

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, September 8, 2024
16th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements:		Verl McKinney
Prelude:	“3 Notes”	Mitch Samu
Welcome:		Verl McKinney
*Call to Worship:		
Leader: Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.		
People: Lord, help us to truly listen to you.		
Leader: Lord, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.		
People: Lord, help us to work for you.		
Leader: Lord, make us ready to serve.		
People: Lord, make us ready to witness to your healing love. AMEN.		
*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)		
Lord of mercy and compassion, be with us this day as we hear of the healing love of Jesus. Remind us that we are also recipients of his compassion and we are called to bring the same hope and love to others. Prepare us for service in His Name. AMEN.		
*Opening Hymn:	“In Christ There Is No East or West”	UMH #548
*Praise Song:	“When the Poor Ones”	UMH #434
Introduction to Prayer:		Rev. Yoseb Jeon
<i>[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.]</i>		
Prayer Song:	“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”	TFWS #2193
Pastoral Prayer:		Rev. Yoseb Jeon
The Lord’s Prayer:		UMH #895
Scripture Reading):	Mark 7:24-37	Susan Zuckerman
Friendship Moment and Passing of the Peace <i>[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form: www.freeholdmethodist.org]</i>		
Message:	“The Courage to Be Vulnerable”	Rev. Yoseb Jeon
Offering Time: Today’s Special Offering will benefit Habitat for Humanity.		
Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give		
Offertory:	“The 23 rd Psalm” Joan Kinney, Soloist	Mitch Samu

*Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Through these gifts and offerings, bless your world, O God. Through our lives and our actions, bring love to your creation, that all may know your presence and live in your grace. Amen.

*Closing Song: "Better Is One Day"

Matt Redman

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude: "Better Is One Day"
(Reprise)

Matt Redman

Scripture Passage: Mark 7:24-37

Jesus Honors a Syrophenician Woman's Faith

²⁴ Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre.^[a] He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. ²⁵ In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. ²⁶ The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷ "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

²⁸ "Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

²⁹ Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter."

³⁰ She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus Heals a Deaf and Mute Man

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.^[b] ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "*Ephphatha!*" (which means "Be opened!"). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
“In Christ There Is No East or West”
UMH #548

In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding humankind.

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
And neither slave nor free;
Both male and female heirs are made,
And all are kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Praise Song:
“When the Poor Ones”
UMH #434

When the poor ones who have nothing
Share with strangers,
When the thirsty
Water give unto us all,
When the crippled in their weakness
Strengthen others,
Then we know that God
Still goes that road with us,
Then we know that God
Still goes that road with us.

When at last all those who suffer
Find their comfort,
When they hope though even hope
Seems hopelessness,
When we love though hate at times
Seems all around us,
Then we know that God
Still goes that road with us,
Then we know that God
Still goes that road with us.

When our joy fills up our cup
To overflowing,
When our lips can speak no words
Other than true,
When we know that love for
Simple things is better,
Then we know that God
Still goes that road with us,
Then we know that God
Still goes that road with us.

When our homes are filled with goodness
In abundance,
When we learn how to make peace
Instead of war,
When each stranger that we meet
Is called a neighbor,
Then we know that God
Still goes that road with us,
Then we know that God
Still goes that road with us.

Prayer Hymn:
“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”
TFWS #2193

(Chorus)
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Doxology:
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
***Tune of TFWS #2076**

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:
"Better Is One Day"
Matt Redman'

(Verse 1)

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

(Chorus)

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(Than thousands elsewhere)

(Verse 2)

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells
(REPEAT)

(Bridge)

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You

(Bridge)

Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere
Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere

(End)

Than thousands elsewhere

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's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated by John & Diane Spangler, in memory of loved ones.

Join us after worship today for a Pot-Luck Luncheon as we celebrate Jane and Gilbert Heaton's 40th wedding anniversary.

Next Sunday, 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.

Pastor Yoseb is offering a **Companion Course to the UMC Social Principles Course** (Seekers Study). Everyone is invited to attend this 4-week course beginning Wednesday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Our **Wednesday morning Bible Study** resumes on September 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the Coffee Room.

Sunday School classes will begin on September 22nd at 8:45 a.m.

Save the Date: Join us for our next **Soul Supper** on Wednesday, September 25th at 6pm. The menu will be: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Coleslaw, Pasta Salad and Chips of Chocolate Peanut Butter Cake. Give yourself the gift of a "home-cooked" meal without the work - and great fellowship at the same time! Please let us know you're coming by signing the sheet in Fellowship Hall.

We will be collecting food for **OPEN DOOR** on Sunday, September 22nd. A few items specifically in need are: Pancake Mix, Cake Mix, Canned Pasta and ANY SIZE shampoo and toothpaste.

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

This Week at a Glance (September 9 – September 15)

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Jersey Girls (Wesley Hall)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Group Auditions (Classroom)

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)
7:00 p.m. - “Second Tuesday” Rehearsal – (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Group Auditions (Wesley Hall)

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study (Coffee Room)
7:00 p.m. - UMC Social Principles Companion Course (Room- TBD)
7:30 p.m. – Seventh Day Adventist Church (Lounge)

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Group Auditions (Wesley Hall)

Friday: ***

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)

Sunday: 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. - Food Truck Event!

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

***No Events Scheduled