

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, September 17, 2023
16th Sunday after Pentecost**

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| Announcements: | | Verl McKinney |
| Introit: | "People Need the Lord" | Steve Green |
| Welcome: | | Rev. Yoseb Jeon |
| *Call to Worship: | | Rev. Yoseb Jeon |
| Leader: How shall we live in the love of God? | | |
| People: We will treat one another with fairness and dignity. | | |
| Leader: How shall we witness God's forgiving love? | | |
| People: We will reach out others with compassion. | | |
| Leader: Come, let us worship God who has always loved us. | | |
| People: Let our worship of God be reflected in our lives of hope and peace. AMEN. | | |
| *Opening Prayer: (In Unison) | | |
| We sing to you, O God, for you have been our strength. You open the waters of suffering and lead us safely through. You uphold us in times of deep distress, and we exalt your holy name. Receive our honor and thanks, mighty God. Amen. | | |
| * Opening Hymn: | "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine" (v.1,3,5) | UMH #166 |
| * Praise Song: | "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" | TFWS #2171 |
| Introduction to Prayer: | | Rev. Yoseb Jeon |
| <i>[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.]</i> | | |
| Prayer Hymn: | "Purify My Heart" | Jeff Nelson |
| Pastoral Prayer: | | Rev. Yoseb Jeon |
| The Lord's Prayer: | | UMH #895 |
| Back to School Blessings | | |
| Scripture Reading: | Matthew 18:21-35 | Anita Ritchie |
| Friendship Moment | | |
| <i>[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form: www.freeholdmethodisst.org]</i> | | |
| Message: | "Beyond Calculation" | Rev. Yoseb Jeon |

Offering Time: **Giving Page:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "On Eagle's Wings" by Michael Jonas FUMC Choir

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

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Savior God, you look at our world with compassion. You also look at our world with clarity and a zeal for justice. Use all we bring to life, and all we bring to you today, to fight for justice with mercy and compassion. Make us and our gifts part of the healing of the world. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Closing Hymn: "How Great Is Our God" Chris Tomlin

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude "How Great Is Our God" Chris Tomlin

Scripture Passage

Liturgist: Anita Ritchie

Matthew 18:21-35 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

Forgiveness

21 Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' 22 Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 23 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; 25 and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." 29 Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. 31 When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Introit:
"People Need the Lord"
Steve Green

(Verse 1)
Everyday they pass me by
I can see it in their eyes
Empty people filled with care
Headed who knows where

On they go through private pain
Living fear to fear
Laughter hides their silent cries
Only Jesus hears

People need the Lord, people need the Lord
At the end of broken dreams, He's the open door
People need the Lord, people need the Lord
When will we realize people need the Lord?

We are called to take His light
To a world where wrong seems right
What could be too great a cost
For sharing life with one who's lost?

Through His love our hearts can feel
All the grief they bear
They must hear the words of life
Only we can share

People need the Lord, people need the Lord
At the end of broken dreams, He's the open door
People need the Lord, people need the Lord
When will we realize that we must give our lives?
For people need the Lord, people need the Lord

Opening Hymn:
"All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine
UMH #166 (v.1,3,5)

(Verse 1)
All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
Didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
That in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Verse 2)
Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
Who wast a servant, that we might be free,
Humbling thyself to death on Calvary:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Verse 3)
Let every tongue confess with one accord
In heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
And God the Father be by all adored:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Hymn:
"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"
TFWS #2171

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love.
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life,
Let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Prayer Hymn:

"Purify My Heart"

Jeff Nelson

Purify my heart,
Touch me with Your cleansing fire,
Take me to the cross,
Your holiness is my desire.

Breathe Your life in me,

Kindle a love
That flows from Your throne.
O, purify my heart,
Purify my heart.

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.

Closing Hymn:

"How Great Is Our God"

Chris Tomlin

Verse 1

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Verse 2

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Bridge

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God (2X)

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

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

Today's **Altar Flowers** donated by **Donna Schleuss** with best wishes for the healing of Crystal, her beloved granddaughter.

FUMC Choir is welcoming you to come be a part of an offering of an original piece by Mitch titled: **"God's Trombones"**. The choir will rehearse for 30 minutes after fellowship time starting today. Please come and join us.

The Parsonage Open House is scheduled for **October 1st (Sunday)**, immediately following the worship service. 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 Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program of Freehold (EHAP), will be holding their biggest fundraiser ever. E.H.A.P. must double the size of the Advocacy Center to meet the needs of those who are homeless or facing housing instability in western Monmouth County.

We are collecting monetary donations for **FLOOD BUCKETS**. Please mark "Flood Bucket Donation" on your envelope, and add "Flood Bucket Donation" to the memo line of your check.

Grocery Cards will be sold after service in the coffee room.

September Birthdays

- (2) Diana L. Tephford
- (3) Rachel Englert
- (4) Charlie Mongano
- (6) Dora Moore
- (10) Susan Mulholland
- (13) Rich Budalich
- (15) Jaslin Davison
- (18) Bob Sterling
- (25) Dawn A. Tephford
- (30) Katelyn Cronin