

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, March 22, 2026
5th Sunday in Lent**

Time of Silence *[Please take this time to prepare your heart and mind for worship]*

Welcome and Announcements:

Dan Tagatac

Prelude

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: When fear tells us to run, God calls us to remain.

People: Love gives us courage to stay.

Leader: We gather at the foot of the cross.

People: We stand in faith and hope.

Leader: Let us worship the God whose love never fails.

People: Let us worship with courage and trust.

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

Faithful God, your love remains even in the darkest moments. When fear overwhelms us, you give us strength to stand and hope to endure. As we gather for worship, fill us with courage rooted in your steadfast love and teach us to trust you in every season of life. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:**

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

UMH #404

***Praise Song:**

"Be Not Afraid"

B. Dufford

Children's Moment:

Pastor Doby Amos

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 Song:

"Agnus Dei"

M.W. Smith

Pastoral Prayer:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer:

UMH #895

Scripture Reading:

John 19:25-27

Melanie Bowen

Friendship Moment and Passing of the Peace

[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form:

www.freeholdmethodist.org*]*

Message:

An Unlikely Lent: Extraordinary People of the Easter Story
Week 5: "Unlikely Courage – The Women at the Cross"

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Prayer of Confession:

God of steadfast love, we confess that we often turn away from suffering and choose what feels safe. We struggle to remain present when life is hard. Forgive us for the times we have failed to trust your presence. Strengthen us with your grace so we may live with courage and compassion. Amen.

Offering Time: The March Special Offering benefits our **Annual Diaper Drive**

Giving page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

"I Love You"
FUMC Choir

Lindsey, Habedank & Haun

*Doxology:

"Thank You God"

Mitch Samu

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God of hope, you remain faithful in every moment of our lives. Receive these gifts as expressions of our trust in you and our desire share your love with the world. Use them to bring comfort and strength to those who need it most. Amen.

*Closing Song:

"My Savior, My God"

Shust & Greenwell

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

John 19:25-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"
UMH #404

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke,
Out His Mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so shine,
Ask my Lord if all was mine.

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

Jordan River runs right cold,
Chills the body, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track,
Runs to heaven and right back.

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

Praise Song:
"Be Not Afraid"
Bob Dufford

(Verse 1)
You shall cross the barren desert,
But you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety,
Though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands,
And all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.
Be not afraid, I go before you always;
Come follow Me, and I will give you rest.

(Continued...)

(Verse 2)
If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
You shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
You shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the power of hell
And death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all.
Be not afraid, I go before you always;
Come follow Me, and I will give you rest.

(Verse 3) -2?
Blessed are your poor
For the kingdom shall be theirs,
Blessed are you that weep and mourn
For one day you shall laugh,
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
All because of Me,
Blessed, blessed are you!
Be not afraid, I go before you always;
Come follow Me, and I will give you rest.

(Verse 4: added 2007)
And when the earth has turned beneath you,
And your voice is seldom heard,
When the flood of gifts that blessed your life
Has long since ebbed away,
When your mind is thick and hope is thin,
And dark is all around,
I will stand beside you till the dawn.
Be not afraid, I go before you always;
Come follow Me, and I will give you rest.

**Prayer Song:
"Agnus Dei"
Michael W. Smith**

(Verse)

Alleluia, alleluia!
For the Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia, alleluia!
For the Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia.

(Chorus)

(You are) Holy, holy,
Are You Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.
You are holy, holy,
Are You Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.
Amen.

**Doxology:
"Thank You, God"
Mitch Samu**

Thank you, God, Thank you, God,
Thank you, God,
For giving me this life I get to live.
Thank you, God, Love you, God,
Praise you, God,
Forever I will give all I can give.
Amen!

**Closing Song:
"My Savior, My God"
Shust & Greenwell**

(Verse 1)

I am not skilled to understand
What God has willed, what God has planned;
I only know at His right hand
Stands One who is my Savior.

(Verse 2)

I take Him at His word and deed;
Christ died to save me, this I read.
And in my heart I find a need
Of Him to be my Savior.

(Pre-Chorus)

That He would leave His place on high
And come for sinful man to die.
You count it strange so once did I
Before I knew my Savior.

(Chorus 2X)

My Savior loves, my Savior lives,
My Savior's always there for me,
My God He was, my God He is,
My God is always gonna be.

(Verse 3)

Yes, living, dying, let me bring
My strength, my solace from this spring,
That He who lives to be my King,
Once died to be my Savior.

