

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, September 4, 2022
13th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Sharon Shutzer

Prelude: "Right Here, Right Now" Mitch Samu
Kristen Samu, Soloist

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Call to Worship:

Leader: We find it easy to say, "Yes, we will follow Christ."

People: But sometimes discipleship makes uncomfortable demands on us.

Leader: Yet, in all of this, Christ calls us continually to follow.

People: He is present with us at all times.

Leader: Let us place our trust always in his guidance.

People: Let us open our hearts to his will and his ways. AMEN.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Lord, from the very beginning of your creation, you breathed your love into all that you made. You gave us the breath of life and asked us to be good stewards of all creation. You placed your trust and love in us. Help us to turn again with joyful hearts to you, placing our trust in all that you have done for us. Let us be a blessing for you. AMEN.

*Opening Hymn: "Morning Has Broken" UMH #145

*Praise Hymn: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" UMH #147

Prayer Hymn: "I Know That I Know" Mitch Samu

Pastoral 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.]

Scripture Reading: Luke 14:25-33 Susan Zuckerman

Sermon: "Count the Cost of Discipleship" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering: Today's **Special Offering** will benefit U.M.C.O.R. Your generous gift to the United Methodist Committee on Relief will support administrative costs so that 100% of designated gifts will go to areas in need of disaster relief.

Offertory: "Wayfaring Stranger" Traditional
Kristen Samu, Soloist

*Doxology: "Thank you, God" Mitch Samu

*Offertory Prayer: (In Unison)

Holy and righteous God, through your Son, you have called us to follow. The gifts we offer this day are only a small token of affirmation that we accept that call. If we embraced the full meaning of that call, we would give our whole being to the offering. In many cases, we've allowed ourselves to believe that a few dollars and an hour on Sunday is the cost of discipleship. Help us to stop fooling ourselves, and consider the full cost of a discipleship that means something, that is capable of transforming the world. By your grace and with the help of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Celebration of Communion:

*Sung Responses: "Communion Settings"

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Communion Hymn:

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

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Prayer: (In Unison)

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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:

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

UMH #548

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Passage for Sunday, September 4, 2022

Liturgist: Susan Zuckerman

Luke 14:25-33 (New Revised Standard Version)

The Cost of Discipleship

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

**Opening Hymn:
Morning Has Broken
UMH #145**

Morning has broken
Like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing
Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew fall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
Born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's recreation
Of the new day!

**Praise Hymn:
All Things Bright and Beautiful
UMH #147**

(Chorus)
**All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.**

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
And made their tiny wings.

(Repeat Chorus)

The purple headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

(Repeat Chorus)

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one.

(Repeat Chorus)

God gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

(Repeat Chorus)

**Prayer Hymn:
I Know That I Know
Mitch Samu**

I know that I know that I know,
That my God loves me.
I know that I know that I know,
God is my friend.
I know that I know that I know,
God's always with me
And I know that I know that I know,
That God cares.

I know that I know that I know,
That Jesus loves me.
I know that I know that I know,
He is my friend.
I know that I know that I know,
He's always with me
And I know that I know that I know,
Jesus cares.

I know that I know that I know,
You are my brother.
I know that I know that I know,
You are my friend.
I know that I know that I know,
You are my sister
And I know that I know that I know,
That you care.

**Doxology:
"Thank You, God"
Mitch Samu**

Thank you, God! Thank you, God!
Thank you, God
For giving me this life I get to live.

Thank you, God! Love you, God!
Praise you, God
Forever I will give all I can give

Amen!

Thank you, God! Thank you, God!
Thank you, God
For giving me this life I get to live.

Thank you, God! Love you, God!
Praise you, God
Forever I will give all I can give

**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 is 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,
(On our knees)

Let us break bread together on our knees.
(On our knees)

When I fall on my knees
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
(On me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
(On our knees)

Let us drink wine together on our knees.
(On our knees)

When I fall on my knees
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
(On me)

Let us praise God together on our knees,
(On our knees)

Let us praise God together on our knees.
(On our knees)

When I fall on my knees
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
(On me)

Let us praise God together on our knees,
(On our knees)

Let us praise God together on our knees.
(On our knees)

When I fall on my knees
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy if You please.
(If You please)

Closing Hymn:
In Christ There Is No East or West
UMH #548

In Christ there is no East of West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding humankind.

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
and neither slave nor free;
Both male and female heirs are made,
And all are kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,
In Him meet South and North;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.