

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, September 18, 2022
15th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Sharon Shutzer

Prelude

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: O God, listen to our cry! Hear our prayers!

People: From the ends of the earth, we cry to you for help when our hearts are overwhelmed.

Leader: Lead us to the towering rock of safety, for you are our safe refuge.

People: Let us live forever in your sanctuary, safe beneath the shelter of your wings!

Leader: Let us worship God!

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

Lord, teach us to pray without ceasing; to see You always and everywhere, relentlessly, never giving up, never giving in, always trusting, always hoping, and always open to Your answer. Teach us to pray prayers of blessing; ones that bestow Your love. Teach us to pray, even when praying seems futile, because You still move mountains. And, in all things, teach us to pray "Thy will be done". Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "Lift Every Voice and Sing" UMH #519

***Praise Hymn:** "Holy Spirit, Rain Down" Russell Fragar

Prayer Hymn: "Lead Me, Guide Me" TFWS #2214

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: UMH #895

Trustee Presentation: Don Johnson, Chairperson

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:36-45 Jane Heaton

Sermon: "Couldn't You Pray with Me?" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering: September's **Special Offering** will benefit U.M.C.O.R. Your generous gift to the United Methodist Committee on Relief will support administrative costs so that 100% of designated gifts will go to areas in need of disaster relief.

Offertory: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship / How Firm a Foundation" Page & Shafferman
(F.U.M.C. Choir)

*Doxology:

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer: (In Unison)

Loving Lord Jesus, thank you that you are a God who hears and answers all our prayers, even those prayers where an answer seems to be a long time in coming. Thank You, that you hear and respond to all your children who come to you in humility of heart, not relying on our own abilities or our own worth, but only on the righteousness of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. 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 peace and justice through the work of this church in your world. AMEN.

*Passing of the Peace

*Closing Hymn:

"How Firm a Foundation"
(v. 1, 2, 3)

UMH #529

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Passage for Sunday, September 18, 2022

Liturgist: Jane Heaton

Matthew (New Revised Standard Version)

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." ³⁹ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want." ⁴⁰ Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?" ⁴¹ Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; ^[a] the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴² Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³ Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
Lift Every Voice and Sing
UMH #519

Lift every voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith
That the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope
That the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way
That with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path
Through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee;
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

Praise Hymn:
Holy Spirit, Rain Down
Russell Fragar

(Chorus)
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down
O Comforter and Friend
How we need Your touch again
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down
Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard
Come and change our hearts
As we stand on Your Word
Holy Spirit rain down

(Verse)
No eye has seen, no ear has heard
No mind can know what God has in store
So open up heaven, open it wide
Over Your church and over our lives

(Ending)
Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard,
Come and change our hearts
As we stand on Your Word
Holy Spirit, rain down

Prayer Hymn:
Lead Me, Guide Me
TFWS #2214

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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:
How Firm a Foundation
UMH #529

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee help thee,
And cause thee to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”