

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, October 1, 2023
18th Sunday after Pentecost**

We will be celebrating communion this morning.

For those of you joining us from home, please have bread and juice/wine available to participate.

Announcements: Linda Gatti

Prelude: "On a Glorious Day in October" Rolf Lovlany
Chloe Jeon, Violin; Yoonjung Jeon, Piano

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Call to Worship: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Leader: This week has been filled with joys and sorrows.

People: We have come here this day with burdens on our hearts.

Leader: God, who hears your cries, will offer you healing love.

People: Thanks be to God for such generous compassion.

Leader: Open your hearts to God's infinite mercy.

People: We open our spirits to receive God's love for us. AMEN.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

God of wondrous love and glorious deeds, shower us with your love and quench our thirst for grace.

Strengthen us with your Spirit of power and embolden us to live our faith. Humble us with the example of Christ and remind us to regard one another as beloved children of God. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH #400

*Praise Song: "How Great Are You Lord" L. DeShazo

Introduction to 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.]

Prayer Hymn: "Fairest Lord Jesus" UMH #189

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:23-32 Anne Mayer

Friendship Moment

*[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form:
www.freeholdmethodist.org]*

Message: "Please Don't Say You Don't Know " Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: Today's Special Offering will benefit World Communion Sunday.

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "Grace Alone" Scott Wesley Brown

FUMC Choir

*Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Beloved and loving God, bless these gifts, that they may bring unity to a world in strife. Bless our lives, that we may bring love to everyone we meet. Bless our church, that our fellowship may be a place of unity and inclusion for all. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Celebration of Communion:

*Sung Responses: "Communion Settings"

UMH pages 12-14
TFWS #2257 (b, c, d)

Communion Hymn:

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

UMH #618

Prayer: (In Unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn:

"Over My Head"

TFWS #2148

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude:

"Over My Head"
(Reprise)

TFWS #2148

Scripture Passage

Liturgist: Anne Mayer

Matthew 21:23-32 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons

²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father^[a] went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
UMH #400

(Verse 1)

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

(Verse 2)

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

(Verse 3)

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Praise Song:
How Great Are You Lord
L. DeShazo

(Chorus)

How great are You Lord
How great is Your mercy
How great are the things
That You have done for me
How great are You Lord
Your loving kindness
Is filling my heart as I sing
How great are You Lord

(Verse)

How great is Your love
It reaches to the heavens
How great is the heart
That sought and rescued me

Prayer Hymn:
Fairest Lord Jesus
UMH #189

(Verse 1)

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

(Verse 2)

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

(Verse 3)

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

(Verse 4)

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine.

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.

Communion Settings
TFWS #2257
(b, c, d)

Holy, holy, holy Lord;
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blest if the one who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Communion Hymn:
Let Us Break Bread Together
UMH #618

Let us break bread together
On our knees,
Let us break bread together
On our knees.
When I fall on my knees
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together
On our knees,
Let us drink wine together
On our knees.
When I fall on my knees
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together
On our knees,
Let us praise God together
On our knees.
When I fall on my knees
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

**Closing Hymn:
Over My Head
TFWS #2148**

Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
There must be a God somewhere.

Oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air;*
Oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air;*
Oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air;*
There must be a God somewhere.

Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
There must be a God somewhere.

And when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air;*
And when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air;*
And when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air;*
There must be a God somewhere.

Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
There must be a God somewhere.

Now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air;*
Now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air;*
Now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air;*
There must be a God somewhere.

Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
There must be a God somewhere.

October Birthdays

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| (1) Allein Sampieri (Daughter) | (14) Allein Sampieri |
| (5) Grace Mulholland | (25) John Martz |
| (9) Linda Duarte | (25) Lindsay Davala |
| (9) Jennifer Bleimann | (28) Leah Zuckerman |
| (13) Peyton Avallone | (31) George Sologuren |

Announcements October 1, 2023

Welcome to worship at the First United Methodist Church of Freehold. We are glad you are with us.

Today's **Altar Flowers** donated by Allein and Gene Sampieri, in celebration of their daughter, Allein's birthday.

"God's Trombones" rehearsal: after fellowship time. Please come and join us.

Join us following service today for a **Parsonage Open House**. We extend a warm and heartfelt invitation to each and every one of you. We'll be serving light meals. Your presence will truly enrich our gathering.

The **Administrative Council** will meet via ZOOM next Thursday, October 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar: Our **Church Conference** will be held on Saturday, October 21st at Monmouth Grace UMC in Eatontown. The worship service will begin at 11:00 a.m. and the conference will follow at 12 noon.

United Theatre is hosting an Open Mic Night – Saturday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Come out and enjoy an evening of music with local musicians. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Light refreshments will be sold.

CROP Hunger Walk: Sunday, October 22nd Registration is at 1:30 p.m. and the walk route will be available until 3:30 p.m. In the event of seriously inclement weather, the walk will be held at St. Rose of Lima School gym, 51 Lincoln Place, Freehold. There will be a 2.6 mile and 1/10 mile mini-walk route marked out in historic Freehold Borough. A map will be provided at registration.

Soul Suppers are returning! We haven't had one since our scrumptious Korean feast in May, so we are overdue for a good meal and great fellowship. Please join us on **October 25th** when dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Our menu will be: Taco Bar with Ground Beef, Cheese, Refried Beans, Sweet Potatoes & Black Beans, and Salsa & Chips with Apple Cake for dessert. Please let us know that you're coming by signing the clipboard in Fellowship Hall, or by calling the church office. **RSVPs are required by October 22nd.**



Silent Film Spooktacular – Sunday, October 29th at 7:00 p.m. Join us for an old-fashioned silent movie "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" (1931) enhanced by live music played by Brit Montoro. Tickets: \$5.00 (Children 10 and under are free)

Save the Date: "Christmas at the Playhouse"

Monday, December 11th at 11:00 a.m. at **Hunterdon Hills Playhouse** The price of \$82.00 per person includes show, table-served entree, unlimited desserts, coffee, hot tea, tax and gratuity. The show is written by our Kristen Samu.

Melanie Bowen has reserved 30 tickets, but 19 are already sold. Please be in touch with Melanie to reserve your spot. 908-770-6596 or mbowennj@gmail.com

Let's put on a show! Join the United Theatre Company as we prepare for our Christmas Show, "Once An Angel". Audition Dates: Monday, October 9th and Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00 p.m. Callbacks will be held on Wednesday, October 11th. Show dates: December 8th, 9th, 16 and 17. Have fun with your friends and meet new people as we rehearse this light-hearted Christmas show.

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, **9 Flood Buckets** were filled. Our original goal was to fill 5!

There will be a rehearsal for **"God's Trombones"** following service today.