

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, June 26, 2022
3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Dan Tagatac

Prelude: "How Great Thou Art" Stuart K. Hine
Kristen Samu, Soloist

Welcome: Pastor, Lan Wilson

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: God is a God who calls.

People: We have gathered to worship and to hear that call.

Leader: God is a God who equips.

People: We are here to worship and to be shaped into the body of Christ.

Leader: God is a God who sends.

People: We are here to worship so that we can carry that spirit of worship out into the world where we live.

Leader: God is a God who blesses.

People: We are here to worship and to request a double share of that blessing.

Leader: Let us worship God.

People: Amen!

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

God of power, without your love we can do nothing. Give us a double share of your spirit so that we can work together, across the world, to bring about the end of poverty for all. Teach us to follow the examples of the prophets, to speak clearly alongside the poor and to work tirelessly for the good of all people. Through your Son Jesus Christ, who brought healing and love to the whole world. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH #89

*Praise Song: "I Know That I Know That I Know" Mitch Samu

Prayer Hymn: "Spirit of the Living God" UMH #393

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor, Lan Wilson

[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

First Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Ed Bowen

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 9:51-62 Pamela Wentworth

Sermon:

“Brought Home in the Spirit:
Living the Spirit Life”

Pastor, Lan Wilson

Offering: Today’s **Special Offering** will benefit Peace with Justice Sunday. Your generous gifts to Peace with Justice Sunday offering strengthen ministries like refugee resettlement and other justice ministries, and encourages living a gospel of peace.

Offertory:

“The 23rd Psalm”
Kristen Samu, Soloist

Mitch Samu

*Doxology:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer: (In Unison)

Loving and welcoming God, we have come through a time in our lives when, for many months, we sheltered in our homes: working from home, learning from home, worshiping from home. As we bring our tithes and offering to you this morning, you open our minds to a wider to a wider definition of home and a broader definition of family. May the gifts we give today find their way to home projects: ways this world can feel like a safer, more loving home to all your children. In Christ’s holy name, we pray. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Closing Hymn:

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

UMH #62

*Benediction:

Pastor, Lan Wilson

*Postlude

First Scripture Passages for Sunday, June 26, 2022

Liturgist: Ed Bowen

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 (New Revised Standard Version)

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

Elisha Becomes Elijah's Disciple

¹⁹ So he set out from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰ He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah^[a] said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹ He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Second Scripture Passages for Sunday, June 26, 2022

Liturgist: Pamela Wentworth

Luke 9:51-62 (New Revised Standard Version)

A Samaritan Village Refuses to Receive Jesus

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, ⁵³ but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"^[a] ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then^[b] they went on to another village.

Would-Be Followers of Jesus

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ And Jesus^[c] said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
UMH #89

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music lifts us sunward,
In the triumph song of life.

Praise Hymn:
I Know That I Know That I Know
Mitch Samu

Prayer Hymn:
Spirit of the Living God
UMH #393

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me,
Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.

(Repeat)

Doxology:
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
UMH #895

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:
All Creatures of Our God and King
UMH #62

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,

O praise ye! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam!

O praise ye! O praise ye!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All ye who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,

O praise ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care!

O praise ye! O praise ye!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,

O praise ye! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

O praise ye! O praise ye!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!