

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, January 14, 2024
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany**

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Call to Worship: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Leader: To You, O Lord, we lift our souls, praying with honest hearts.
People: Guide us in Your truth, teach us Your paths.

Leader: In Your steadfast love and faithfulness, remember us.
People: We trust in Your unfailing love, leading us in righteousness.

All: Together, we seek Your ways, walking in Your truth. Amen.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)
Heavenly God, as we begin our worship, we come to You with open and honest hearts. Guide us in Your truth as we seek Your presence. Teach us Your paths and fill us with Your grace. Help us to walk in Your ways, embracing honesty and transparency in our prayers and in our lives. May our worship reflect the sincerity of our hearts as we seek to connect with You. In Your holy name, we pray, Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “Open My Eyes, That I May See” UMH #454

*Praise Song: “Better Is One Day” Matt Redman

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

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord’s Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Psalm 25:1-10 Ed Bowen

Friendship Moment and Passing of the Peace
*[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form:
www.freeholdmethodist.org]*

Message: “The Power of Prayer: Pray with Honest Heart” Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant: (See Insert)

Offering Time: **Giving Page:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "Belle" Mitch Samu
Lynne Beach, Violin

*Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God of vision and courage, You call us to be Your hands and feet in the world. In a world full of need, use our gifts and our offerings, our time, and our talents, to bless those in need of Your blessings. Through these gifts, may others come to see Your grace and hear Your call in their lives. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" J.M. Black

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude: "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" J.M. Black
(Reprise)

Psalm 25:1-10

Prayer for Guidance and for Deliverance Of David.

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.

³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

⁸ Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

INTRODUCTION

Sisters and brothers in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God's Spirit has been poured out upon water, water poured over and immersing us, water that flows freely for all who will receive it, water from the streams of God's saving power and justice, water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness, water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Today we come to the waters, to renew our commitments in each other's presence to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, Reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God Almighty, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God!

But sometimes we try.

We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit, or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power. We parch ourselves.

We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these waters.

Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

Glory to you!

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

Glory to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, One God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*In services of the baptismal covenant, water should be used generously
as a sign of the abundance of God's grace, cleansing, life-giving and life-renewing power.*

Appropriate ways persons being confirmed or reaffirming their faith may use the water include the following:

- a) They may touch the water and make the sign of the cross on their own foreheads.*
- b) They may scoop up the water and let it fall back into the font.*
- c) They may use it on their heads, or hands, or to refresh their faces.*

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Amen.

Opening Hymn:
“Open My Eyes, That I May See”
UMH #454

(Verse 1)

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.

(Chorus 1)

Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

(Verse 2)

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear.

(Chorus 2)

Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

(Verse 3)

Open my mouth, and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share.

(Chorus 3)

Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Praise Song:
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

Prayer Song:
“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”
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:
When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder
James Milton Black

(Verse 1)

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound
And time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks eternal, bright and fair,
When the saved of earth
Shall gather over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder,
I'll be there.

(Chorus)

When the roll is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder
I'll be there

(Continued...)

(Verse 2)

On that bright and cloudless morning
When the dead in Christ shall rise,
And the glory of His resurrection share;
When His chosen ones shall gather
To their home beyond the skies,
And the roll is called up yonder,
I'll be there.

(Chorus)

When the roll is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder
I'll be there

(Verse 3)

Let us labor for the Master
From the dawn till setting sun.
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care.
Then when all of life is over
And our work on earth is done,
And the roll is called up yonder,
I'll be there.

(Chorus)

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January 14, 2024

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

Grocery Cards can be purchased in the Coffee Room following service. **Total sales of gift cards for 2023 were \$46,500 resulting in \$2,325 profit to FUMC!**

Allein's Craft Corner: Craft Donations for 2023 came to **\$588.00**. The Grand Total since 2006 is \$12,751.00. Thank you to all who support this mission to raise money for our church budget. A special "thank you" to Linda Goedkoop for donating some of her crocheted crafts this year.

The **2024 FLOWER CHART** is here! Most dates are open!

January Birthdays

(1) Ed Beach	(21) Gilliane Lux
(7) Cindy Curtis-Budka	(21) Gerhard Lux
(12) Melanie Bowen	(24) Bobbe Malinconico
(21) Gabrielle Lux	(26) Beth Avallone