

First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Sunday, July 25, 2021



To regularly set aside time to rest and worship demonstrates our love for God.

Announcements

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come to a deserted place and rest awhile.

People: We rest in divine guidance.

Leader: Come to a deserted place and rest awhile.

People: We rest in sustaining renewal.

Leader: Come to a deserted place and rest awhile.

People: We rest in redeeming hope.

Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Loving God, we pray for those who need rest from the insecurities of the world. Help us as we worship and find spaces for guidance, renewal, and hope. We pray that our deserted places become less about feeling alone and isolated, but instead awaken the connection of an all-encompassing divine love and assurance. We pray all of this in your awesome name. Amen.

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| Christmas Medley: | "Away in a Manger" (v. 1) | UMH #217 |
| | "What Child Is This" (v. 1) | UMH #219 |
| | "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (v. 1) | UMH #234 |
| | "Angels We Have Heard on High" (v. 1) | UMH #238 |
| | "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (v. 1) | UMH #251 |

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| Prayer Hymn: | "Christ Has Broken Down the Wall" | Mark A. Miller |
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| Pastoral Prayer: | | Pastor Wil Wilson |
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| The Lord's Prayer: | | UMH #895 |
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| Scripture Reading: | Mark 2:23-28 | Anita Ritchie |
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| Sermon: | "Loving God" | Pastor, Wil Wilson |
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Offering:

*Our Special Offering for July will benefit **The Maker's Place.***

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| Doxology: | | UMH #95 |
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Offertory Prayer:

Pastor, Wil Wilson

God, as you so graciously allow us to find refuge in you, we thank you for your consistent and unconditional love for us. And now, in gratitude, we return that love to you in one of many ways. We bring to you today our gifts of love and thanksgiving. May these be the first of many seeds we sow into your church and our community. In Christ, amen.

Christmas Medley:

“Silent Night, Holy Night” (v. 1-2)
“Joy to the World” (v. 1-2)

UMH #239
UMH #246

Benediction:

Pastor, Wil Wilson

Opening Hymn:
“Christmas Medley”

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

What child is this who, laid to rest,
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
Glo - - - - - ria, in excelsis De-o!
Glo - - - - - ria, in excelsis De-o!

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
O’er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shown a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born!

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall
Mark A. Miller

Christ has broken down the wall,
Christ has broken down the wall.
Let us join our hearts as one,
Christ has broken down the wall.
Christ has broken down the wall!
(Repeat)

Closing Hymn:
“Christmas Medley”

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Scripture Passage for Sunday, July 25, 2021

Liturgist: Anita Ritchie

Mark 2:23-28 - New Revised Standard Version

Pronouncement about the Sabbath

²³ One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵ And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶ He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." ²⁷ Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸ so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

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

All: Thanks be to God!