

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold  
Bulletin**

**Sunday, January 15, 2023  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

**\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come, let us bow before the Holy One.

**People: Come, let us confess God's might.**

Leader: Come, let us feel God's mercy.

**People: Come, let us live in God's light.**

Leader: As God's people, we lift our voices in praise.

**People: Glory to you, gracious and loving God!**

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

**Light of the world, shine through our worship, that we might see you more clearly and know you more intimately. Reveal your presence and make your voice heard, that we may grow in love and shine with the light of your love for all to see. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH #140

**\*Praise Hymn:** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH #103

**Prayer Hymn:** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"  
(v. 1) UMH #133

**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: (In Unison)** UMH #895

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, Philippians 2:5-11 Dan Tagatac

**Sermon:** "Can We Still Sing the Same Song?" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

**Baptism of Gianna Grace Correa-Bourdier  
UMH pages 39-43**

**Reaffirmation of Baptismal Covenant:** (See Insert)

Offering Time

**Offertory:** "Holy Darkness" Dan Schutte

\*Doxology:

“He Is Exalted”

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\*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

**Lamb of God, bless these gifts with your mercy and your grace. Shine through these gifts with your light and love, that our ministries and our church may be a beacon of light and love, revealing your presence to our world.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Closing Hymn:

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

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\*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

\*Postlude

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## **Scripture Passage for Sunday, January 15, 2023**

**Liturgist: Dan Tagatac**

### **1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (New Revised Standard Version)**

#### **Salutation**

**1** Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

**2** To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord<sup>[a]</sup> and ours:

**3** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**4** I give thanks to my<sup>[b]</sup> God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, **5** for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— **6** just as the testimony of<sup>[c]</sup> Christ has been strengthened among you— **7** so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. **8** He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** God is faithful, by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was<sup>[a]</sup> in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every other name,

<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

# HOLY BAPTISM &

## REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

**BAPTISM CANDIDATE:** GIANNA GRACE CORREA-BOURDIER

**PARENTS:** JUAN BOURDIER, STEFANIE CORREA

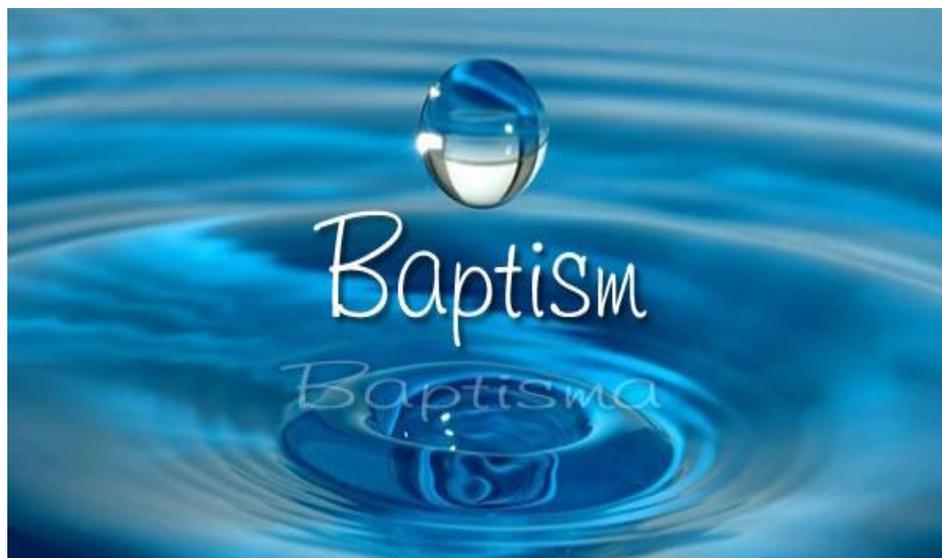
**GODPARENTS:** RUBEN LIZARD, EILEEN SMITH

**1.15.2023**

**REV. YOSEB JEON**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

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Brothers and sisters in Christ:  
Through the Sacrament of Baptism  
    we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.  
We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation  
    and given new birth through water and the Spirit.  
All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

## **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

## **LAY LEADER**

I present **Gianna Grace Correa-Bourdier** for baptism.  
I present **First UMC Members** to reaffirm their faith.

## **RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*Parents and other sponsors respond:*

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:  
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
    reject the evil powers of this world,  
    and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you  
    to resist evil, injustice, and oppression  
    in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,  
put your whole trust in his grace,  
and promise to serve him as your Lord,  
in union with the Church which Christ has opened  
    to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

Will you nurture this child, **GIANNA CORREA-BOURDIER**,  
    in Christ's holy Church,  
that by your teaching and example she may be guided  
    to accept God's grace for themselves,  
    to profess his faith openly,  
    and to lead a Christian life?

