

First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin
Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026
Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements: Sharon Shutzer

Prelude: "Arise"
FUMC Choir Paul Baloche

*Call to Worship: Sharon Shutzer

Leader: We come with all that is real in our lives; our grief, our questions, our losses, and our fears.

People: We come as we are, before the living God.

Leader: We have been told to accept reality, that death has the final word.

People: But we gather to hear a different word.

Leader: The stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty.

People: Christ is not here. He has been raised.

Leader: Death is not the end. Despair is not the truth.

People: Hope is alive. Christ is alive.

All: Let us worship the God who raises the dead!

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Risen Christ, we come before you with honest hearts. We know the weight of loss and the limits of our lives. We have learned to call these things reality. Yet today, you meet us with a greater truth. You are not in the tomb. You are alive. Break open what feels closed in us. Shake what we have settled into. Lift our eyes beyond what we thought was final. Fill us with the hope of your resurrection and make us people who live as witnesses to your living presence. In your name we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" UMH #302
(v. 1-4)

*Praise Hymn: "In Christ Alone" Getty & Townend

Children's Moment: Pastor Doby Amos

Introduction to Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Prayer Hymn: "Surely the Presence of the Lord" UMH #328
[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.]

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:1-10 Andrea Garcia

Friendship Moment and Passing of the Peace

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

www.freeholdmethodisst.org]

Sermon:

“Death Is Not the Final Word”

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Apostle’s Creed: (In Unison)

UMH #881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen**

Offering: Our Easter Offering will benefit Local Charities: Open Door, The Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program and Habitat for Humanity. Giving page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

“Hallelujah Medley”
FUMC Choir

Arr. Cliff Duren

*Doxology:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God of resurrection, you have given us more than we could have imagined. When we thought death would have the last word, you spoke life. When we thought all was lost, you opened a new future. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in you. Use them to bring hope where there is despair, life where there is loss, and light where there is darkness. Shape us into people who live not buy fear, but by the promise of your resurrection. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn:

“Hallelujah Chorus”

J.F. Handel

FUMC Chorus, Lynn Beach – Violin, Chloe Jeon – Violin, Daniel Jeon – Cello
The Congregation is welcome to join in.
Copies of the “Hallelujah Chorus” can be picked up from one of the ushers.

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Matthew 28:1-10 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

Liturgist: Andrea Garcia

The Resurrection of Jesus

28 After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he^[a] lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead,^[b] and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Word of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

**Opening Hymn:
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
UMH #302**

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

**Praise Hymn:
"In Christ Alone"
Getty & Townend**

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

**Prayer Hymn:
"Surely the Presence of the Lord"
UMH #328**

(Chorus)
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see the glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

**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:
"Hallelujah Chorus"
J.F. Handel
*For those of you who would like to join in, please
ask an usher for a copy of the music.***

April 5, 2025 - Announcements:

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

If you purchased Easter Flowers, you may take them home with you after service.

Capture Easter memories at FUMC! We have a special Easter backdrop set up for you to take Easter photos after service!

Our **Diaper Packing Event** is next **Sunday, April 12th** following service! Please continue to donate diapers in sizes 4, 5, & 6 **until the event date**. Please place your diaper donations in Missions Hall.

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!



This Week at a Glance (April 6 – April 12)

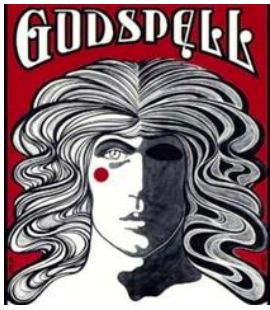
Monday:	***	EASTER MONDAY
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
Wednesday:		<u>No</u> Bible Study Today (Easter Break)
	7:00 p.m. -	United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
	7:30 p.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Lounge)
Thursday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
	7:00 p.m. -	United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
Friday:	***	
Saturday:	9:00 a.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall till 4:00 p.m.)
	4:00 p.m. -	Set-Up for Diaper Packing Event (Wesley Hall)
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. -	Joyful Noise Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m. -	Choir Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
	10:00 a.m. -	Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m. -	Fellowship Time and Refreshments (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 a.m. -	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	11:15 a.m. -	Diaper Packing Event (Wesley 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>

The Blessing of Flowers



Daffodils

In Memory Of

C. William Mayer
Elpidio & Pauline Tagatac
Our Parents and Grandparents
Our Loved Ones
Alfred Budka
Lawrence Curtis
Otto Strauss
Edith Sheppard
Charlie Zito
Lin & Polly Yerg
Pamela Temple
Our Loved Ones
Our Loved Ones

Given By

Anne Mayer & Dan Tagatac
Anne Mayer & Dan Tagatac
Pamela Wentworth
Gene & Allein Sampieri
Ken & Cindy Budka
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Jane Strauss
Jane Strauss
Rev. Christina Zito
Andrea Garcia
Ed Temple
Ray & Anita Ritchie
George & Virginia Sologuren

In Honor Of

Our Grandsons, Willem, Sebastian,
Capel & Gus
John, Grace, Diane, Susan
Bryan & Allein Sampieri
Our Awesome Pastor and His Family
Liv & Ian Garcia
Our Loved Ones

Given By

Lyn & Don Johnson
Kathy Mulholland
Gene & Allein Sampieri
Rev. Christina Zito
Andrea Garcia
Ray & Anita Ritchie

Tulips

In Memory of

Our Loved Ones
Clarence & Virginia Walton
My Sister, Dawn Tephford
My Husband, John Gatti

Given By

Ed & Lynne Beach
Andrea Garcia
Diana L. Dreyer
Linda Gatti

In Honor Of

Rich & Ann Walton
Our Grandchildren
Linda Dreyer

Andrea Garcia
Ed & Lynne Beach
Diana L. Dreyer

A special thank you to Gayle Trulli for coordinating the flower orders, and for arranging them in the sanctuary. If you have purchased flowers, you may take them home after the worship service.