

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, April 12, 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter**

We will be celebrating communion this morning.

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

Welcome and Announcements:

Sharon Shutzer

Prelude

*Call to Worship:

Leader: We come carrying our hopes and disappointments.

People: Some hopes have been broken, and some still ache within us.

Leader: Yet, Christ meets us on the road, even when we walk away.

People: He speaks to us, opens the Scriptures, and restores our hearts.

Leader: Come, not with perfect faith, but with honest hearts.

People: We come to meet the risen Christ, our true hope.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Risen Christ, we come before you with hearts that have hoped, and sometimes lost hope. We confess that we often cling to the kind of hope we can control, understand, and shape for ourselves. Yet, you meet us in our confusion, walk with us in our questions, and gently lead us toward a deeper truth. Open our hearts to receive the hope that comes not from our expectations, but from your living presence. Speak to us again today, and restore us through your grace. Amen.

*Opening Hymn:

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

UMH #304

*Praise Song:

"Christ Has Broken Down the Wall"

Mark A. Miller

Children's Time:

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 Hymn:

"Lamb of God"

TFWS #2113

Pastoral Prayer:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Scripture Reading:

Luke 24:13-35

Gilbert Healton

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:

"Beyond the Hope We Wanted"

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for April will benefit **Open Door, The Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program (E.H.A.P.), and Habitat for Humanity.** Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "Behold the Lamb" Getty, Getty & Townend
FUMC Choir

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

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God of true and living hope, we offer these gifts as a response to your faithfulness. When our own hopes fail, you remain steadfast. When we lose our way, you continue to walk with us. Receive what we bring today and use it to share your hope with a weary world. Shape us into people who trust not in what we can build, but in what you are doing among us. Through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Celebration of Communion: UMH 12-14
*Sung Responses: "Communion Settings" TFWS #2257 (b, c, d)

Communion Hymn: "What a Beautiful Name" Fielding & Ligertwood

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 Song: "I Will Call Upon the Lord" TFWS #2002

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Reading:
Luke 24:13-35

Liturgist: Gilbert Healton

The Walk to Emmaus

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.^[b] ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth,^[c] who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.^[d] Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah^[e] should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us^[f] while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

**Opening Hymn:
"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"
UMH #304**

Easter people, raise your voices,
Sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us Heaven's choices;
Heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us
From our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us
To triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter,
With its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
To our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
See the power of heavenly throngs.

Praise Song:
"Christ Has Broken Down the Wall"
Mark A. Miller

Christ has broken down the wall,
Christ has broken down the wall.
Let us join our hearts as one,
Christ has broken down the wall.

We're accepted as we are,
We're accepted as we are.
Through God's love all is reconciled,
We're accepted as we are.

Cast aside your doubts and fears,
Cast aside your doubts and fears.
Peace and love, freely offered here;
Cast aside your doubts and fears.

We will tear down the walls!
We will tear down every wall!
God has called us, one and all;
Christ has broken down the wall!
Christ has broken down the wall!

Prayer Song:
"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.

**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.

(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.**

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 is 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 Song:
What A Beautiful Name
Fielding & Ligertwood**

(Verse 1)

You were the Word at the beginning;
One with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation,
Now revealed in You our Christ.

(Chorus 1)

What a beautiful Name it is,
What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a beautiful Name it is,
Nothing compares to this,
What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

(Verse 2)

You didn't want heaven without us,
So, Jesus You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater;
What could separate us now?

(Chorus 2)

What a wonderful Name it is,
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a wonderful Name it is,
Nothing compares to this,
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

(Instrumental Break)

(Bridge 1)

Death could not hold You,
The veil tore before You;
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again.

(Continued..)

(Bridge 2)

You have no rival,
You have no equal,
Now and forever, God, You reign.
Yours is the kingdom,
Yours is the glory,
Yours is the Name above all names.

(Chorus 3)

What a powerful Name it is,
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a powerful Name it is,
Nothing can stand against;
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

(Ending)

What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

Closing Song:

**"I Will Call Upon the Lord"
TFWS #2002**

(Verse)

I will call upon the Lord (ECHO)
Who is worthy to be praised. (ECHO)
So shall I be saved from my enemies. (ECHO)
I will call upon the Lord.

(Chorus)

The Lord liveth,
And blessed be the Rock;
Let the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord liveth,
And blessed be the Rock;
Let the God of my salvation be exalted.

(Repeat All)

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.

Altar Flowers are donated by Ed Temple, in memory of his wife, Pam's birthday, and in honor of his daughter, Karen.

Join us for our **Diaper Packing Event** following today's service. This event is fun, social, and for a good cause! Lunch will also be included.

Save the Date: The First United Methodist Church of Freehold Presents:
Vacation Bible School 2026

"Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God"

June 29 – July 2

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

For children Pre-K – 5th Grade.

Children will enjoy games, crafts, music, bible stories & more!



The Choir **WILL** be rehearsing today following service.

This Week at a Glance (April 13 – April 19)

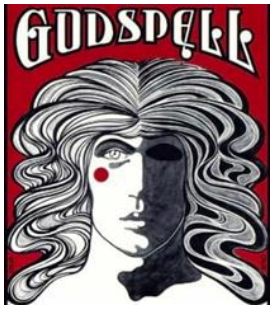
Monday:	7:00 p.m. -	United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
	7:00 p.m. -	"Second Tuesday" Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Wednesday:		<u>No</u> Bible Study Today (Easter Break)
	7:00 p.m. -	United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
	7:30 p.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (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. -	Seekers Class (Seeker's Classroom)
	8:45 a.m. -	Children's 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)
	5:00 p.m. -	iZion Christian Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)

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

April Birthdays

(1) Rose Kelly	(7) Abigail W. Joseph	(20) Ashley Sterling
(4) Floyd Bennett	(10) Jessica McQuillan	(20) Daniel Jeon
(4) Pastor Doby Amos	(13) Jessica Gorman	(20) Peggy Gerin
(5) Sue Strauss	(13) Elizabeth Cortijo	(22) Karen Bennett
(5) Courtney Kaiser	(16) Jordan Avallone	(23) Kathy Kane
(6) Camryn Calcao	(17) Kathryn Bowen Groh	(26) Colin Gorman
(7) Jane Strauss	(19) David Tagatac	(28) Lauren McQuillan

Community News:



United Theatre presents **GODSPELL**

April 23, 24, & 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the FUMC Sanctuary.

Tickets: Adults: \$20, Students: \$15, Children (under 12) \$10

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

Book by John-Michael Tebelak.

Directed by Susan Zuckerman

United Theatre will present a complimentary performance to the First United Methodist Church of Freehold during service on April 26th.

For more information, and to order tickets, go to: <https://unitedtheatreinc.org/tickets/p/godspell>



Monmouth Civic Chorus Presents: **"We Hold These Truths"**

Friday May 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Freehold

118 W. Main Street, Freehold.

"This program features a world premiere by New Jersey composer Robert S. Cohen commissioned for the occasion, alongside a rich tapestry of shorter works uplifting American words and stories. The chorus is joined by elite professional chamber orchestra.

For more information, and to order tickets, go to: <https://monmouthcivicchorus.org>