

First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin

Wednesday, March 8, 2023
Freehold Clergy Association Ecumenical Lenten Service

Prelude

Welcome:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Call to Worship:

Leader: We come before God as equal in God's sight.

People: God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.

Leader: None of us is perfect and without blemish.

People: Yet, God has called us God's children and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness.

Leader: We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.

People: Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours God's abundant love on us. AMEN.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

God of love and compassion, you call us to lives of love and service, and to share in Christ's cup of compassion for the healing of the world. When the mother of Zebedee's sons asked Jesus for power and glory, he told her that she would share the bitter cup that he would drink, and in the baptism of suffering that he would endure for the world. Remind us that we are members of the body of Christ, and that we are called to serve your creation in love and compassion. Amen.

*Opening Hymn:

"Lamb of God"

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Scripture Reading:

Matthew 20:17-28

Kathy Mulholland

Message:

"What Do You Wish"

Msgr. Sam Siriani, Pastor, Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine

*Closing Hymn:

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

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*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Passage for Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Lenten Ecumenical Prayer Service

Liturgist: Kathy Mulholland

Matthew 20:17-28 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

A Third Time Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

¹⁷ While Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside by themselves and said to them on the way, ¹⁸ “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death; ¹⁹ then they will hand him over to the gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and on the third day he will be raised.”

The Request of the Mother of James and John

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. ²¹ And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.” ²² But Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?”^[a] They said to him, “We are able.” ²³ He said to them, “You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.”

²⁴ When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ²⁶ It will not be so among you, but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:

Lamb of God

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(Verse 1)

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side,
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

(Verse 2)

Your gift of love, they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died,
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

(Chorus)

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

(Verse 3)

I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side,
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.

(Chorus)

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Closing Hymn:

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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(Verse 1)

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.

(Verse 2)

The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
No turning back, no turning back.

(Verse 3)

Though none go with me, still I will follow,
Though none go with me, still I will follow,
Though none go with me, still I will follow,
No turning back, no turning back.

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