(Pre-Chorus)

That He would leave His place on high
And come for sinful man to die.
You count it strange so once did I
Before I knew my Savior.

(Chorus 4X)

My Savior loves, my Savior lives,
My Savior's always there for me,
My God He was, my God He is,
My God is always gonna be.

(Ending)

My Savior lives, My Savior loves,
My Savior lives, My Savior loves,
My Savior lives!

Welcome to worship at the First United Methodist Church of Freehold. Whether you are joining us in person, or virtually, we are glad you are with us.

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated by Linda Gatti, in celebration of Laura's birthday.

On **March 23** (tomorrow) at 2:00 p.m. the **Elizabeth Circle** will be stuffing 150 plastic Easter Eggs for FUMC's Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 4th at 4:00 p.m. in the FUMC Parking Lot. Rain or Shine! All children ages 10 and under are invited to attend. This event is FREE and is open to the community.

Annual Diaper Drive: We are collecting diapers from now until Sunday, April 12. Our goal is 30,000 diapers. We're doing this again in conjunction with Child Care Resources in Neptune. All diapers will be given to families in need right here in Monmouth County. The diaper collection area is in the sanctuary.

It's time to order your **Easter Flowers**. Please fill out the form included and return it with payment by Palm Sunday, March 29th. Orders can be placed in the Offering Plate or handed to Carol Davison.

This Week at a Glance (March 23 – March 29)

Monday:	2:00 p.m. - Elizabeth Circle (Wesley Hall)
	7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m. - Oasis Bible Study (Coffee Room)
	7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
	7:30 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Lounge)
Thursday:	8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
	7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
Friday:	***
Saturday:	9:00 a.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall till 4:00 p.m.)
Sunday:	8:30 a.m. - Seeker's Study (Seeker's Classroom)
	8:45 a.m. - Youth Sunday School (Classrooms)
	9:00 a.m. - Joyful Noise Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m. - Choir Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
	10:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m. - Fellowship Time and Refreshments (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Wesley Hall Stage)
	5:00 p.m. - iZion Christian Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)

(Nursery care for our youngest members is available during worship service.)

***No Events Scheduled

Unable to make it to church? There are several ways you can join us virtually: [Find us on:](#)

- **Our website:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/livestream
- **Youtube.com:** search Freehold Methodist Church
- **Our Newsletter:** Click on the service title picture.
- **ZOOM:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2890014881?pwd=QnpGZkxudzR4cU9zV0hYcnlQV0hjZz09&omn=82251952816>

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FREEHOLD CLERGY ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES 2026
PLEASE JOIN US AS WE PRAY, LEARN, AND EAT TOGETHER



TOPIC: BREAKING OPEN THE SYMBOLS OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH DURING THE LENTEN SEASON

12:00 NOON: LUNCH
12:30 PM: PRAYER
1:00 PM LUNCH

March 25 The Co-Cathedral of Rev. Ruth Scott
 St. Robert Ballarmino “The Alabaster Flask”
 61 Georgia Road

Good Friday:
 April 3 Freehold Baptist Church Rev. Jonathan Glass-Riley
 81 West Main Street “The Crown of Thorns”

NO LUNCH – MEETING BEGINS AT 12 PM

FUMC Holy Week Service Schedule:
 April 2 – 6:00 p.m. - **MAUNDY THURSDAY** (Last Supper, Holy Communion, Hand Washing) – Wesley Hall
 April 3 - 7:00 p.m. – **GOOD FRIDAY** – Sanctuary
 April 5 10:00 a.m. – **EASTER SUNDAY** - Sanctuary

March Birthdays

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| (3) Nenita Zurick | (10) Dylan Pierce | (16) Brittany Kaiser | (23) Thomas Heaton |
| (4) Rev. Yoseb Jeon | (11) Sue Hager | (16) Andy Schwarzkopf | (24) Gregg Kaiser |
| (4) Mary Sterling | (12) Abigail Davala | (17) Susan Zuckerman | (27) Glenn Meredith |
| (4) Ben Sciortino | (12) Jonathan Bowen | (19) Laura Gatti | (30) Rob Zuckerman |
| | (15) Bryan Sampieri | | (31) In memory of
Joanne McKinney
(90th) |

Do you know of anyone who is in need of a reclining chair that lifts?
 Diana Dreyer is giving away a reclining/lifting chair that is in excellent condition to anyone who may need it.
 Please contact Diana Dreyer, or the church office if you are interested.