

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, February 4, 2024
5th Sunday after the Epiphany**

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: Linda Gatti

Prelude

Welcome: Linda Gatti

*Call to Worship: Linda Gatti

Leader: In the heart of God's justice and mercy, we come together to seek a world that mirrors God's divine and sacrificial love.

People: May our worship echo our commitment to God's justice.

Leader: As God's word through Amos declares, let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

People: We yearn for God's justice and righteousness in our world.

Leader: Following Christ, who announced freedom for the oppressed and healing for the broken,

People: We are called to bring the good news to the poor and set the captives free.

Leader: Together, let us worship the living God of justice and compassion.

People: May our worship embolden us to act with justice and mercy in our lives.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Heavenly God, as we gather in your presence, guide us to embody your justice and mercy. Inspired by your prophets and Jesus Christ, may we become advocates for the oppressed and voices for the voiceless. Grant us the courage and wisdom to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. May our worship today be a reflection of our commitment to bring your kingdom of love, peace and justice to our world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" UMH #101

*Praise Hymn: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" TFWS #2173

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 Song: "I Know That I Know" Mitch Samu

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Scripture Reading: Amos 5:21-24, Luke 4:16-21 Karen Bennett

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]

Message:

“The Social God:
Why Must the Church be Concerned with Society?”

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: Today’s Special Offering will benefit our **First Responders**.

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

“Behold the Lamb”
FUMC Choir

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*Doxology:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Gracious and Just God, as we present our offerings today, we do so as an act of worship and a commitment to your call for justice and mercy in the world. Bless these gifts, that they may be used to further your kingdom of love, peace, and equity among all people. Help us to remember that our giving is a response to the great love and abundance you have poured into our lives. Let these offerings become a part of your transformative work in bringing justice to the oppressed, hope to the despairing, and comfort to the brokenhearted. Amen.

Celebration of Communion:

*Sung Responses: “Communion Settings”

UMH pages 12-14
TFWS #2257 (b, c, d)

Communion Hymn:

“Table of Plenty”

Dan Schutte

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 Hymn:

“Go Light Your World”

Chris Rice

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude:

“Go Light Your World”
(Reprise)

Chris Rice

Scripture Passages

Liturgist: Karen Bennett

Amos 5:21-24

- ²¹ I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
- ²² Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
- ²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
- ²⁴ But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Luke 4:16-21

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

- ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”
UMH #101

(Verse 1)

From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
Through every land by every tongue.

(Verse 2)

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy word.
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

(Verse 3)

Your lofty themes, ye mortals, bring,
In songs of praise divinely sing;
The great salvation loud proclaim,
And shout for joy the Savior's name.

(Verse 4)

In every land begin the song;
To every land the strains belong;
In cheerful sounds all voices raise,
And fill the world with loudest praise.

Praise Song:

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”
TFWS #2173

(Chorus)

**Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory,
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire;
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy,
Send forth Your word, Lord,
And let there be light.**

(Continued...)

(Verse 1)

Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 2)

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 3)

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

(Repeat Chorus)

**Prayer Song:
"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:
"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 if 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:

"Table of Plenty"

Dan Schutte

(Chorus)

**Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need
Here at the table of plenty.**

(Verse 1)

O come and sit at my table
Where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and the lonely
To share the cup of my love.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 2)

O come and eat without money;
Come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
With faith and fullness of life.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 3)

My bread will ever sustain you
Through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
To flood the depths of your soul.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 4)

Your fields will flower in fullness;
Your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
Will send my rain on the soil.

(Repeat Chorus)

Closing Hymn:

Go Light Your World

Chris Rice

(Verse 1)

There is a candle in every soul
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold
There is a Spirit, who brings a fire;
Ignites a candle and makes His home.

(Chorus)

So, carry your candle, run to the darkness,
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it;
Take your candle and go light your world.
Take your candle and go light your world.

(Verse 2)

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way.
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to;
Still holds a candle without a flame.

(Chorus)

So, carry your candle, run to the darkness,
Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it;
Take your candle and go light your world.
Take your candle and go light your world.

(Verse 3)

We are a family whose hearts are blazing,
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky.
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus;
Make us a beacon in darkest times.

(Last Chorus)

So, carry your candle, run to the darkness,
Seek out the helpless, deceived and poor.
Hold out your candle for all to see it;
Take your candle and go light your world.
Carry your candle run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it;
Take your candle and go light your world.
Take your candle and go light your world.

(Ending)

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Announcements
February 4, 2024

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

Collection for our First Responders: It has become our tradition to recognize our First Responders this time of year. We owe them so much for their service and sacrifices. Today's special offering will benefit our First Responders. If you would also like to contribute snacks, there will be a collection box in Missions Hall now through March 10th. Suggestions for snacks are: Individually wrapped snacks such as Granola Bars, Life Savers, Gum, Chocolate, etc. Thanks so much for your continued support with this effort. Let's make them feel special! Thank you!

Lots of dates are still open on the **2024 FLOWER CHART**.

February Birthdays

(2) Dan Tagatac	(12) Kristine Darby
(3) Lynne Beach	(12) Don Johnson
(4) Ashley Darby	(18) Tanika Peart
(5) Betsy Healton	(18) Nancy Mongano
(5) Lucero Velazquez-Alvarez	(22) Pamela Wentworth
(6) Lori Beauregard	(23) Becky Gorman
(11) Bobbie Budalich	(28) Colin Budka

This Week at a Glance (February 5 – 11):

Monday: 7:00 p.m. – United Theatre Rehearsal (Stage)
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (zoom)
7:30 p.m. – Board of Trustees Meeting (zoom)
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – Bible Study (Coffee Room)
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. – Seekers Class and Children Sunday School (Classrooms)
9:00 a.m. – Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. – Worship (Sanctuary)
11:15 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal (Wesley Hall Stage)

***No Scheduled Meetings/Events