

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold  
Bulletin**

**Sunday, May 18, 2025  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Announcements: Andrea Garcia

Prelude

Welcome: Andrea Garcia

**\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: When we come with open hearts,

**People: Christ meets us with open arms.**

Leader: When we come with willing spirits,

**People: Christ weaves us together in love.**

Leader: When we feel weak and small,

**People: Christ strengthens us through one another.**

Leader: When we gather in His name,

**People: Christ teaches us to love as he has loved.**

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

**God of love, you have gathered us into a community stitched together by grace. As we worship today, open our hearts to the love that flows from you and through one another. Weave our lives into a tapestry that shows the world your compassion, mercy, and hope. Teach us not only to receive your love, but to share it freely, that we may truly become the church you dream of. In the name of Jesus, who showed us the way of love, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** **"All Creatures of Our God and King"** UMH #62

**\*Praise Song:** **"Lamb of God"** TFWS #2113

Children's Moment: Andrea Garcia

Introduction to Prayer

*[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: **"Love Round"** Greg Walton

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: John 13:31-35 Anne Mayer

## 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](http://www.freeholdmethodist.org)]

Sermon: "The Church Woven in Love" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for the month of May will benefit Peace with Justice. Your gift supports peace with justice ministries through the General Board of Church and Society and the annual conferences.

**Giving Page:** [www.freeholdmethodist.org/give](http://www.freeholdmethodist.org/give)

Offertory: "Vision" Mitch Samu

\*Doxology: "Thank You God" Mitch Samu

\*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

**Generous God, every good gift comes from your hand, and you call us to be part of your work of love in the world. As we offer our gifts today, may they be woven into the fabric of your mercy – bringing healing to the broken, hope to the hurting, and strength to your church. Bless these offerings, and bless our lives, that all we give and all we do may reflect the love of Christ. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" TFWS #2223

\*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

\*Postlude: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" TFWS #2223  
(Reprise)

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## Scripture Passage for Sunday, May 18, 2025

Liturgist: Anne Mayer

### John 13:31-35 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

#### The New Commandment

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him,<sup>[a]</sup> God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Opening Hymn:**  
**All Creatures of Our God and King" (v. 1, 2, 3)**  
**UMH #62**

(Verse 1)

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
O praise ye! Alleluia!  
Thou brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with silver gleam!  
O praise ye! O praise ye!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Verse 2)

O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain,  
By which all creatures ye sustain,  
O praise ye! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!  
O praise ye! O praise ye!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Verse 3)

O sister water, flowing clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O brother fire who lights the night,  
Providing warmth, enhancing sight,  
O praise ye! O praise ye!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Praise Hymn:**  
**"Lamb of God"**  
**TFWS #2113**

Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side,  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love, they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died,  
The humble King they named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

**(Continued...)**

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood -  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side,  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God.

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood -  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**Prayer Song:**  
**"Love Round"**

**Love. Love. Love. Love.**  
**Christians, this is your call:**  
**Love your neighbor as yourself,**  
**For God loves us all.**

**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 Hymn:**  
**"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"**  
**TFWS #2223**

(Verse 1)

We are one in the Spirit,  
We are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit,  
We are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity  
May one day be restored:

**(Chorus)**

**And they'll know we are Christians**  
**By our love, by our love;**  
**Yes, they'll know we are Christians**  
**By our love.**

(Verse 2)

We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news  
That God is in our land:

**(Chorus)**

**And they'll know we are Christians**  
**By our love, by our love;**  
**Yes, they'll know we are Christians**  
**By our love.**

(Verse 3)

We will work with each other,  
We will work side by side,  
We will work with each other,  
We will work side by side,  
And we'll guard human dignity  
And save human pride:

**(Chorus)**

**And they'll know we are Christians**  
**By our love, by our love;**  
**Yes, they'll know we are Christians**  
**By our love.**

(Continued...)

(Verse 4)

All praise to the Father,  
From whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus,  
God's only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit,  
Who makes us one:

**(Chorus)**

**And they'll know we are Christians**  
**By our love, by our love;**  
**Yes, they'll know we are Christians**  
**By our love.**

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

Please join us after service for **EHAP Lunch Bag Packing**. Our target for this event is to pack 50 lunch bags.

**May Soul Supper!** Join us on **Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. We're going to enjoy a buffet of assorted salads and nut breads with ice cream sundaes for dessert. Please sign the sheet in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend. If you want to help with food prep, we will be meeting in the kitchen on the 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

**Join us on May 30<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 a.m. for our **Annual Church Clean-Up Day**. The Board of Trustees welcome anyone who would like to help clean-up the church building and grounds. Please ask Don Johnson for details.

**Save the Date:**

**Women of First United Methodist Church of Freehold NJ**

You are invited to a one-day retreat: **Saturday, October 18, 2025 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the home of Melanie Bowen – 66 East Milan Blvd., Farmingdale, NJ 07727**

**Retreat Leader: Reverend Christina Zito**

Together we will explore the importance of emotional and physical touch in our lives. We will look at Old Testament laws around cleanliness and touch. Then we delve into the story of the woman who dared to touch the hem of Jesus' garment.

Prepare to laugh (and maybe cry), to pray (and be prayed for), to discuss and listen for the Holy Spirit, and to grow in faith. Come with a willing spirit, an open mind, and your best smile!

More information will be shared with those registered as the date approaches. A catered lunch will be provided. Space is limited. **Cost: \$20.00.**

Contact Melanie to pay your registration fee and save your space. 908-770-6596 [mbowennj@gmail.com](mailto:mbowennj@gmail.com)

Words of love and encouragement:

Addresses for Dawn Tephford and Diana Dreyer:

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### **This Week at a Glance (May 18 – May 25)**

Monday:		<b>Annual Conference (Church Office Closed)</b>
	7:00 p.m. -	United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
Tuesday:		<b>Annual Conference (Church Office Closed)</b>
	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
	7:00 p.m. -	United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m. -	Bible Study (Coffee Room)
	7:00 p.m. -	United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
	7:30 p.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Classroom)
Thursday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
	2:00 p.m. -	Stitcher's Circle (Coffee Room)
	7:00 p.m. -	United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
Friday:	8:30 p.m. -	MCC Singers Post-Performance Book Maintenance (Coffee Room)
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 Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m. -	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 a.m. -	Worship (Sanctuary)

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

\*\*\* No Events Scheduled

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### **May Birthdays**

(2) Annabella Taylor	(20) Myra Pierce	(21) Virginia Sologuren
(17) Sharon Shutzer	(20) Connor Groh	(29) Carrie Shutzer
(18) Susan Wilson	(21) Vivian Walters	(30) Stephanie Walters-Laurino

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