

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, May 14, 2023
6th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day**

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Call to Worship: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Leader: Lord, help us to forgive ourselves,

People: To not shut people out and judge them.

Leader: We have failed, but we all deserve a second chance.

People: Grace, in forgiving, changes our hearts.

All: Peace be with you.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Loving and Eternal God, we gather before you today thankful and grateful that we serve you, our Redeemer, our God of the second chance. You know the depths of our soul and our tendency to stray from you. Remind us that the way we live and the words we speak reveal our faith. Forgive us when we walk in ways that are contrary to your truth. Remind us that in confessing our sins, we can rise from our mistakes to move forward in your forgiving love, in order to share that love with others. Transform our minds and reveal your Spirit within us. Open us to the generosity of forgiveness and giving second chances. To you be all honor and glory. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" UMH #152

*Praise Song: "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" TFWS #2051

Introduction to Prayer

[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 Hymn: "Spirit of the Living God" UMH #393

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Baptism of Reynolds Paul McKenzie
(See Insert)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-33 Jane Heulton

Women's Retreat Slideshow Kathy Mulholland

Sermon: "Water Walking" Rev. Christina Zito

Litany for Blessings of Women

All: Lord, we thank you for the many examples of faithful women in Scripture, like Sarah, Ruth, Hannah, Esther, Elizabeth, and Lois. Hear now the first names of other women who have inspired us by their motherly examples. We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say — Yes to your calling. May these women gathered here today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple. Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor: For our mothers, who have given us life and love, may we show them reverence and love,

Congregation: We pray to the Lord

Pastor: For moms whose children are grown.

Congregation: We pray to the Lord

Pastor: For new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

Congregation: We pray to the Lord

Pastor: For pregnant women who will soon be moms.

Congregation: We pray to the Lord

Pastor: For women who, though without children of their own, like mothers have nurtured and cared for us,

Congregation: We pray to the Lord

Pastor: For moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

Congregation: We pray to the Lord

Pastor: For moms who are raising their children in poverty.

Congregation: We pray to the Lord

Pastor: For moms who are separated from their children.

Congregation: We pray to the Lord

Pastor: For girls and women who think about being moms.

Congregation: We pray to the Lord

Pastor: For mothers who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families,

Congregation: We pray to the Lord

Pastor: Loving Mother God, like an earthly mother who gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless every Christian mother. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Congregation: Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

All: Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Offertory:

“I Will Bless You”

Sangwu Shin

Chloe Jeon, Violin / Daniel Jeon, Cello / Yoonjung Jeon, Piano

*Doxology:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God, we offer our gifts and talents to you after asking for forgiveness. We pray that these gifts will multiply after your cleansing grace leads us to forgive our neighbors as well as ourselves. We serve you in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Closing Hymn:

“There’s No One in This World Like Jesus”

Traditional Shona, Zimbabwe

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Passage for Sunday, May 14, 2023

Liturgist: Jane Heaton

Matthew 14:22-33 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

Jesus Walks on the Water

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,^[a] for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind,^[b] he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY BAPTISM

BAPTISM CANDIDATE: REYNOLDS PAUL MCKENZIE
PARENTS: THOMAS BENNETT MCKENZZIE, JESSICA JEAN MCKENZIE

5.14.2023

REV. YOSEB JEON

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM



 **First United Methodist
Church of Freehold**

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Brothers and sisters in Christ:
Through the Sacrament of Baptism
 we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.
We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
 and given new birth through water and the Spirit.
All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

LAY LEADER

I present **Reynolds Paul McKenzie** for baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Parents and other sponsors respond:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
 reject the evil powers of this world,
 and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
 to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
 in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
 to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture this child, **REYNOLDS PAUL MCKENZIE**,
 in Christ's holy Church,
that by your teaching and example he may be guided
 to accept God's grace for himself,
 to profess his faith openly,
 and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

The congregation responds:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include this child now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround him
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that he may grow in his service to others.**

**We will pray for him,
that he may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

The congregation, the parents and sponsors respond together:

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the life you birthed in us
by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die.
Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

Your healing river flows.

Your Spirit blows where you will.

We cannot stop you, God!

But sometimes we try.

*We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit,
or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream
that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power.
We parch ourselves.*

We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these waters.

Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

Glory to you!

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

Glory to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Christian, REYNOLDS, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome
our new child in Christ.

**Through baptism
you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you
as members of the family of Christ.**

PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God,
I commend this child to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase his faith,
confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

The congregation responds:

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of First United Methodist Church of Freehold,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

BLESSING

The God of all grace,
 who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish you and strengthen you
 by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.

Heavenly God,

**In your love you have called us to
know you, led us to trust you and
bound our life with yours.**

**Surround Reynolds with your love,
protect him from evil.**

**Fill him with the holy spirit and
receive him into the family of your
church, that he may walk with us in
the way of Christ, and grow in the
knowledge of your love.**



**Opening Hymn:
I Sing the Almighty Power of God
UMH #152**

(Verse 1)

I sing the almighty power of God,
That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And build the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command,
And all the stars obey.

(Verse 2)

I sing the goodness of the Lord,
Who filled the earth with food,
Who formed the creatures thru the Word,
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the sky.

(Verse 3)

There's not a plant or flower below,
But makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care;
And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God, art present there.

**Praise Hymn:
I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry
TFWS #2051**

"I was there to hear your borne cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
To see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,
With a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light, you wandered off
To find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
To whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time
And you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
From dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,
Not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
Complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in
And you've shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
With just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borne cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
To see your life unfold."

**Prayer Hymn:
Spirit of the Living God
UMH #393**

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

(Repeat)

**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:
There's No One in This World Like Jesus
Traditional Shona, Zimbabwe**

There's no one in this world like Jesus,
There's no one in this world like him;
There's no one in this world like Jesus,
There's no one, there's no one like him.
I'm running, running, searching, searching,
I'm turning, turning, searching, searching.
I'm searching, searching everywhere.
There's no one, there's no one like him.

(Repeat)

Hakuna wakaita sa Jesu
Hakuna wakaita sa ye;
Hakuna wakaita sa Jesu,
Haku, haku chi na.

Nda-mha-nya, mha-nya, Kwe-se, kwe-se.
Nda-te-nde re-ra, kwe-se.
Nda-tsva-ka, tsva-ka, kwe-se, kwe-se,
Haku, haku, chi-na

May 14, 2023
Announcements:

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

Schedule some time with our pastor. Pastor Yoseb would like to spend some one-on-one time with our church members for an informal chat, prayer, exchange of ideas, etc. If you are home and would like a visit from our pastor, please let us know. So, check your calendars, and find a day in May that works for you. Then contact the pastor, or contact the church office to schedule.

Monmouth Civic Chorus “Message in a Bottle” – Sunday, May 21st at 4:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Freehold. Tickets: \$35 (Regular Admission), \$32 (Senior), \$30 (Group of 10+), \$15 (Student). Come out support Becky & Marshall Gorman and Ken Budka.

Save the Date: Our next **Soul Supper** is coming up on **Wednesday, May 24th at 6pm.** Yoseb and Yoonjung are treating us to a Korean Rice Bowl with Bulgogi (Marinated Beef) and Bibimbap (Stir-Fried Veggies), Soy-Garlic Chicken Wings, and Fried Dumplings. If you have any more room in your stomach, there will be Applesauce Cake for dessert. Please sign the RSVP sheet in Fellowship Hall if you want to share this special meal with the Jeon family.

E.H.A.P. (The Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program) is in need of men’s underwear – all sizes and styles. Donations should be placed in the donation bin in Missions Hall.

Check out the **calendar** on our church website for all church/community event dates.