

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold  
Bulletin**

**Sunday, May 26, 2024  
Trinity Sunday**

Announcements: Dan Tagatac

Prelude

Welcome: Dan Tagatac

\*Call to Worship: Dan Tagatac

Leader: Great is the Lord!

**People: God's greatness is beyond our understanding.**

Leader: Yet God has revealed God's self in Jesus Christ.

**People: Through Jesus, we have come to know the absolute love of God.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts and praise the Lord!

**People: May God continue to bless God's people with peace. AMEN.**

\*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

**God of majesty and power, how awesome you are to us! The mountains tremble, the seas roar at the sound of your name! Yet, you have chosen to come to us in love and tenderness. You have called us to be people who will act in ways of peace and justice in your world. Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to hear your word, and having heard, to act in ministries of hope and peace for all your earth. These things we pray in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

\*Opening Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451

\*Praise Song: "Spirit of God" TFWS #2117

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: "Kum Ba Yah" UMH #494

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:44-53, Acts 1:1-11 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)]*

Message: "Be My Witness: Sister Marianne and Margaritha" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for the month of May will benefit **Peace with Justice Ministries.**

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

Offertory: "America the Beautiful" Samuel A. Ward  
Mitch Samu, Piano

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

\*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

**Spirit of the living God, you offer us rich blessings and a church family to guide our way. We are your witnesses, eager to show you our gratitude and our love. May this offering be a sign of our commitment to live as brothers and sisters of Christ. Bless our gifts this day, O God, that others may be blessed by them. May they help those in need be born anew in your Spirit and blessed in your holy name. Amen.**

\*Closing Song: "I'll Fly Away" TFWS #2282

\*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

\*Postlude: "I'll Fly Away"  
(Reprise) TFWS #2282

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**Luke 24:44-53**

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah<sup>[a]</sup> is<sup>[b]</sup> to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses<sup>[c]</sup> of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

**The Ascension of Jesus**

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and<sup>[e]</sup> returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple<sup>[f]</sup> blessing God.<sup>[g]</sup>

**Acts 1:1-11**

**The Promise of the Holy Spirit**

**1** In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering<sup>[a]</sup> he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> While staying<sup>[b]</sup> with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with<sup>[c]</sup> the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

**The Ascension of Jesus**

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Opening Hymn:  
"Be Thou My Vision"**

**UMH #451**

(Verse 1)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

(Verse 2)

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God in heaven, my treasure Thou art.

(Verse 3)

Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**Praise Song:  
"Spirit of God"**  
**TFWS #2117**

Spirit of God, bright Wind,  
Breath that bids life begin,  
Blow as you always do; create us anew.  
Give us the breath to sing,  
Lifted on soaring wing,  
Held in your hands, borne on your wings.  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Dove,  
Grant us your peace and love,  
Healing upon your wings for all living things.  
For when we live your peace,  
Captives will find release,  
Held in your hands, borne on your wings.  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

(Continued...)

Spirit of God, bright Hands,  
Even in far off lands  
You hold all the human race in one warm embrace.  
No matter where we go,  
You hold us together so,  
Held in your hands, borne on your wings.  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Flame,  
Send us in your holy name,  
The power to heal, to share your love everywhere.  
We cannot fail or fall,  
Or know defeat at all,  
Held in your hands, borne on your wings.  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God in all,  
We gladly hear your call,  
The life in our hands that sings,  
The power of your wings.  
Born of your grace we rise,  
Love shining in our eyes,  
Held in your hands, borne on your wings.  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

**Prayer Hymn:  
"Kum Ba Yah"  
UMH #494**

Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah.  
Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah.  
Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah.  
O, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah.  
Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah.  
Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah.  
O, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah.  
Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah.  
Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah.  
O, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone needs You, Lord, Kum ba yah.  
Someone needs You, Lord, Kum ba yah.  
Someone needs You, Lord, Kum ba yah.  
O, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah.  
Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah.  
Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah.  
O, Lord, kum ba yah!

Let us praise the Lord, Kum ba yah.  
Let us praise the Lord, Kum ba yah.  
Let us praise the Lord, Kum ba yah.  
O, Lord, kum ba yah!

**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:  
"I'll Fly Away"  
TFWS #2282**

Some glad morning when this life is o'er,  
I'll fly away;  
To a home on God's celestial shore,  
I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.  
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,  
I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have gone,  
I'll fly away;  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,  
I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.  
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,  
I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then,  
I'll fly away;  
To a land where joys shall never end,  
I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.  
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,  
I'll fly away.

**May 26, 2024**  
**Announcements:**

**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.**

**Volunteers** are needed to help decorate the sanctuary for our upcoming **Vacation Bible School**. Volunteers are also needed to help teach lessons and to help with craft projects. Any time you can give is appreciated. Vacation Bible School will run from June 25 – June 28. See Jane Heulton if you are able to help out.

**This Week at a Glance (May 27 – June 2)**

Monday: **MEMORIAL DAY** (Church Office Closed)  
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)  
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. – Seventh Day Adventist Church (Lounge)  
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)  
Friday: - \*\*\*  
Saturday: 6:00 a.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church Prayer Service (Sanctuary)  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
9:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
10:00 a.m. – Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:15 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
(Nursery care for our youngest members is available during worship service.)

\*\*\*No events scheduled

*May Birthdays*

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

*June Birthdays*

(1) Lyn Johnson	(21) Laurie Sciortino
(3) Dexter Prendergast	(25) Anne Mayer
(3) Jane Heulton	(26) Marshall Gorman
(6) Carol Davison	(27) Christian Moore
(9) Mark Darby	(28) Lori Brueckner
(9) Charlotte Noelle Pellichero	(28) Daniel Cronin
(16) Madison Calcao	(28) Rita Curven
(21) Diane Spangler	(29) Carmen Hernandez