

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold  
Bulletin**

**Sunday, August 13, 2023  
11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Sharon Shutzer

Prelude: Mitch Samu

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

\*Call to Worship: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Leader: "When the storms of life are raging, stand by me"

**People: Lord, hear my cry and rescue me!**

Leader: "When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea"

**People: God who rules wind and water, stand by me.**

Leader: God stands with you in bright sunshine and deepest storm.

**People: God gently guides us to safety and peace. Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

*{Lyrics are from UMH #512 "Stand by Me", Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906}*

\*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

**God of mysterious ways, you take our fears and turn them into triumphs. You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life. Encourage us to step out of the boat; to come across these difficulties to your redeeming and transforming love. Give us courage and strength, joy and peace for all the times ahead. AMEN.**

\*Opening Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH #127

\*Praise Song: "Fear Not" Phil Pringle

Introduction to 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.]*

Prayer Hymn: "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" UMH #349

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-33 Anita Ritchie

Friendship Moment

*[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form:  
[www.freeholdmethodisst.org](http://www.freeholdmethodisst.org)]*

Message:

“In the Storm, In the Dark”

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: **Giving Page:** [www.freeholdmethodist.org/give](http://www.freeholdmethodist.org/give)

Offertory:

“Gentle Voice”  
F.U.M.C. Choir

Dengler & Dengler

\*Doxology:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

\*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

**Through our struggles, you carve out hope. Through our suffering, you give us gifts – gifts not just for us, but to give away. Gracious, almighty God, receive the fruit of our struggles and the pain of our suffering. Receive our lives, our whole lives, and every step on our journeys, that we might shine with your glory in all our endeavors. Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Closing Hymn:

“Stand by Me”

Albert Tindley

\*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

\*Postlude

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**Scripture Passage**

**Liturgist: Anita Ritchie**

**Matthew 14:22-33 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)**

### **Jesus Walks on the Water**

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,<sup>[a]</sup> for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup> He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind,<sup>[b]</sup> he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Opening Hymn:  
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah  
UMH #127**

(Verse 1)

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.

(Verse 2)

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

(Verse 3)

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

**Praise Hymn:  
Fear Not  
Phil Pringle**

(Chorus)

Fear not for I am with you  
Fear not for I am with you  
Fear not for I am with you  
Says the Lord

(Verse)

I have redeemed you  
I have called you by name  
Child you are Mine  
When you walk through the waters  
I will be there and through the flame  
You'll not (no way) be drowned  
You'll not (no way) be burned  
For I am with you

**Prayer Hymn:  
Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus  
UMH #349**

(Chorus)

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth  
Will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.

**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:  
Stand by Me  
Albert Tindley**

(Verse 1)

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.  
When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.  
When the world is tossing me  
Like a ship out on the sea  
Thou who rulest the wind and water, stand by me.

**(Refrain)**

**Stand by me  
Every day.  
Stand by me  
As I walk**

**When I'm down, pick me up,  
Help me to drink from this bitter cup.  
Oh Lord, Oh Lord, Oh won't you stand by me.**

(Verse 2)

In the midst of tribulation, stand by me.  
In the midst of tribulation, stand by me.  
When the hosts of hell assail,  
And my strength begins to fail,  
Thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.

**(Refrain)**

**Stand by me  
Every day.  
Stand by me  
As I walk**

**When I'm down, pick me up,  
Help me to drink from this bitter cup.  
Oh Lord, Oh Lord, oh won't you stand by me.  
Thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.**

(Verse 3)

In the midst of my faults and failures, stand by me.  
In the midst of my faults and failures, stand by me.  
Well, I'm doing the best I can,  
And my friends misunderstand.  
Thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.

**(Refrain)**

**Stand by me  
Every day.  
Stand by me  
As I walk**

**When I'm down, pick me up,  
Help me to drink from this bitter cup.  
Oh Lord, Oh Lord, oh won't you stand by me.  
Thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.**

**Welcome to worship at the First United Methodist Church of Freehold. We are glad you are with us.**

Today's **Altar Flowers** donated by Nancy and Charlie Mongano, "In memory of our son, Anthony, and granddaughter, Angela".

Have you seen "***Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs***"? This quirky version of the classic tale will be performed this afternoon at 1:00 p.m. on the F.U.M.C. stage! Tickets will be sold at the door and are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and under.

**New Announcement:**

**3-4 Volunteers** are needed to help teach Sunday school classes. See Jane Heaton if you are interested.

*August Birthdays*

(3) Corbett Cory  
(4) Carolyn Brach  
(5) Cassie Sterling  
(17) Jessica Cronin  
(18) Gayle Trulli  
(19) Ken Budka

(21) Verl McKinney  
(21) Sandra Hernandez  
(25) Lindsey Hennessey  
(26) Anita Ritchie  
(27) Ernest Peart  
(30) Shawn Darby