

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, April 16, 2023
2nd Sunday of Easter/Safe Sanctuary Awareness Sunday**

Announcements: Sharon Shutzer

Prelude

Welcome: Pamela Wentworth

*Call to Worship: Daniel Jeon

Leader: Who is the greatest?

People: The one who can change.

Leader: Who is the greatest?

People: The one who can become like a child.

Leader: Who is the greatest?

People: The one who becomes humble.

Leader: If we cause a child to stumble,

People: We will be blocking the best hope of this world.

Leader: If we welcome a child,

People: We will be welcoming you, O God.

Leader: Our Never-ending Hope,

People: The eternal God-child, even Jesus the Christ.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison) Pamela Wentworth

Eternal God, you sent us Jesus, hope of the world, who came to us first as a child in poverty, who fled the threat of violence as a refugee. Help us to follow him through as servant leaders to bring your love and justice to children; through Jesus Christ your Child who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me" UMH #191

*Praise Song: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" TFWS #2088

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: "Give Thanks" TFWS #2036

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Luke 18:15-17; John 13:34 Chloe Jeon

Safe Sanctuary Congregational Training: Pamela Wentworth

Blessing of the Diapers:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: Today's Special Offering will benefit **The Maker's Place**. Donations can be made through our Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "Jesus Loves the Little Children" Woolston

*Doxology: "Thank You, God" Mitch Samu

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Gracious and almighty God, source of all wisdom, love, and justice: Help us on this Safe Sanctuary Awareness Sunday to hear your call to care for the children. Strengthen our hands and embolden our hearts that we may act with your love and speak with your justice. Bless the gifts we bring before you, that they may be used to nurture and support your precious children to grow and live out the lives for which they were created through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

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

*Benediction: Pamela Wentworth

*Postlude

Scripture Passage for Sunday, April 16, 2023

Liturgist: Chloe Jeon

Luke 18:15-17 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

Jesus Blesses Little Children

¹⁵ People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them, and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. ¹⁶ But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁷ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

John 13:34

³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:

Jesus Loves Me

UMH #191

(Verse 1)

Jesus loves me!

This I know,

For the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong;

They are weak, but He is strong.

(Chorus)

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

(Verse 2)

Jesus loves me!

This I know,

As he loved so long ago,

Taking children on his knee,

Saying, "Let them come to me."

(Chorus)

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

(Verse 3)

Jesus loves me still today,

Walking with me on my way,

Wanting as a friend to give

Light and love to all who live.

(Chorus)

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

Praise Hymn:

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

TFWS #2088

(Verse)

Lord, I lift Your name on high;

Lord, I love to sing Your praises.

I'm so glad You're in my life;

I'm so glad You came to save us.

(Chorus)

You came from heaven to earth

To show the way,

From the earth to the cross

My debt to pay;

From the cross to the grave,

From the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift Your name on high.

(Repeat)

Prayer Hymn:

Give Thanks

TFWS #2036

Chorus

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ His Son

(X2)

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."

(X2)

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ His Son

(X2)

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."

(X2)

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

**Offertory:
Jesus Loves the Little Children
Woolston**

(Chorus 1)

Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world
Red and yellow black and white
All are precious in His sight
Jesus loves the little children of the world

(Verse 1)

Jesus calls the children dear
Come to me and never fear
For I love the little children of the world
I will take you by the hand
Lead you to a better land
For I love the little children of the world

(Verse 2)

Jesus is the Shepherd true
And He'll always stand by you
For He loves the little children of the world
He's a Savior great and strong
And He'll shield you from the wrong
For He loves the little children of the world

(Verse 3)

I am coming Lord to Thee
And Your soldier I will be
For You love the little children of the world
And your cross I'll always bear
And for you I'll do and dare
For You love the little children of the world

(Chorus 2)

Jesus died for all the children
All the children of the world
Red and yellow black and white
All are precious in his sight
Jesus died for all the children of the world

**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!

**Closing 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.**

(Verse 1)

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

(Chorus)

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

(Verse 2)

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

(Chorus)

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

(Verse 3)

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

(Chorus)

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

(Verse 4)

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

(Chorus)

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

April 16, 2023 - 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.

Today is Safe Sanctuaries Awareness Day. The Safe Sanctuaries Summary has been provided in your bulletin. Copies of the complete Safe Sanctuaries Policy can be picked up from the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Join us after service today for our **Diaper Packing Event**. Pizza will be served for lunch.

Come enjoy an evening of fellowship and music at United Theatre's "**Open Mic Night**" – **Saturday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall**. Tickets are \$5. Concessions will be sold at the event. Find us on Facebook and Instagram at United Theatre Inc. Performers can sign up through the links in The Newsletter, and Facebook and Instagram under United Theatre. Or contact us at: unitedtheatreinc@gmail.com to sign up.

A.A.U.W. is now accepting used books. Books should be dropped off at the Brookdale campus in Freehold on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. If you have any questions, please see Vivian Tedrow.

The Freehold Borough Community Wide Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 13th from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, May 14th. For more information, see the flyers in Fellowship Hall and Missions Hall.

Update from the Finance Committee:

In terms of the Operating Fund, the church income includes that received in general offerings and other income sources such as building rental and fundraising activities. Church expenses include salaries, insurance, utilities, maintenance, conference obligations and other costs to keep the church operating.

FUMC Operating Fund Update		
	1st quarter	year to date
income	\$ 65,759	\$ 65,759
expenses	\$ 61,917	\$ 61,917
net income	\$ 3,842	\$ 3,842
Operating Fund Balance		
start of the year		\$ 19,235
end of 1st quarter		\$ 22,246
change		\$ 3,011

Note: The difference between the net income and the change in the balance involves fluctuations in the amount of grocery cards currently held.

Note: More major property maintenance and improvement projects are covered by the Trustees who maintain a separate account.

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

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated by Anita and Ray Ritchie, in memory of Anita's dad, Bill Thomas.

**Safe Sanctuaries Summary
First United Methodist Church
Freehold, NJ**

How we protect our children and vulnerable adults:

1. Volunteers attend our church regularly for 6 months before working with these populations.
2. Background checks are completed for staff and volunteers.
3. Volunteers and staff complete the Greater NJ Conference training on-line.
4. Each classroom contains an unshaded window in a door or a Dutch door.
5. Two adults are present at all times in the nursery, Sunday School, and other children's programs where parents are not present.
6. Two adults are present during programs for vulnerable adults.
7. Adults working with children are at least 5 years older than the oldest child.
8. One-on-one counseling is done within sight of another adult.
9. Church computers are password protected.
10. The church offers annual training in the Safe Sanctuary policy to the congregation.