

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, May 5th, 2024
6th 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.

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude

Welcome: Verl McKinney

*Call to Worship: Verl McKinney

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!

People: Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!

Leader: God has remembered God's faithful ones.

People: God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!

Leader: Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!

People: Rejoice, for God is truly with us. AMEN.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

God of Love, let your Holy Spirit come upon us – into our hearts, into our minds, and into our souls. Let your presence speak within us – in the languages we speak, in the ways we live and have our being. For we long to hear you, Gracious One, and to understand. We pray that you would abide in us, that we may abide in you, this day and all days. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "In Christ There Is No East or West" UMH #548

*Praise Song: "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593

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: "I Know That I Know" Mitch Samu

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Scripture Reading: John 15:9-17 Anita Ritchie

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: "Do What I Command You" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: Today's Special Offering will benefit **Peace with Justice Ministries**. Your contribution gives witness to God's demand for a faithful, just, disarmed and secure world. The United Methodist Peace with Justice offering makes a difference through ministries in the United States and around the world.

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "Are You Listening?" Mitch Samu
Joan Kinney, Soloist

*Doxology: "He Is Exalted" TFWS #2070

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

O God, our hearts sing with thanksgiving for the many gifts and graces you bring to our lives. We give you thanks for your steadfast love and faithful Spirit. Receive this offering and the gift of our whole selves, that we might give as we have received, and love as we have been loved. Amen.

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

Communion Hymn: "Table of Plenty" Dan Schutte

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 Hymn: "Lead Me, Guide Me" TFWS #2214

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude: "Lead Me, Guide Me" TFWS #2214
(Reprise)

Scripture Passage

Liturgist: Anita Ritchie

John 15:9-17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants^[a] any longer, because the servant^[b] does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
“In Christ There Is No East or West”
UMH #548

In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding humankind.

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
And neither slave nor free;
Both male and female heirs are made,
And all are kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Praise Song:
“Here I Am, Lord”
UMH #593

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

**Prayer Song:
"I Know That I Know"
Mitch Samu**

I know that I know, that I know,
That my God loves me.
I know that I know, that I know,
God is my friend.
I know that I know, that I know,
God's always with me.
And I know that I know, that I know,
That God cares.

I know that I know, that I know,
That Jesus loves me.
I know that I know, that I know,
He is my friend.
I know that I know, that I know,
He's always with me.
And I know that I know, that I know,
Jesus cares.

I know that I know, that I know,
You are my brother.
I know that I know, that I know,
You are my friend.
I know that I know, that I know,
You are my sister.
And I know that I know, that I know,
That you care.

**Doxology:
He Is Exalted
TFWS #2070**

(Verse)
He is exalted,
The King is exalted on high;
I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted
And I will praise His name!

(Chorus)
He is the Lord,
Forever His truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted,
The King is exalted on high.

**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 Hymn:

“Table of Plenty”

Dan Schutte

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!

Come to the table of plenty!

God will provide for all that we need

Here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table

Where saints and sinners are friends.

I wait to welcome the lost and the lonely

To share the cup of my love.

(Repeat Chorus)

O come and eat without money;

Come to drink without price.

My feast of gladness will feed your spirit

With faith and fullness of life.

(Repeat Chorus)

My bread will ever sustain you

Through days of sorrow and woe.

My wine will flow like a sea of gladness

To flood the depths of your soul.

(Repeat Chorus)

Your fields will flower in fullness;

Your homes will flourish in peace.

For I, the giver of home and harvest,

Will send my rain on the soil.

(Repeat Chorus)

Closing Hymn:

Lead Me, Guide Me

TFWS #2214

Lead me, guide me, along the way,

For if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(Repeat)

Announcements

May 5, 2024

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 Carolyn Brach, "In memory of my beloved mother, Florence P. Daly and beloved grandmother, Catherine Poinsette."

Everyone is invited to participate in our **Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event** today beginning at 2:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall.

Grocery Cards (Shop Rite, Acme, and Stop & Shop) will be sold in the Coffee Room after service.

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

Monday: – ***
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)
7:30 p.m. - Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study (Coffee Room)
7:30 p.m. – Seventh Day Adventist Church (Lounge)
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)
Friday: - ***
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. – Seekers Class
8:45 a.m. - Children 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

May Birthdays

(17) Sharon Shutzer
(18) Susan Wilson
(19) Annabel Minty
(20) Myra Pierce
(20) Connor Groh
(21) Virginia Sologuren
(21) Vivian Walters
(30) Stephanie Walters-Laurino