

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, February 19, 2023
Transfiguration Sunday**

Announcements: Linda Gatti

Prelude: "Arioso" J.S. Bach
Lynne Beach, Violin

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Welcome to worship today!

People: Thanks. We are glad to be here.

Leader: Even when things get hectic, always know that you will find welcome here.

People: We are grateful for the hospitality and friendship that are offered here.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who always welcomes us.

People: Let us open our hearts to Christ who welcomed friend and stranger alike. AMEN.

***Opening Prayer: (In Unison)**

Lord, as we walk through the doors to this place of worship, we want to extend the hand of welcome and friendship to all whom we meet. Give us strength and courage to always be welcoming others in your name. We brought with us our cares and concerns, our joys and our sorrows. Touch our hearts and heal us, Lord. Make us ready to become your faithful disciples. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH #89

***Praise Hymn:** "My Savior, My God" Shust & Greenwald

Prayer Hymn: "Lord, I Need You" Nockels, Carson, Reeves, Stanfill, Maher

Pastoral 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.]

The Lord's Prayer: (In Unison) UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Acts 10:9-23 Cindy Curtis-Budka

Sermon: "Habit of Hospitality II – Welcoming All People" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: We are continuing to collect for our First Responders, but we are also collecting for UMCOR Disaster Relief to help the victims of the recent earthquakes in Syria and Turkey. If you are giving by cash or check, please specify the donation on the envelope or memo line of the check. **Please make ALL CHECKS out to First United Methodist Church.**

Offertory: "Andante Cantabile" A. Diabelli

*Doxology:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

From the abundant ways in which God has blessed our lives, let us share our tithes and offerings in joy and gratitude. Let them be used in ministries of hospitality, peace, and justice through the work of this church in your world. AMEN.

*Passing of the Peace

*Closing Hymn:

“Over My Head”

TFWS #2148

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Passage for Sunday, February 19, 2023

Liturgist: Cindy Curtis-Budka

Acts 10:9-23 (New Revised Standard Version)

⁹ About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. ¹⁰ He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. ¹¹ He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. ¹² In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. ¹³ Then he heard a voice saying, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” ¹⁴ But Peter said, “By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean.” ¹⁵ The voice said to him again, a second time, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” ¹⁶ This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven.

¹⁷ Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon’s house and were standing by the gate. ¹⁸ They called out to ask whether Simon, who was called Peter, was staying there. ¹⁹ While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Look, three^[a] men are searching for you. ²⁰ Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation, for I have sent them.” ²¹ So Peter went down to the men and said, “I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for your coming?” ²² They answered, “Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say.” ²³ So Peter^[c] invited them in and gave them lodging.

The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the believers from Joppa accompanied him.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

**Opening Hymn:
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
UMH #89**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward,
In the triumph song of life.

**Praise Hymn:
My Savior, My God
Shust & Grenwald**

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.

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.

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)

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.

(REPEAT)

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.

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)

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.

(REPEAT 4x)

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

**Prayer Hymn:
Lord I Need You**

Nockels, Carson, Reeves, Stanfill, Maher

Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowing here I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You,
Every hour I need You;
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found, is where You are.
And where You are Lord, I am free;
Holiness, is Christ in me.
Where You are Lord, I am free;
Holiness, is Christ in me.

So, teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You,
Every hour I need You;
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need 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.

**Closing Hymn:
Over My Head
TFWS #2148**

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 on Jesus, *I hear music in the air;*
Now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air;*
Now when I think on 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.

February 19, 2023

Announcements:

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

The Lenten Season begins this Wednesday, February 22nd. Join us for our **Ash Wednesday services** at 11:30 a.m. (in-person only) or 7:30 p.m. (in-person and livestreamed).

We will be hosting the **Lenten Lunch and Prayer Service** on **Wednesday, March 8th**. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon, prayer service will be held at 12:30 p.m. and lunch will resume at 1:00 p.m. A complete schedule of the Lenten Lunch and Prayer services can be found in your bulletin, in Fellowship Hall, Missions Hall, and in the Newsletter.

It's already time to plan our **February Soul Supper**, since the one in January was so successful! Plan to join us on **Thursday, Feb 23rd at 6pm**. Our menu this month will be: Baked Ziti with homemade Meatballs, Salad, Italian Bread, and Apple Crisp with Ice Cream. Hope you can join us! Please sign the sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Our new **Stitcher's Circle** begins Thursday, February 23rd. This crafting group will meet at the church on the fourth Thursday of each month between 3:30 – 5 p.m. Sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall. For more information, please see AnnMarie Meredith.

We are collecting **wrapped snacks** for our **First Responders** to show our appreciation for all that they do. There is a collection box in Fellowship Hall. If you would prefer to donate money, please mark your envelope "First Responders". If you are giving a check, please put "First Responders" in the memo line (please make the check payable to FUMC). The collection will run until March 5th. We have invited representatives from each branch to join us in worship on Sunday, March 12 for a blessing. Any questions contact the church office or Linda Gatti.

Join other women of FUMC on a **spiritual retreat April 30 – May 2** at the Carriage House Bed & Breakfast in Ocean Grove. Reservations are now being taken. Space is limited and there will be a waiting list. If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, please see Rita Curven or Christina Zito.

Save the Date – Support Becky & Marshall Gorman and Ken Budka as they perform with the **Monmouth Civic Chorus** on Sunday, March 12th at 4:00 p.m. at the Parish of St. Mary in Colts Neck. More information can be found on the posters in Fellowship Hall, Missions Hall and in the Newsletter.

Grocery Cards (Shop Rite, Acme, and Stop & Shop) will be sold after service.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following service for **fellowship time and refreshments**.

Now, let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

GREATER FREEHOLD LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES

Lunch at 12 PM, Prayer at 12:30 PM, Lunch at 1 PM

March 1	Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Lunch will be provided	Rev. Alan Olson First Presbyterian Church
March 8	First United Methodist Lunch will be provided	Msgr. Sam Siriani Co-Cathedral of St. Robert
March 15	Reformed Church of Freehold Lunch will be provided	Rev. Ronald Sparks Bethel A.M.E. Church
March 22	Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Lunch will be provided	Bishop Fred Rubin Community Refuge Church of Christ
March 29	First Assembly of God Lunch will be provided	Rev. Hosie Scott Foundational Truth Bible Study Ministries
Good Friday April 7	First Baptist Church 12:30 PM Service Lunch will not be provided	Rev. Matthew Jones First Assembly of God