the kingdom of God^[d] and his^[e] righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
O God, Our Help in Ages Past
(v. 1, 2, 3, 6)
UMH #117

(Verse 1)

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come.
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

(Verse 2)

Under the shadow of Thy throne,
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

(Verse 3)

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting, Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

(Verse 6)

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;
Be Thou our guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

Praise Hymn:
Agnus Dei
Michael W. Smith

(Verse)

Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia

(Chorus)

(You are) Holy holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
You are holy holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
Amen

Prayer Hymn:
When the Night Is Falling
D. Jernigan

(Verse 1)

When the night is falling
And the day is done
I can hear You calling, "Come"
I will come, while You sing over me.

(Verse 2)

When the night surrounds me -
All my dreams undone -
I can hear You calling, "Come"
I will come, while You sing over me.

(Pre-Chorus)

When the night would hide my way,
I will listen until I hear You say,

(Chorus 1)

"How I love you child! I love you!
How I love you child! I love you!
How I love you!"

"How I love you child! I love you!
How I love you child! I love you!
How I love you!"

(Verse 3)

When this life is over,
And the race is run,
I will hear You calling, "Come"
I will come, while You sing over me.

(Repeat Verse 1)

(Repeat Verse 2)

(Repeat Pre-Chorus)

(Repeat Chorus)

(Chorus 2)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

(Repeat Verse 3)

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:
Your Grace Is Enough
Matt Maher

(Verse 1)

Great is Your faithfulness, O God.
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy.
And nothing can keep us apart.

(Pre-Chorus)

(So) remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.

(Chorus 1)

Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

(Verse 2)

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob.
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,
And all Your people sing along.

(Pre-Chorus)

(So) remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.

(Continued...)

(Chorus 1)

Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Yeah, your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

(Pre-Chorus)

Remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.

(Chorus 2)

Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Yeah, Your grace is enough.
Heaven reaches out to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I sing, Your grace is enough.
I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me,
For me.

(End)

It's enough for me.

Announcements - October 29, 2023

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

ALTAR FLOWERS donated by Ray and Anita Ritchie in honor of our New Members.

Silent Film Spooktacular - Tonight at 7:00 p.m. Join us here in the Sanctuary for an old-fashioned silent movie "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" (1931) enhanced by live music played by Brit Montoro. Tickets: \$5.00 at the door. (Children 10 and under are free)

The Witness Committee needs volunteers to help run the **Spooktacular** this evening. Please sign the sheet in Fellowship Hall, or see Susan Zuckerman if you are able to help.

All Saints Sunday is November 5th. Please email the church office photographs of loved ones who have passed away in the past year. **Photographs are due by October 31st.**

Invite family and friends to service on **November 19th** for a special choral presentation of "**God's Trombones**" written by Mitch Samu.

Thanksgiving Bread Sale – November 19th in Fellowship Hall. Pick up DELICIOUS breads for Thanksgiving! If you have a special holiday bread that you would like to bake for the sale, please contact Kathy Kane.

November 19th is also our **Stewardship Pledge Day**.

Elizabeth Circle is making gift bags for EHAP that will be handed out in early December. Items needed are:

Shampoo 10-16 oz.	Small Tissue Packets (individual purse size)
Hand Lotions 4 oz. +	Small Books (word search)
Chap Sticks	Pocket Size Hand Sanitizer
Full Size Women's Deodorant	Small Notebooks
Full Size Soap	
Facial Wipes (not antibacterial hand wipes)	

Deadline: November 19th (packing on Nov. 20th)

We are looking for people to staff a **Breakfast Committee** to help prepare and serve breakfast. The program will run from December thru March - 1 day a week from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. If you are able to help out and want more information, please see Lyn Johnson.

Reminder: Daylight Savings Time ENDS on Sunday, November 5th. So, remember to set your clocks BACK one hour before bed on Saturday.

Grocery Cards can be purchased in the Coffee Room following service.

October Birthdays

- (1) Allein Sampieri (Daughter)
- (5) Grace Mulholland
- (9) Linda Duarte
- (9) Jennifer Bleimann

- (13) Peyton Avallone
- (14) Allein Sampieri
- (18) Mitch Samu
- (25) Lindsay Davala

- (25) John Martz
- (28) Leah Zuckerman
- (31) George Sologuren

November Birthdays

- (2) Ed Bowen
- (3) Nora Wentworth
- (5) Carrie Healton
- (7) Gilbert Healton
- (8) Geri Losh

- (10) Bob Duarte
- (12) Ashley Wilson
- (14) Chaz Restivo
- (15) Alli Budka
- (16) Connie Martz

- (17) Gene Sampieri
- (24) Tad Wentworth
- (25) Kathy Mulholland
- (30) Amy Wilson