

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, February 20, 2022
7th Sunday after the Epiphany**

Announcements:		Dan Tagatac
Prelude:	“Come, Now Is the Time To Worship”	Brian Doerksen
Welcome:		Bob Sterling
*Call to Worship:		
Leader:	God sets before us this day life and death, blessings and curses.	
People:	We will seek God’s blessings.	
Leader:	Choose life, that you and your descendants may live.	
People:	We will choose life.	
Leader:	Love the Lord your God, and hold fast to God’s holy ways.	
People:	We will follow in the ways of our ancestors who abided in faith.	
Leader:	Come, let us worship.	
*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)		
	Loving God, we come before you today, seeking your blessings and your protection from the allure of sin. Heal us with your love, that we might love one another. Show us the truth we have found in Jesus. Embolden our courage, that we may seize the opportunities you place before us. Strengthen our resolve to spread your word and ways, and remind us that your guidance is always present through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.	
*Opening Hymn:	“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”	UMH #514
*Praise Song:	“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”	TFWS #2088
Prayer Hymn:	“In His Time”	TFWS #2203
Pastoral Prayer:		Rev. Bill Wilson
	<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>	
The Lord’s Prayer: (In Unison)		UMH #895
Scripture Reading:	Ephesians 6:10-17	Bob Sterling
Hymn of Preparation:	“Breathe”	Marie Barnett
Sermon:	“Trust in God”	Rev. Bill Wilson
Offering:	<i>Our Special Offering for February will benefit The Maker’s Place in Trenton. The Maker’s place distributes diapers to low-income families to help keep babies healthy.</i>	
Offertory:	“I Know That I Know”	Mitch Samu
*Doxology:	“He Is Exalted”	TFWS #2070

*Offertory Prayer: (In Unison)

O God, your goodness and generosity are limitless and eternal. We bring before you our gifts, as echoes of your generosity, that they may be used for good. We know that it is more blessed to give than to receive. May our giving be a sign of this blessing for others and for our course in faith.

*Passing of the Peace

*Closing Hymn:

“Over My Head”

TFWS #2148

*Benediction:

Rev. Bill Wilson

*Postlude:

“There’s No One in This World Like Jesus”

arr. Patrick Matsikenyiri

Scripture Passage for Sunday, February 20, 2022

Liturgist: Bob Sterling

Ephesians 6:10-17 New Revised Standard Version

The Whole Armor of God

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our^[a] struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these,^[b] take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Prelude:

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God,
Come.

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God,
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Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God,
Come.

Come, just as you are, come.
Just as you are, come.
Just as you are, come.

Opening Hymn:

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict,
In this His glorious day.
Ye that are brave now serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor,
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song.
To those who vanquish evil
A crown of life shall be;
They with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

Praise Hymn:
Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

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.

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:
In His Time

In His time, in His time;
He makes all things beautiful
In His time.
Lord, please show me every day
As You're teaching me Your way,
That You do just what You say
In Your time.

In Your time, in Your time;
You make all things beautiful
In Your time.

Lord, my life to You I bring;
May each song I have to sing
Be to You a lovely thing
In Your time.

Hymn of Preparation:
Breathe

This is the air I breathe,
This is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread,
This is my daily bread,
Your very word spoken to me.

And I, I'm desperate for You.
And I, I'm lost without You.

This is the air I breathe,
This is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread,
This is my daily bread,
Your very word spoken to me.

And I, I'm desperate for You.
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I'm lost without You.
I'm lost without You.
I'm lost without You.
I'm lost without You.

This is the air I breathe,
This is the air I breathe.

**Doxology:
He Is Exalted**

He is exalted,
The King is exalted on high;
I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted
And I will praise His name!

He is the Lord,
Forever His truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted,
The King is exalted on high.

**Closing Hymn:
Over My Head**

Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
There must be a God somewhere.

Oh, when the world is silent, I hear music in the air;
Oh, when the world is silent, I hear music in the air;
Oh, when the world is silent, I hear music in the air;
There must be a God somewhere.

Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
There must be a God somewhere.

And when I'm feeling lonely, I hear music in the air;
And when I'm feeling lonely, I hear music in the air;
And when I'm feeling lonely, I hear music in the air;
There must be a God somewhere.

Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
There must be a God somewhere.

Now when I think of Jesus, I hear music in the air;
Now when I think of Jesus, I hear music in the air;
Now when I think of Jesus, I hear music in the air;
There must be a God somewhere.

Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
There must be a God somewhere.

**Postlude:
There's No One in This World Like Jesus**

There's no one in this world like Jesus,
There's no one in this world like him;
There's no one in this world like Jesus,
There's no one, there's no one like him.

There's no one in this world like Jesus,
There's no one in this world like him;
There's no one in this world like Jesus,
There's no one, there's no one like him.

I'm running, running, searching, searching.
I'm turning, turning, searching, searching.
I'm searching, searching everywhere.
There's no one, there's no one like him.