

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, September 15, 2024
17th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude

Welcome: Verl McKinney

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: The heavens shout of God's glory!

People: There is so much beauty in this earth and in the heavens!

Leader: Day by day we are reminded of God's creative love.

People: Day by day we are blessed with large and small visions of God's glory.

Leader: Come, let us praise the God of creation.

People: Let us sing and shout our praises of thanksgiving and joy to God. AMEN.

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

Lord, we have come this day to hear your words of healing love and hope. Enter our hearts and our spirits and teach us to follow you. Give us courage and strength to be your faithful disciples. AMEN.

*Opening Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" UMH #159

*Praise Song: "Two Fishermen" TFWS #2101

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 Song: "Lord, I Need You" Nockels, Carson, Reeves, Stanfill, Maher

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading): Mark 8:27-38 Ed Bowen

Friendship Moment and Passing of the Peace *[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form: www.freeholdmethodist.org]*

Message: "Confession in the City of the Emperor" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

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

Offertory: "Yum Yum" Mitch Samu
FUMC Choir

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

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Lord, your gifts of grace and mercy are offered in this moment and in every moment. In gratitude and grace, we offer our gifts to you. For your holy Word, O God, we give you thanks. For your enduring Wisdom, O God, we give you praise. For your call to speak truth, O God, we give you glory. Grant us the courage to share your gifts, this day and all days. Amen.

*Closing Song: "Cry of My Heart" TFWS #2165

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude: "Cry of My Heart" TFWS #2165
(Reprise)

Scripture Passage: Mark 8:27-38

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

²⁸ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Predicts His Death

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

The Way of the Cross

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life^[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Opening Hymn:
Lift High the Cross
UMH #159**

(Chorus)

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

Come, Christians follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine.

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw the world to Thee.

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**Praise Song:
"Two Fishermen"
TFWS #2101**

Two fishermen, who lived along
The Sea of Galilee,
Stood by the shore to cast their nets
Into an ageless sea.

Now Jesus watched them from afar,
Then called them each by name.

It changed their lives, these simple men;
They'd never be the same.

**"Leave all things you have
And come and follow me,
And come and follow me."**

(Continued...)

And as he walked along the shore
'twas James and John he'd find,
And these two sons of Zebedee
Would leave their boats behind.
Their work and all they held so dear
They left beside their nets.
Their names they'd heard as Jesus called;
They came without regret.
**"Leave all things you have
And come and follow me,
And come and follow me."**

O Simon Peter, Andrew, James,
And John beloved one,
You heard Christ's call to speak good news
Revealed to God's own Son.
Susanna, Mary, Magdalene
Who traveled with your Lord,
You ministered to him with joy
For he is God adored.
**"Leave all things you have
And come and follow me,
And come and follow me."**

And you, good Christians, one and all
Who'd follow Jesus' way,
Come leave behind what keeps you bound
To trappings of our day.
And listen as he calls your name
To come and follow near;
For still he speaks in varied ways
To those his call will hear.
**"Leave all things you have
And come and follow me,
And come and follow me."**

**Prayer Hymn:
"Lord, I Need You"**

Nockels, Carson, Reeves, Stanfill, Maher

Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowing here I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You,
Every hour I need You;
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found, is where You are.
And where You are Lord, I am free;
Holiness, is Christ in me.
Where You are Lord, I am free;
Holiness, is Christ in me.

So, teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You,
Every hour I need You;
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need 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:
"Cry of My Heart"
TFWS #2165**

It is the cry of my heart
To follow You.
It is the cry of my heart
To be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart
To follow
All of the days of my life.

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,
So I can walk in Your truth.
Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,
And make me wholly devoted to You.

It is the cry of my heart
To follow You.
It is the cry of my heart
To be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart
To follow
All of the days of my life.

Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that You do.
Open my heart up more and more,
And make me wholly devoted to You.

It is the cry of my heart
To follow You.
It is the cry of my heart
To be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart
To follow
All of the days of my life.

All of the days of my life (4X)

Announcements:

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

Join us after service today for our Food Truck Event! We will enjoy a delicious lunch provided by the Frankie Fed's Food Truck while we enjoy fellowship and a Special Music Presentation prepared by Mitch Samu. There will even be a bounce house for the children! The lunch is free – compliments of FUMC.

Sunday School classes will begin on September 22nd at 8:45 a.m.

Please remember to bring in your **OPEN DOOR** donations next Sunday, September 22nd. A few items specifically in need are: Pancake Mix, Cake Mix, Canned Pasta and ANY SIZE shampoo and toothpaste.

Save the Date: Join us for our next **Soul Supper** on Wednesday, September 25th at 6pm. The menu will be: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Coleslaw, Pasta Salad and Chocolate Peanut Butter Cake. Give yourself the gift of a "home-cooked" meal without the work - and great fellowship at the same time! Please let us know you're coming by signing the sheet in Fellowship Hall.

September Birthdays

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| (2) Diana L. Dryer | (10) Susan Mulholland | (20) Samuel Jeon |
| (3) Rachel Englert | (13) Rich Budalich | (25) Dawn A. Tephford |
| (4) Charles Mongano | (18) Jaslin Davison | (30) Katelyn Cronin |
| (6) Dora Moore | (18) Bob Sterling | |

This Week at a Glance (September 16 – September 22)

Monday: ***

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)
10:00 a.m. - Bleed Kit Training (Wesley Hall)
7:30 p.m. - Reading between the Vines (In Person)

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study (Coffee Room)
3:00 p.m. - Hospitality Team Meeting (Coffee Room)
7:00 p.m. - UMC Social Principles Companion Course (Coffee Room)
7:30 p.m. – Seventh Day Adventist Church (Lounge)

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
2:00 p.m. - Stitcher's Circle (Coffee Room)
7:00 p.m. - Administrative Council Meeting (ZOOM)

Friday: ***

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Seeker's Study (Seeker's Classroom)
8:45 a.m. - Youth Sunday School Begins (Classrooms)
9:00 a.m. – Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. – Worship (Sanctuary)

(Nursery care for our youngest members is available during worship service.)

***No Events Scheduled