

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, August 29, 2021
14th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: Lord, we lift our voices in song to worship you.

People: All good and perfect gifts are from you.

Leader: Lord, we offer ourselves to one another in the spirit of your love.

People: All good and perfect gifts come from you.

Leader: Lord, we are thankful for your grace. Lord, you are majestic.

People: We thank you for your perfect gifts of song, dance, poetry, and other expressions of love you have blessed us with. We use them to praise and worship you! Amen.

Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

We come into this place of worship to offer all of ourselves in praise. We celebrate your power and our purpose as believers who both listen and respond to your call to service and justice. Gather us as one, we pray, in Jesus name. Amen.

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

Hymn: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" TFWS #2223

**Baptism of Charlotte Noelle Pellichero
UMH pages 39-43**

Song: "Together We Serve" TFWS #2175

Prayer Hymn: "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"
(v. 1-2) UMH #581

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor, Wil Wilson

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: James 1:17-27 Susan Zuckerman

Sermon: "Doers of the Word" Pastor, Wil Wilson

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Doxology:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Pastor, Wil Wilson

Generous, giving God; we offer our gifts to you in gratitude for all the blessings you rain down upon us. Your sunshine warms us, your earth feeds us, and your word nourishes us. More than these gifts of money, we give ourselves – our time and our energy – that we might be doers of your word and not just hearers only. We pray this in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Closing Hymn:

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH #593

Benediction:

Pastor Wil Wilson

Scripture Passage for Sunday, August 29, 2021

Liturgist: Susan Zuckerman

James 1:17-27 - New Revised Standard Version

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.^[a] ¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Hearing and Doing the Word

¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved:^[b] let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. ²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves^[c] in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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!

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!

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity
Will one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love.

We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love.

We will work with each other,
We will work side by side,
We will work with each other,
We will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity
And save human pride:
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love.

All praise to the Father,
From whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus,
God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit,
Who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love.

Together We Serve

Together we serve, united by love,
Inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
Extending your love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope,
A lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
Until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
The busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
Our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work,
Remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
Remembering love is the strength of our song.

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (v. 1-2)

Lord, whose love through humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose
Every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole.

Here I Am, Lord

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.
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If you would like to send a care card to our Native American congregation at **St John United Methodist Church**, please send to:

St. John United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 236
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Donations for **Open Door, The Maker’s Place and E.H.A.P** can be brought in on Sunday mornings, or throughout the week during regular office hours. **Donation drop off locations are clearly marked in Fellowship Hall.**

Save the Date: On September 16th we will be hosting a blood drive. Appointments are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**. A link for registration can be found in the Newsletter, or go to rwjuhdonorclub.org or call 732-235-8100 ext. 221. There are printed flyers on the table in the back of the Sanctuary and in Fellowship Hall.

Supermarket Cards will be sold after service in the church office.

Today’s **Altar Flowers** were donated by The Worship Committee.