

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

Sunday, October 31, 2021

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude

Welcome: Pastor, Wil Wilson

Call to Worship:

Leader: We follow a God who calls us to take risks.

People: Help us, God of risk-taking!

Leader: We follow a God who calls us to be “all in”.

People: Help us, God, to be “all in”.

Leader: We follow a God who calls us to be present.

People: Be present with us in this time and place. Amen.

Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Faithful God, we gather to praise your name and to experience your deep, abiding love. You are the one who has gathered us here. You have called us from our busy days, our ordinary moments; called us in the midst of our joys and sorrows. Even now, you call us to step outside of our comfort zones into the adventure of following you. We aren’t sure this is a good idea! We are unsure of our safety, even knowing that you go with us! Calm our fears and give us the courage to take that risk, that step of faith, to go all in for you. We ask this blessing in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Opening Hymn: “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” UMH #462

Song: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” UMH #133

Prayer Hymn: “But My God” Kathy Mulholland
[For our viewers at home, please submit prayer requests in the online attendance sheet, or email Pastor Wil.]

Intercessory Prayer: Pastor, Wil Wilson

The Lord’s Prayer UMH #895

Scripture Reading: John 3:16, Luke 5:1-11 Karen Bennett

Sermon: “All In: The Risk” Pastor, Wil Wilson

Offering Talk: *Our Special Offering will benefit the **Centenary Fund**.* Pastor, Wil Wilson

Offertory

Doxology: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #95

Offertory Prayer

Generous and abundant God, we offer you our gifts as a sign of our trust in you, knowing that as we give of ourselves, you will continue to shower us with blessing upon blessing. As you gave to us the greatest gift, Jesus Christ, inspire us to continually give to you the best that we have to offer. For we pray in the name of the One who gives us life abundantly. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Closing Hymn:

“God Will Take Care of You”

UMH #130

Benediction:

Pastor, Wil Wilson

Postlude

Scripture Passage for Sunday, October 31, 2021

Liturgist: Karen Bennett

John 3:16

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

5 Once while Jesus^[a] was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn:
Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
And to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
And to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
And in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

Hymn:
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

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.

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

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

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

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

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

Prayer Hymn
But My God
By Kathy Mulholland

I'm a rock
Strong and unyielding.
No one can touch me.
My defenses are raised.

I'm a stone.
No one can sway me.
I won't be changing,
Because change is decay.

Chorus:
But my God,
How much you love me.
How well you know me
In this skin that I'm in.
But my God,
How much you move me,
How you have saved me
From myself and my sin.
But my God.

I am weak
I am a shadow.
I'm barely breathing
The air of this world.

Pass me by.
Don't even notice.
Don't look upon me.
I am nothing to you.

Chorus:
But my God,
How much you love me.
How well you know me
In this skin that I'm in.
But my God,
How much you move me,
How you have saved me
From myself and my sin.
But my God.

I'm a mom
With lovely children,
A loving husband,
And a beautiful home,

But the void
Rises inside me,
Threatens to own me,
And nobody knows

Chorus:
But my God,
How much you love me.
How well you know me
In this skin that I'm in.
But my God,
How much you move me,
How you have saved me
From myself and my sin.

Here I stand before the throne.
And I cannot stand alone
All my shame and grief and loss
Is hanging from the cross
Hanging from the cross,
Hanging from the cross!

Chorus:
But my God,
How much you love me.
How well you know me
In this skin that I'm in.
But my God,
How much you move me,
How you have saved me
From myself and my sin.
But my God.

Closing Hymn:
God Will Take Care of You

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

God will take care of you,
Through every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you.

God will take care of you,
Through every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

All you may need He will provide,
God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you.

God will take care of you,
Through every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon His breast,
God will take care of you.

God will take care of you,
Through every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.