**I will.**

*The congregation responds:*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,  
reaffirm both your rejection of sin  
and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life  
and include this child now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news  
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround her  
with a community of love and forgiveness,  
that she may grow in her service to others.**

**We will pray for her,  
that she may be a true disciple  
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

*The congregation, the parents and sponsors respond together:*

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith  
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy universal church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

## **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!***

## **BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS**

*Christian, **GIANNA***, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you,  
that being born through water and the Spirit,  
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome  
our new child in Christ.

**Through baptism  
you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit  
into God's new creation  
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.  
We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you  
as members of the family of Christ.**

## **PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM**

### **COMMENDATION AND WELCOME**

Members of the household of God,  
I commend this child to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase their faith,  
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

*The congregation responds:*

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.  
As members together with you  
in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation  
of First United Methodist Church of Freehold,  
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate  
in the ministries of the Church  
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness,  
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

## **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.***

*You may reaffirm your faith by using the water:*

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

*Remember your baptism and be thankful!*

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The God of all grace,  
    who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,  
establish you and strengthen you  
    by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
that you may live in grace and peace.

## TODAY'S HYMNS

### **Opening Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness UMH #140**

Great is thy faithfulness,  
O God, my father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not,  
Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been,  
Thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning  
New mercies I see;  
All I have needed  
Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness,  
Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter  
And springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature  
In manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness,  
Mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning  
New mercies I see;  
All I have needed  
Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness,  
Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin  
And a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today  
And bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine,  
With ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning  
New mercies I see;  
All I have needed  
Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness,  
Lord, unto me!

### **Praise Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise UMH #103**

(Verse 1)  
Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious,  
The Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious,  
Thy great name we praise.

(Verse 2)  
Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains  
High soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains  
Of goodness and love.

(Verse 3)  
To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish  
As leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish,  
But naught changeth thee.

(Verse 4)  
Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render:  
O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor  
Of light hideth thee.

**Prayer Hymn:**

**Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**

**UMH #133**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

**(Chorus)**

Leaning, Leaning, (*leaning on Jesus*)  
Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, Leaning, (*leaning on Jesus*)  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Offertory:**

**“Holy Darkness”**

**Dan Schutte**

**(Refrain)**

Holy darkness, blessed night,  
Heaven’s answer hidden from our sight.  
As we await you, O God of silence,  
We embrace your holy night.

**(Verse 1)**

I have tried you in fires of affliction,  
I have taught your soul to grieve.  
In the barren soil of your loneliness,  
There I will plant my seed.

**(Refrain)**

Holy darkness, blessed night,  
Heaven’s answer hidden from our sight.  
As we await you, O God of silence,  
We embrace your holy night.

**(Verse 2)**

I have taught you the price of compassion;  
You have stood before the grave.  
Though my love can seem like a raging storm,  
This is the love that saves.

**(Refrain)**

Holy darkness, blessed night,  
Heaven’s answer hidden from our sight.  
As we await you, O God of silence,  
We embrace your holy night.

**(Verse 3)**

Were you there when I raised up the mountains?  
Can you guide the morning star?  
Does the hawk take flight when you give  
command?  
Why do you doubt my power?

**(Refrain)**

Holy darkness, blessed night,  
Heaven’s answer hidden from our sight.  
As we await you, O God of silence,  
We embrace your holy night.

**(Verse 4)**

In your deepest hour of darkness  
I will give you wealth untold.  
When the silence stills your spirit  
Will my riches fill your soul?

**(Refrain)**

Holy darkness, blessed night,  
Heaven’s answer hidden from our sight.  
As we await you, O God of silence,  
We embrace your holy night.

**(Verse 5)**

As the watchman waits for morning,  
And the bride awaits her groom,  
So we wait to hear your footsteps  
As we rest beneath your moon.

**(Refrain)**

Holy darkness, blessed night,  
Heaven’s answer hidden from our sight.  
As we await you, O God of silence,  
We embrace your holy night.

**He Is Exalted**  
**TFWS #2070**

He is exalted,  
The King is exalted on high;  
I will praise Him.  
He is exalted, forever exalted  
And I will praise His name!

**(Chorus)**

He is the Lord,  
Forever His truth shall reign;  
Heaven and earth  
Rejoice in His holy name.  
He is exalted,  
The King is exalted on high.

**Closing Hymn:**  
**Shine, Jesus, Shine**  
**TFWS #2173**

**(Chorus)**

Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory,  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire;  
Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
Send forth Your word, Lord,  
And let there be light.

**(Verse 1)**

Lord, the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

**(Chorus)**

Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory,  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire;  
Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
Send forth Your word, Lord,  
And let there be light.

**(Verse 2)**

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

**(Chorus)**

Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory,  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire;  
Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
Send forth Your word, Lord,  
And let there be light.

**(Verse 3)**

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display Your likeness;  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

**(Chorus)**

Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory,  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire;  
Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
Send forth Your word, Lord,  
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