

First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin

Sunday, July 18, 2021
8th Sunday after Pentecost

Summer of Love: Loving Family

Jesus invites us to appreciate the better parts of life when they are offered.

Announcements

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: God of Mary and Martha, open our eyes to our roles and responsibilities.

People: Help us to gaze outside the boundaries of the familiar.

Leader: Let us join our hearts together in thanks and praise.

People: We join and lean into divine connection.

Leader: Come and open our hearts and minds to divine opportunities.

People: We come with open hearts and minds.

Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

God of miracles and transformations, come to us now as we seek to move through distractions. Speak your divine love into our hearts. Help us to feel the revelations in your world, and move us to strengthen our bonds with neighbors, community, and families. We pray all of this in the name of the resurrected Savior. Amen.

Opening Hymn:	“Take My Life and Let It Be”	UMH #399
Song:	“Make Me a Servant”	TFWS #2176
Prayer Hymn:	“Servant Song” (v. 1, 3, 4)	TFWS #2222
Pastoral Prayer:		Pastor Wil Wilson
The Lord’s Prayer:		UMH #895
Song:	“God is Love/The Love Round”	Folk Song
Scripture Reading:	Luke 10:38-42	Bob Sterling
Sermon:	“Loving Family”	Pastor, Wil Wilson
Offering:		
<i>Our Special Offering for July will benefit The Maker’s Place.</i>		
Doxology:		UMH #95

Offertory Prayer:

Pastor, Wil Wilson

God, it is with grateful hearts that we come thanking you for bringing us into your family through Jesus' gift of love to us. And for that, we owe you everything. So today, God, with love and thanksgiving, we give to you now these offerings that they might be used for the building of your kingdom and spreading the gospel, here and everywhere. Amen.

Closing Hymn:

"Im Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

TFWS #2153

Benediction:

Pastor, Wil Wilson

**Take My Life, and Let It Be
UMH #399**

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I with-hold.
Take my intellect and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

**Make Me a Servant
TFWS #2176**

Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

**Prayer Hymn:
Servant Song
TFWS #2222
(v. 1, 3, 4)**

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

I would hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

God is Love / The Love Round

The source of this campfire style round is unknown. It is set to the same tune as [Jesus, Jesus, Let me Tell You What I Know](#), and the 16th century English carol "Hey Ho, Nobody Home".

Love, love, love, love.
Christians, this is your call:
Love your neighbour as your self, for
God loves us all.

Closing Hymn:

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me TFWS #2153

I'm gonna live so (*Live so*)
God can use me –
Anywhere, Lord – any time! (*Any time!*)
I'm gonna live so (*Live so*)
God can use me –
Anywhere, Lord – any time! (*Any time!*)

I'm gonna work so (*Work so*)
God can use me –
Anywhere, Lord – any time! (*Any time!*)
I'm gonna work so (*Work so*)
God can use me –
Anywhere, Lord – any time! (*Any time!*)

I'm gonna pray so (*Pray so*)
God can use me –
Anywhere, Lord – any time! (*Any time!*)
I'm gonna pray so (*Pray so*)
God can use me –
Anywhere, Lord – any time! (*Any time!*)

I'm gonna sing so (*Sing so*)
God can use me –
Anywhere, Lord – any time! (*Any time!*)
I'm gonna sing so (*Sing so*)
God can use me –
Anywhere, Lord – any time! (*Any time!*)

Scripture Passage for Sunday, July 18, 2021

Liturgist: Bob Sterling

Luke 10:38-42 - New Revised Standard Version

Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing.^[a] Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!