

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, November 13, 2022
23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Dan Tagatac

Prelude

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: We are blessed, not because we have everything we want,

People: But because God provides everything we need.

Leader: Consider the lilies of the field and how they grow.

People: And yet, God adorns them so radiantly.

Leader: So don't let questions of doubt and lack worry your soul,

People: God knows exactly what we need.

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

God, you are our source and everything else is our resource. You are an unlimited supply of grace, love, joy, and all that we need in our lives. Nothing can compare to you. Nothing comes close. There is no shortage in you. As we acknowledge that we are blessed, may we be generous in sharing our resources with others.

Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "To God Be the Glory" UMH #98

*Praise Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593

Prayer Hymn: "Give Thanks" TFWS #2036

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.]

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #98

Witness Moment: Rita Curven

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 Ed Bowen

Sermon: "Blessed People Bless Others – The Grace of Increase" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering: Today's **Special Offering** will benefit **United Methodist Student Day**. Gifts to United Methodist Student Day help to provide loan and scholarship funds for United Methodist college, university, and graduate students.

Offertory: "Grace of God" Jongho Park
Performed by Chloe & Yoonjung Jeon

*Doxology:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer: (In Unison)

Jehovah-Jireh, God of provision, thank you for the abundance you pour into our lives. Help us to continue to be good stewards of all that you provide. Help us to remember that you created the world with enough for everyone. May we be fearless agents of distribution that create abundance and equity for all. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Closing Hymn:

“Draw the Circle Wide”

Light & Miller

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Passage for Sunday, November 13, 2022

Liturgist: Ed Bowen

2 Corinthians 9:6-10

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing^[a] in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

“He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;
his righteousness^[b] endures forever.”

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.^[c]

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

**Opening Hymn:
To God Be the Glory
UMH #98**

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

Great things He hath taught us,
Great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

**Praise Hymn:
Here I Am, Lord
UMH #593**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Prayer Hymn:

Give Thanks

TFWS #2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ his Son.

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Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say,
"I am strong";
Let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what the Lord
has done for us."

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"I am strong";
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has done for us."

Give thanks!

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Closing Hymn:

Draw the Circle Wide

Light & Miller

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

No one stands alone,
We'll stand side by side.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

No one stands alone.

We'll stand side by side.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw it wider still.

Let this be our song:

No one stands alone.

Standing side by side,

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

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.

November 13, 2022

Announcements:

Thank you to everyone who brought in Thanksgiving Meal donations for Open Door today.

We will be collecting non-perishable food items as well as frozen turkeys next Sunday, November 20th. Open Door is anticipating distributing 500 Thanksgiving dinners this year, so please donate if you are able. A list of needed foods has been provided in your bulletin or, you can pick up a list from the back of the sanctuary, in Fellowship Hall, or view it in the Newsletter.

You may have noticed the posters lining the walls of Fellowship Hall and the Coffee Room. These are all ideas that were brought up in our recent Listening Sessions. Please take a look at these posters today following service and place a sticker on each of the ideas you would like to see happen in our church.

Join the Freehold Clergy Association for their annual **Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Worship Service at Temple Shaari Emeth (400 Craig Road, Manalapan)**, Sunday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. You can also join the service online via the link in the Newsletter.

Looking for something to do today? Redivivus Opera will be presenting **J.S. Bach's Coffee Cantata today at 2:30 P.M.** at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (33 Throckmorton St). Featuring Brit Montoro as the narrator and pianist. Suggested Donation \$10.

Invite your family and friends to service on **December 11th** for a special choir presentation, **"Season of Joy" a Celtic Christmas Celebration.**

Open Door is seeking volunteers for their **after-school program** to help children in grades 1 through 5 with their homework one afternoon each week. Please refer to the OPEN DOOR insert for more details.

We are collecting for **UMCOR Flood Buckets**. Pick up a list of needed items from the back of the Sanctuary, or see Lyn Johnson.

We are hiring! A nursery caregiver is needed on Sunday mornings from 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. The pay is \$30 weekly. If you are interested, contact Melanie Bowen or the church office.

****Background Check required.**

Grocery Cards (Shop Rite, Stop and Shop, and Acme) will be sold after service during Fellowship Time.