

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold  
Bulletin**

**Sunday, September 1, 2024  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*We will be celebrating communion this morning.*

*For those of you joining us from home, please have bread and juice/wine available to participate.*

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude

Welcome: Verl McKinney

\*Call to Worship:

Leader: Summer wanes and the autumn draws close.

**People: Lord, help us to be ready for opportunities of service.**

Leader: We have felt the refreshment of time away.

**People: Lord, give us spirits of joy for the times ahead.**

Leader: Come, let us celebrate God's eternal presence and love.

**People: Let us open our spirits to receive God's direction for our lives. AMEN.**

\*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

**Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

\*Opening Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH #140

\*Praise Song: "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Paul Baloche

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 Hymn: "Change My Heart, O God" TFWS #2152

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Scripture Reading: Mark 7:1-23 Pamela Wentworth

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](http://www.freeholdmethodist.org)*]*

Message: "The Heart of Tradition" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: Today's Special Offering will benefit **Habitat for Humanity**.

**Giving Page:** [www.freeholdmethodist.org/give](http://www.freeholdmethodist.org/give)

Offertory: "For the Beauty of the Earth" Conrad Kocher  
Mitch Samu, Piano

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

\*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

**God of every good gift, bless the gifts of our resources, our prayers, and our lives. Bless these gifts for the good of others and to the honor of your name. Amen.**

Celebration of Communion: UMH 12-14  
\*Sung Responses: "Communion Settings" TFWS #2257 (b, c, d)

Communion Hymn: "Come, Share the Lord" TFWS #2269

Prayer: (In Unison)

**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 Song: "My Savior, My God" Shust and Greenwell

\*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

\*Postlude: "My Savior, My God" Shust and Greenwell  
(Reprise)

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## Mark 7:1-23

### That Which Defiles

7 The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus <sup>2</sup> and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup> (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup> When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.<sup>[a]</sup>)

<sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

<sup>6</sup> He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:  
“These people honor me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me.

<sup>7</sup> They worship me in vain;  
their teachings are merely human rules.’<sup>[b]</sup>”

<sup>8</sup> You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

<sup>9</sup> And he continued, “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe<sup>[c]</sup> your own traditions! <sup>10</sup> For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and mother,’<sup>[d]</sup> and, ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’<sup>[e]</sup> <sup>11</sup> But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)— <sup>12</sup> then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. <sup>13</sup> Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”

<sup>14</sup> Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. <sup>15</sup> Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.” <sup>[16]</sup> <sup>[f]</sup>

<sup>17</sup> After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. <sup>18</sup> “Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? <sup>19</sup> For it doesn’t go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

<sup>20</sup> He went on: “What comes out of a person is what defiles them. <sup>21</sup> For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. <sup>23</sup> All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION LITURGY:

### INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All pray in silence.*

*Leader to people:*

Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

*People to leader:*

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

*Leader and people:*

**Glory to God. Amen.**

### THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join  
their unending hymn:

♩ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest (3X)  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest (3X)

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

♪ **Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.  
Hosanna in the highest (3X)**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.  
Hosanna in the highest (3X)**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Opening Hymn:  
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"  
UMH #140**

Great is thy faithfulness,  
O God, my father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not,  
Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been,  
Thou forever wilt be.

**Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning  
New mercies I see;  
All I have needed  
Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness,  
Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter  
And springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature  
In manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness,  
Mercy, and love.

**Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning  
New mercies I see;  
All I have needed  
Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness,  
Lord, unto me!**

Pardon for sin  
And a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today  
And bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine,  
With ten thousand beside!

(Continued...)

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Morning by morning  
New mercies I see;  
All I have needed  
Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness,  
Lord, unto me!**

**Praise Song:  
"Open the Eyes of My Heart"  
Paul Baloche**

**(Chorus 2X)  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,  
Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You,  
I want to see You.**

(Verse)  
To see You high and lifted up,  
Shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

**(Chorus 2X)  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,  
Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You,  
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(Verse)  
To see You high and lifted up,  
Shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy,  
I want to see You.

**(3X)**

**Prayer Song:**  
**“Change My Heart, O God”**  
**TFWS #2152**

Change my heart, O God,  
Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God,  
May I be like you.

You are the Potter,  
I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me,  
This is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God,  
Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God,  
May I be like 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.

**“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:**  
**“Come, Share the Lord”**  
**TFWS #2269**

We gather here in Jesus' name,  
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame;  
For through His loving Son  
The Father makes us one:  
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine;  
Come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here,  
Everyone belongs;  
Finding our forgiveness here,  
We in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here, He breaks the bread,  
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;  
The One we love the most  
Is now our gracious host:  
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine;  
Come, share the Lord.

We are now a family  
Of which the Lord is head;  
Though unseen He meets us here  
In the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing;  
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;  
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:  
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine;  
Come, share the Lord.

**Closing Hymn:  
"My Savior, My God"  
Shust & Greenwell**

(Verse 1)

I am not skilled to understand  
What God has willed, what God has planned;  
I only know at His right hand  
Stands One who is my Savior.

(Verse 2)

I take Him at His word and deed;  
Christ died to save me, this I read.  
And in my heart I find a need  
Of Him to be my Savior.

(Pre-Chorus)

That He would leave His place on high  
And come for sinful man to die.  
You count it strange so once did I  
Before I knew my Savior.

(Chorus 2X)

My Savior loves, my Savior lives,  
My Savior's always there for me,  
My God He was, my God He is,  
My God is always gonna be.

(Verse 3)

Yes, living, dying, let me bring  
My strength, my solace from this spring,  
That He who lives to be my King,  
Once died to be my Savior.

(Pre-Chorus)

That He would leave His place on high  
And come for sinful man to die.  
You count it strange so once did I  
Before I knew my Savior.

(Chorus 4X)

My Savior loves, my Savior lives,  
My Savior's always there for me,  
My God He was, my God He is,  
My God is always gonna be.

(Ending)

My Savior lives, My Savior loves,  
My Savior lives, My Savior loves,  
My Savior lives!



### 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.

**Seekers Study** begins Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

**Seekers will be studying the UMC Social Principles for 4 weeks beginning September 8<sup>th</sup>. The study will be led by Ray Ritchie.**

**Pastor Yoseb will be leading a 4-week Companion Course to the UMC Social Principles study beginning on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

**Our Wednesday morning Bible Study will resume on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday School** classes will begin on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:45 a.m.

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** - Join Jane and Gilbert Heaton for a Pot-Luck Luncheon following service as we celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall.

**Remember: September 15, 2024 is our Food Truck Event at FUMC!** 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. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. Contact the church office to RSVP.

We are always collecting food for **OPEN DOOR**. A few items specifically in need are: ANY SIZE Shampoo and Toothpaste, as well as Pancake Mix, Cake Mix and Canned Pasta.

#### **This Week at a Glance (September 2 – September 8)**

Monday: **Labor Day**  
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)  
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. – Seventh Day Adventist Church (Lounge)  
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (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)  
9:00 a.m. – Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
9:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
10:00 a.m. – Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
11:00 a.m. - Pot-Luck Luncheon (Wesley Hall)

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

\*\*\*No events scheduled

#### *September Birthdays*

(2) Diana L. Tephford  
(3) Rachel Englert  
(4) Charles Mongano

(6) Dora Moore  
(10) Susan Mulholland  
(13) Rich Budalich

(18) Jaslin Davison  
(18) Bob Sterling  
(25) Dawn A. Tephford  
(30) Katelyn Cronin