

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, October 3, 2021
World Communion Sunday**

Communion Sunday

We will be celebrating communion this morning. Please have bread and juice/wine available to participate.

Announcements

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: Praise be to God who has called us together.

People: We come here seeking healing and hope.

Leader: Open your hearts to God's redeeming love.

People: Help us to hear your words, O Lord, and follow your ways.

All: AMEN

Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Holy Mystery, Bread of heaven, you have made us a little lower than angels and crowned us with glory and honor. You have called us to be your witnesses, to proclaim the good news in good times and in bad. Sanctify us and help us see ourselves in you, the living body of the risen Christ, broken and poured out to feed a hungry world. Amen.

Opening Song: "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" UMH #277

Song: (TBA)

**Baptism of Charlize Jayne Petrillo
UMH Pages 39-43**

Hymn "Jesus Loves Me" UMH #191

Prayer Hymn: "Through It All" UMH #507

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Lan Wilson

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:13-16 Bob Sterling

Sermon: "The First and the Last: Welcomed As a Child" Pastor, Lan Wilson

Offering: *Today'sr Special Offering will benefit **World Communion Sunday.***

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

Offertory Prayer

Pastor, Lan Wilson

Holy Giver of all that we need, you have filled our hearts with joy and our hands with overflowing abundance. With thanks and joy, we bring these gifts, offering ourselves in communion with you and with all creation. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Celebration of Communion:

UMH pages 12-14

Communion Hymn:

“Come to the Table of Grace”

Barbara Hamm

Closing Hymn:

(TBA)

Benediction:

Pastor, Lan Wilson

Scripture Passage for Sunday, October 3, 2021

Liturgist: Bob Sterling

Mark 10:13-16 - New Revised Standard Version

Jesus Blesses Little Children

¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

**Opening Hymn:
Tell Me the Stories of Jesus**

Tell me the stories of Jesus
I love to hear;
Things I would ask Him to tell me
If He were here:
Scenes by the wayside, Tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children
Stood round His knee,
And I shall fancy his blessing
Resting on me;
Words full of kindness, Deeds full of grace,
All in the lovelight of Jesus' face

Into the city I'd follow
The children's band,
Waving a branch of palm tree
High in my hand;
One of His heralds, Yes, I would sing
Loudest hosanna's, "Jesus is King!"

**Hymn:
Jesus Loves Me**

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak but He is strong

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
As he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee,
Saying, "Let them come to me."

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

**Prayer Hymn
Through It All
UMH #507**

Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God;
Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to depend upon God's word.

(Sing through 2x)

**Communion Hymn:
Come to the Table of Grace
Barbara Hamm**

Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table;
It's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace.
Come to the table of peace.
This is God's table;
It's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of peace.

Come to the table of love.
Come to the table of love.
This is God's table;
It's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of joy.
Come to the table of joy.
This is God's table;
It's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of joy.

